

INCIDENT SUMMARY--JANUARY 23

HATTIESBURG: Four COFO workers beaten in fourth sit-in at Lea's Restaurant. Whites socked three workers during the hour-long sit-in. Another worker is beaten as he leaves the post office, next to the restaurant, following the demonstration. Negro students attempt another sit-in later in the afternoon, but leave as a crowd of whites begins to gather.

A Negro employee at Lea's is socked by a white man as he comes to work in the evening. All Negro employees, including two bus boys, cook and a dishwasher, walk off the job in protest.

JACKSON: An 18 year old Negro was shot to death by Sheriff E. O. Sanderford in the Hinds County Jail yesterday. Law officers claim the unarmed youth attacked four officers. He was shot twice. Civil rights groups are demanding a Justice Department investigation of the incident.

INDIANOLA: A 25 year old Negro civil rights worker and Indianola resident, attacked and beaten by 3 whites while walking through the Negro section of town. One of the attackers wielded a police-type billy club and wore a police-issue riot helmet. A complaint was filed with the FBI.

TUPELO: The Community Development Foundation, a Tupelo civic group, yesterday endorsed the Municipal School District's vote to voluntarily sign the desegregation pledge required by the federal government for continued federal aid to schools. In Jackson Governor Johnson urged state school boards to "go slow" and consult with states attorneys before signing the pledge.

CANTON: COFO investigators report that evidence from the church burned near Brandon last Thursday indicates arson. A lawyer experienced in arson cases called the fire a case of "simultaneous burnings" in which the whole structure is consumed by a sudden burst of flame instead of by a spreading fire. Rankin County Sheriff's reports claims no trace of arson.

MARIEN: Bernard Carver, a Boston stock-broker visiting son, a COFO worker in Starkville, is tailed for five miles by a highway patrolman and stopped and arrested for driving with an expired license. Carver is dragged from his car by the officer, in the presence of a mob of about 20 whites, and taken away. COFO calls the jails but receives no information as to Carver's whereabouts. The FBI is requested to investigate, but agent Ernest Corcorin of the Jackson office states "I am not sure of my jurisdiction in such matters." Carver is at last located in the county jail in Starkville. He is released on \$25 bond.

MERTIAN: Motions are filed by attorneys for seven of the 18 implicated in the murder of Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner to dismiss charges against them for lack of jurisdiction.

LAUREL: The editor of the Laurel Leader-Call reports receiving a bomb threat last Wednesday after publishing a COFO ad announcing the performance of the Free Southern Theater. The paper was bombed last May.

MOSS POINT: Sixty-one Negro students yesterday filed a suit at the U. S. Federal District Court in Biloxi seeking desegregation of Moss Point schools.