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TUSKEGEE CON'T

A cameraman was attached at the First Methodist church as he was trying to take pictures. He was attached by former mayor Rappaport and another man. His camera was taken and his film was torn up. The sheriff passed by but did not take any type of action.

WASHINGTON, D.C. FDP Mike Shelwell/Bab

The first day of trial for the 12 Mississippians who sat-in at the Clerk of the House's office was held today. The Government's case was that the people refused to leave the building when asked to. The lawyer for the Mississippians is Hebert Reed of Howard.

CAMBRIDGE, MD John Battiste/Bab

CNAC is working on restaurant desegregation and hospital integration.

Through the War on Poverty program, day care centers have been started out in the county. CNAC will distribute clothes to the migrants. 45-50 kids are attending Freedom School-- student are learning about the local government. As a result of CNAC's efforts, water rates were lowered. They are planning to file suit against the swimming pool where people were arrested on July 4th. They are also working on mobilizing people against a proposed food stamp plan which was not designed to meet the needs of the people.

LODONS COUNTY Stokley Carmichael/Bab

The workers have just found out that in Fort Deposit, the reason that they have been having such a hard time getting anything going is because the Klan has been very actively intimidating people-- burning crosses and they also ran over the son-in-law of an active local man, breaking his arm and fracturing his fingers.

INDIANOLA, MISS. Booker Nelson/Bab

Thirteen families went on strike on the Reed Plantation, near Indianola. The Union didn't have to tell them to strike; they were ready to strike on their own. Four people went down to the court house to register.

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WEST TENN. VOTER PROJECT Tim Hall/Jeanne

A cross was burned at midnight last night on the lawn of the leader of the Cummington, Tenn. Movement in Tifton County. Living next door to him are two volunteers for the voter project.

Friday night some of the Negro students invited some of the white volunteers to the Negro pool room. There were no incidents. The next night the Negroes tried to go to the white pool room. The manager of the place refused to let them play. The students overturned a couple of tables and broke several sticks. They went down to the court house and walked around for a few minutes.

Saturday morning in Brownsville, Haywood County, a group of 40 student members of the Haywood County Student Union and civil rights workers integrated the Brownsville city pool. Swimmers spent an hour in the water and others played in the recreation area. At one point a white man drew a knife with a six inch blade and approached the students. When the police came he put the knife back into his pocket.

Three trials were held in Summerville, Fayette County, for three white men charged with assault and battery against civil rights workers. The beating of the workers by the men took place on May 1st, when the workers tried to test public accommodations at a white cafe. Two of the whitemen were convicted of the assault and battery charges and fined \$18.50 each, including court cost. The third man had the charges dismissed against him when three white witnesses testified that the assailant had not been in the cafe that day.

Three weeks ago two civil rights workers had to pay \$60 each in fines for driving with out of town license plates. A third had to pay \$120 total for getting his car back after he had run it into a ditch and left it there over night.

JACKSON Cynthia Washington/Jeanne

49 people successfully integrated the Hanthayia State Park in Starkville, Mississippi today. The group included 3 whites and 4 Negroes from Starkville and 42 people from Winston County. There were no incidents.

Five people went to apply for jobs in a predominantly white factory in Starkville. The men were turned away because there were no application blanks.

CORDELE, GEORGIA Nancy Cooper/Dab

The local newspaper editor, who almost never prints news about the movement, has recently been boycotted by the Negro Community. Today he printed an article about the boycott, and the few steps he has made to help race-relations, like hire Negroes, and how bad and rabble rousing SNCC and "outside agitators" were. He also said that the Cordele City Manager, who according to Nancy is a fairly liberal guy, had ordered the police to give news of the demonstrations at the Town House Restaurant to the press. This is untrue. He also implied that the city manager was unfit.

STLMA, ALA Lillie Emma Scott/Dab

At 11:30 AM Sunday, July 11, a group of people attempted to integrate three churches in downtown Tuskegee. Doors at all of the three churches, the First Baptist, First Presbyterian and First Methodist, were locked, and the people were refused entrance.

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