

WATS REPORTS Monday, March 1, 1965 cont.

McCOMB cont. When COFO lawyer Al Burnstein went to the Pike County jail, he was first thrown out bodily. Later, on returning, he was hit on the head from behind by Ray Pounds, a jailor. Sheriff Warren is "at a conference" and cannot be reached by telephone.

Joe Martin says the students will return to the courthouse to continue demonstrations tomorrow.

WEST POINT Joe Stone/bond 9 pm

On Saturday, Feb. 27, Donald Raspberry, a 19 year old Negro resident of Okolona was fatally shot through the heart by his employer Gardner Anderson. Raspberry had worked for Anderson for two years. According to Sheriff Sam Watts, the shooting occurred when Raspberry ripped off a screen and came through the rear window of Anderson's house. Apparently, Anderson has a long history of violence. He allegedly killed his wife and another white man found together, and has killed another Negro. It is reported that Anderson said Saturday that he was going to "kill him a nigger that day." There is also a report that the Sheriff killed a Negro in 1961 and was not prosecuted.

COFO has been unable to make any headway in Okolona because the people are afraid.

NEW ORLEANS Cliff Vaughn/bond 11 pm

SNCC photographer Robert Fletcher and Lon Clayhill were arrested here this evening. Fletcher was walking across the street when he was stopped by police, hit with a billy club, and put in the police car. When Clayhill asked what was happening, he was knocked down by the police car (?) and also arrested. Police drew guns on Clayhill and Mr. Gilbert (Denise) Moses. Fletcher is charged with vagrancy and resisting arrest, Clayhill with resisting arrest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1. Please send report on personnel, finances, cars, and programs, as requested in Cleve Sellers' letter, to Atlanta by Wednesday.

2. Executive committee and personnel committee meet in Atlanta, beginning Thursday, March 4, at 4 pm, until Saturday.

3. If you know of any contacts for an Arkansas People's Conference, send to SNCC, 1700 W. 9 St., Little Rock, Ark.

4. A DESPERATE, HEARTFELT PLEA ABOUT BAIL:

Each project director should have received a set of two yellow forms to be filled out by the person arrested ~~two~~ on receiving bail. One is a Reimbursement Agreement; the other is an Assignment of Bond. These forms are to be filled out by each person bonded out, no matter what his source of bail is, whether money sent from the North, or from the bail fund, or cash or property from the local community.

We are trying to set a Bail Fund up, to get people out of jail quickly, but it will only work if you PLEASE SEND ME THOSE FORMS. PLEASE. If you don't have them, or if you have any other questions about the bail fund, call or write me. Thank you, Barbara Brandt, Atlanta.