

wats report Feb. 3, 1965 cont.
ATTENTION NORTHERN GROUPS: PLEASE READ ENCLOSED LETTER
(meant for press) and utilize the following information in its
light.

JACKSON Pete Mulenburg/Bab BARNETT TO BE QUESTIONED
Former Governor Ross Barnett will be questioned by MFDP attorneys
on Mon. and Tues. Feb. 8 and 9, in the Federal Post Office
Building in Jackson. One of his aides called up the FDP Legal
office and said that Gov. Barnett didn't know he had been
subpoenaed (it was served two weeks ago), but he will now appear.
Attorneys plan to question Barnett about his role in championing
segregationist policies which have frustrated Negro voting in
state and local elections.

AND...McCOMB Hearings of witnesses from Pike and Amite
Counties, two areas in Southwest Miss, which are notorious for
being hotbeds of Klan control and violence, will be held
beginning Thursday, Feb. 4, and continuing until Wed., Feb. 10.
On Thursday, Fri, and Sat maybe, witnesses from McComb will be
examined; they will include Mayor of McComb and Selectmen of City
Council; Sheriff of Pike Co., and head of WCC. On Monday,
Amite Co. hostile witnesses will be examined: Sheriff Daniel
Jones and Highway Patrolman Billy Jack Castens. Bob Moses, who
was beaten in Liberty, Amite Co. several years ago, may testify
also. Friendly witnesses from Amite Co. will include FDP
delegate E.W. Steptoe and Mrs. Louis Allen, wife of the man
murdered a year ago (possibly by Sheriff Jones) because he had
seen E.H. Hurst murder Herbert Lee, and was willing to testify
to the fact.

Incidentally, on Feb. 14 at noon, the MSU will have a statewide
meeting, possibly to discuss a state-wide boycott.

moultrie, GA. 550 students out of a total enrollment of 625
boycotted the William Wright HS here today. They were protesting
the deplorable condition of the school. Students are forced
to attend classes in buildings that have been condemned, are
without heat. A class of 30 has to share one book. The school
superintendent came by and tried to arrange a meeting with
representatives of the kids for 10 am Thursday.
(More bad conditions: The Fed Govt has given \$200,000 for
Colquitt Co. schools.)

Tonight they had a mass meeting, at which many adults
attended. They were in complete support of their kids' boycott.

JACKSON again

BILLOKI Four COFO workers, Mike Brewer; Barry Clemson, 23,
of Pennsylvania; Charles Johnson; and Bob Kinner were arrested
here today when they tried to re-integrate Vic's Newsstand
Lunch Counter. The waitress brought them coffee in paper cups,
and when they insisted on regular cups, she called the police.
Bond is \$100 each.

ROLLING FORK There was a mass walkout of 300 from Henry Witheer
HS today, after 300 other students were sent home for wearing
cr buttons. 65 parents went to the principal and demanded that
their kids be allowed to wear the buttons to school. Parents,
led by SNCC staff worker Mrs. Urita Blackwell of Mayersville,
will have a meeting tonight to discuss further action.

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