

WATS REPORTS February 24, 1965 Wednesday

MOSS POINT Sandy Leigh/Jeanne Breaker SCHOOL BOYCOTT BEGINS
Parents and students of the Magnolia Junior, Senior, and Elementary School have decided to boycott the school. The purpose of the boycott is to put pressure on the county board of education to desegregate the school. ~~Thaxx~~ and to press for better facilities in the Negro school. 150 students out of an enrollment of 700 boycotted, and parents and children picketed. A group of parents was told on Tuesday by the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Marsh, that he would not desegregate, and would not be pressured into anything. He also refused to let parents into the school to observe conditions. The principal of the school agreed with the superintendent that everything at the school was fine.

Thursday, February 25, 1965

VALLEY VIEW via Jackson According to Andy Green, no students were seen entering the ~~WashhmgxHx~~ Velma Jackson HS today. Also, public school teachers are planning to conduct Freedom Schools for the boycotting students.

MOSS POINT Steve Finley/Jeanne 12 noon SIT-INNERS ON HUNGER STRIKE
Mary Larsen and Nancy Sours have not eaten since last Saturday. They are still in the Jackson Co. jail, along with local citizens Everett McKeller, James Bass, Tony Reese, and Mrs. Sellers. They have not been allowed to use the telephone, nor have they been given mail. Nancy said one of the policemen spat in her face. Steve Finley went to talk with them yesterday. He was told by Jackson Co. Sheriff Cecil Redbyrd that if he came back to the courthouse, he would get the hell beaten out of him.

The judge refuses to let the white girls out on money or property bond from the Negro community. Both girls have received cash from their parents to get out of jail, but have so far refused to use the money. They say they want to stay in jail until the judge lets them use property bond from the local community. Today at 1 pm, five local people will go to the court use with a lawyer and property bond to try to get the girls out.

8 p.m. Nancy Sours/Bab Mary Larsen and Nancy Sours were bonded out. The three local guys are still in jail, and local people are attempting to get them out.

SELMA John Lewis/Jeanne Breaker 2:45 pm The doctor's office under the SNCC office here was on fire. The cause of the fire was unknown. It was put out at 3:50 pm, with not too much damage to the office.(MD)

BAT. VILLE via Jackson Trial for the 12 people still in jail will be Saturday at 10 am. Bond for the 10 local people is \$100 each, for the two staff, \$250 each.

LITTLE ROCK Arlene Wilgoren/Jeanne When Ruth Hansen had her baby on Feb. 21, she asked to be put in the white section of Little Rock hospital. She was placed in the Negro section. SNCC is sending telegrams to Atty Gen Katzenbach and Secy of Health Ed and Welfare. HOLLY SPRINGS via Jackson CHURCH BURNED It was just discovered by Hardy Frye, a 26 year old Negro volunteer from Sacramento, that the Negro St. Joseph's Church had been burned last Monday. It was burned completely to the ground. For the past few months, voter registration classes were being held there.