

FORREST CITY ARK. Anne Coleman/jon

Three ~~xxxxx~~ officials, one from the State Education Association and two from the Office of Education. They spoke with students last night and today. When the students complained about registration problems, the officials said that registration couldn't be reopened because the Forrest City Plan wouldn't allow it. The students complained about the inferior facilities of Lincoln High as compared to Forrest City High, the white school. Whenever the students complained the officials said that wasn't sufficient evidence. When the students said registration forms had not been provided until a few days before, the officials said school officials had told them the forms had been provided about two weeks before registration. When the students complained about government inaction the officials said, "That's the way the government works". They said they couldn't cut off funds because that would hurt the Negro students too. They said all they could do would be to make a report which would be passed up from one official to the next until it reached the top. When the students asked if they thought their visit had done any good they didn't answer. They told the students to "be glad that nothing worse has happened; people in Mississippi and Alabama have been beaten". The students then told about a boy who had been beaten and ~~xxx~~ MacDonald, the federal guy who had said it, seemed a bit uneasy.

The students told how one of the Negro Junior high students at the white school had complained after food was thrown at her in the cafeteria so all the Negro students were forced to eat in a separate room to "protect them". The feds told them to come out and sit in the regular cafeteria and tell the principal if there was any trouble. One of the officials said he went to the cafeteria and there hadn't been any trouble. The students said that was because he was there, and he said, "You mean if I wasn't there, you would have trouble?" They said yes. When Bill Hansen criticized some of the school Board's policies, one of the officials said, "I'm not down here to listen to criticism". When they complained about government inaction, ~~xx~~ MacDonald said, "That's the way the government works". They also said the intimidation of one person wasn't important, and the school desegregation decision was "so new even Francis Keppel doesn't understand it." When ~~xxx~~ students asked what would happen if a lot of them applied for transfers to the white school this spring and were rejected, what would the government do. They were told that "There might have to be limitations; the school board has a big problem."

Bill suggested that they ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ solve the problem of inadequate facilities by closing the Negro school.

The day before the investigators came the Negro principal had the students clean up the whole school.

When the mother of a child in the white school complained that the school buses had been routed so her son had to walk two miles every morning, the officials said that school officials had told them that some white children had to walk three miles every morning.

The students have decided to hold a "learn-in" on Monday at the white high school. They are going to leaflet about it tomorrow and hold a mass meeting tomorrow night, since Saturday is the ~~xxxxxx~~ night when the most people are in town. They hope to involve many students whose parents made them promise not to participate in any more demonstrations after they were arrested the last time.

Saturday picketing will be renewed at Cohen's, the only store in town which has refused demands to hire a Negro. His ex-partner, who has a store across the street, recently agreed to hire a Negro. They hope to show Cohen that he'd better come across if he wants his Christmas goodies.

GOULD, Ark. Bill Hansen/jon

Tee Havis Cox, a deaf mute in Gould who wears a sweatshirt saying, "Harold Pierce I'm gonna kick your ass", ~~gax~~ was arrested today. People think this might be because Harold ~~xxxxx~~ Pierce is the Gould Chief of Police. No charges ~~xxxxxxxx~~ were placed against Cox, a who is about 16, and he was released on \$36.50 bond. His trial will be tomorrow and he has a lawyer.

PINE BLUFF, Ark. Ben Grinage/jon

Ben's wife, Barbara, took ~~his~~ their ~~xxx~~ four year old daughter, Kim, to an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist (it's nothing serious) and sat down in the white waiting room, ignoring the sign on the lawn outside which pointed the way to the Negro waiting room. When the receptionist told her to move, Mrs. Grinage asked the woman if the office was segregated; she wouldn't answer. Finally one of the two doctors who shares the office, Dr. Glascock, came out and asked what the trouble is. When the receptionist told him he, charged over to Mrs. and Miss Grinage and asked them to move to the ~~xxxx~~ Negro section. When they refused, he said, "If you don't move ~~xxxxxxx~~ you can sit out here until hell freezes over." The Grinages left.

Some time ago Mrs. Griagge's sister went in to pay a bill and when the receptionist told her to go to the Negro section she said she wouldn't pay her bill if she couldn't pay it there. They swallowed their pride and took her money.

Last year, Maurice Ntlabati, ~~xxxxx~~ an African who was on a speaking tour for SNCC, went into a doctor's office in ~~xx~~ Pine Bluff to get a skin infection treated. He also was ~~xxxx~~ out of the white section.

Vince is doing a survey of all the doctors in Pine Bluff to find out which ones are segregated.

CARTHAGE, Miss. Wally Gilbert/jon

Wally, Lynn Hollander and eight local people went to the movies last Sunday. When they sat down, the projector was turned off and the usher shined her light on them and then went to call some friends. When they came, she gave them some salt and a fire extinguisher and Wally and ~~his~~ friends got a free bath, followed by a beating and they decided they had better leave the theater, they were beaten outside on the street, and Wally was hit once with a lead pipe but since the whites were gentlemen they didn't hit the two Negro girls. Unfortunately, there were no policemen in the vicinity.

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ This Sunday the group plans to go see the new movie with about a hundred Negroes from a plant which they recently organized.

While the ~~xxxxxxx~~ beating was going on, some of the Negroes upstairs in the colored section tried to come to the aid of the integrated group, but they were stopped by the brave Negro projectionist, who passes for a school teacher during the day. He blocked the door with his cane and said, "anyone who wants to fight them has to get by me first."

Also on Sunday, the CORE office was broken into and records containing names of local contacts were stolen. When Wally complained to the local FBI agent he said he couldn't do anything because it was only breaking and entering and that is a matter for the local police. Wally asked him why if this was only breaking and entering, the attempt to set fire to the office hadn't been only arson and the FBI had been able to investigate. The agent told Wally not to get smart. Wally told the agent to screw himself.

The Jordan Highschool Student Union elected officers this week. The Negro principal tried to have three girls expelled from school for handing out leaflets announcing the meeting, but the board of teachers refused.

Several of the teachers are ~~xxx~~ known to think the Union is a great idea.