

WATS REPORT

Tues. Feb. 2, 1965 cont.

SELMA, ALA. Project director John Love and SNCC worker Terry Shaw were arrested at 11 a.m. today by county police, charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors.

73 adults, led by SCLC Hosea Williams and Rev. Lewis of Brown's Church and Chapel, walked to the courthouse and inside. Sheriff Clark read an order to them saying that they were all under arrest. They were there to protest the registrar's office being open only on the first and third Monday of February. One half hour later, about 250 teenagers headed for the Courthouse by two routes. As the police headed toward one group, a loud speaker announced they were all under arrest. Half of this group left and ran down a side street up an alley to the Courthouse. The half that stayed when the police called them was marched by the police through the street to the jail, about 30 altogether. The other half of the original 250 made it to the courthouse, where they had gone to protest the arrests of their parents the day before and of their parents not having the right to vote. They were picked up by police as they arrived, loaded into cars and buses, and taken to Camp Selma. Half an hour later, 50 more teenagers who went to the courthouse were arrested.

That evening, after 50 Negro businessmen participated in a night march to the courthouse. They were unmolested, and returned to the church. (From Fay/Jeanne, Bab)

MARION, ALA. 9 pm George Bess/Bab  
George has just been arrested along with 15 other people after they attempted to re-integrate the Corner Cafe. The manager asked them to leave. They refused. He called a policeman, and asked them to leave "in the presence of an officer." When they still refused, they were arrested (by county police, charged with trespassing.

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Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1965

HOLLY SPRINGS DB # 11 2-3-55  
MFD: Lawyers Frank Pestana and Edward Mosk of Los Angeles completed taking testimony today from 10 residents of Marshall and DeSoto Counties. In one instance, an opposition lawyer from DeSoto Co. tried to prove that a man in a policeman's uniform guarding the courthouse door with a dog was simply "a man with a dog."  
Holly Springs Project Director Cleve Sellers, 20, from Denmark, S.C., testified for about an hour and a half about how the system of segregation and white supremacy in Mississippi creates an atmosphere of fear in which the Negro population is afraid to register to vote. COFO workers Aviva Futorian from Chicago, and Ken Scudder from Milwaukee described arrests and harrassments they had experienced, and told of instances in which illiter ate whites were registered.

CLARKSDALE DB # 12 The State sent 16 white lawyers to question 8 Negro witnesses.  
SUFFICIENT DB #13 2-3-55 Assistant Atty Gen Rubel Griffin, serving as a lawyer for the state, objected to having the hearing in a Negro church. FDP lawyers insisted in staying where they were, and they won.

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