

SATURDAY JULY 10 1965

## INDIANOLA, MISS (CON'T)

takenly reported that the cotton picketers were on strike. The cotton picking season will start in about four weeks. The people on strike were picketing a plantation. Twelve families from one plantation here have gone on strike.

## SELMA, ALA Martha Prescod/Bab

Further reports on Green County-- Eloise Nixon reported from the Green Lantern Restaurant, place where the movement people hang out, that at about 11pm shots were heard all around the restaurant and smoke came in. No one inside saw anything, and there were no bullet holes inside. It might have been firecrackers or teargas.

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## JACKSON Hunter Moroy/Bab

The State Convention for the Young Democratic Club of Mississippi, an integrated yd, will be held Saturday August 14th. It will be held in the Jackson area. The club was organized last summer, mainly by COFO-oriented Negroes and was twice denied a charter by the National Young Democrats. The first time they tried to get a charter they weren't organized enough. Hunter feels that if Northern support had been asked for they could have gotten a charter the first time. The second they were opposed by the Liberal establishment: the NAACP (Charles Evers and Cleveland Donald, Negro student at Ole Miss), and the Mississippi AFL - CIO, Robert Oswald, Chairman of the Jackson County Regular Democratic Party and former chairman of the YD when it used to exist there and was lily white. The Young Dem Club of Miss will apply for a charter at the Young Dem Club National Conv., NYC, October 12-16. They still need lobbying, Northern support and pressure to assure that they do get a charter.

Most of all they need SNCC's organizing support to get Militants to the state convention on Saturday August 14, to elect a good slate of officers, because the NAACP will pack the meeting and have their own people elected.

A small faction which is led by NAACP members, Cleveland Donald and Emmett Morris, has already tried to arrange for the convention to be held at a white hotel in downtown Jackson. They had no authority from the YDCM to do this. Their choice of location will probably discourage poor Negro participation. Hunter feels that this is another expression of the campaign by the NAACP to take over the YDCM.

## AMERICUS, GA. Sammy Rushing/Bab

Freedom School was started here. On the first day 22 children attended the school. The students were in their teens. Gloria Wise taught Negro history and Liz Henry taught reading and spelling.

Mrs. Mary Bell is running for the Justice of the Peace on July 21. She is the first Negro candidate to run for anything in Americus. Yesterday, 10-15 ministers had a meeting. They discussed plans for a Freedom Revival Meeting to be held on July 26-30. The ministers will give sermons on things like voter registration.

## ORDEE, GEORGIA Nancy Cooper/Bab 2:45PM

Today people again picketed the Town House Restaurant in shifts of fives. Two large white mobs gathered on both ends of the street.

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CORDELE, GEORGIA Via Albany 6pm

Three local Cordelians were arrested at the Town House Restaurant today. They are all out on bond.

Today, 60 people picketed the Town House Restaurant. The manager closed the restaurant. The picketers had police protection to and from the restaurant. The people left and came back in the afternoon. Peacefully, about 8 people picketed for about 45 minutes. Then Ed Seaver, volunteer from Norman, Okla., was hit with a fist by a white guy in the mob that surrounded the picketers. The white guy was taken away by the police and arrested. Gradually the mob increased to several hundred. Then Walt Draude, volunteer from New York, was hit on the neck and knocked unconscious. The guy who hit him was also arrested. After 20 minutes, an ambulance came and took Draude to the hospital, first demanding a \$10 payment. People in the mob began to talk about attaching the homes where the civil rights workers lived. Jim Parry called Marion Cheek who is a FBI agent (the agent who testified that Joni Rabinowitz was Joyce Barrett in 1963). Cheek said that the FBI function was purely investigative, they could not provide protection.

WEST TENN. VOTERS PROJECT Bob Gabriner/Dab

Today in Brownsville, 40 members of the Haywood County Student Union integrated a municipal swimming pool and park here. About 20-30 members of the Tenn. National Guard, which is stationed across the street, watched, cursed and threw rocks at the students. Staff members of TTVF accompanied the students.

GREENVILLE

Greenville, Glen Allen and Hollandale are planning a combined Freedom day for Monday, July 12th.

EUTAW, ALA. Via Selma Silas Norman/Bab CHURCH BURNED

The Zion Baptist Church, 5 miles from Eutaw, Green County, was burned down this evening around 8 or 9 pm. The church had no connection with the movement. Ed Smith happened to pass it and saw it burning. 10-15 whitemen were standing around the church as it was burning. One of the men works at a store which is on the list to be boycotted by Negroes. His name is George Anderson of Eutaw. State Troopers were also standing around, "smiling and laughing" when Ed got there.

At 12:12PM the Atlanta FBI was called. Agent Knowles said that the Birmingham FBI should be notified. At 12:15 talked with Wyman Richardson, Birmingham FBI agent. Barbara asked # Are you a FBI agent?" Richardson replied "Sorry, I'm not supposed to give out that information over the phone."

INDIANOLA, MISS. Booker Nelson/Bab

A Mississippi Freedom Labor Union meeting was held tonight. Bob Williams, a white volunteer from Biloxi, was canvassing other plantation. Members of the Union didn't want him to get other people to go on strike because they had enough trouble supporting the people in Indianola who were already on strike. Williams was asked to leave the Union, and according to Nelson, he is now out. It was mis-