

for WATS report July 14 2:45 pm goodman/garman

~~The~~ 10 Mississippians ~~xxx~~ were tried yesterday and today on a charge of unlawful entry. They had sat in in the Clerk's office several weeks ago waiting for him to appear for ~~xx~~ a scheduled appointment.

CHARGES WERE DROPPED THIS AFTERNOON. The Government withdrew its case after the Clerk of the House testified under oath that he was in his office Friday when the Mississippians first came to see him but he hadn't wanted to see them. (They were told he was out). Then his assistant scheduled an appointment for the Miss. people on Sat morning (June 19) which the Miss. people arrived for. At the office they were told that the Clerk ~~xxxxx~~ couldn't see them Sat. either. The Clerk testified under oath that he knew about the appointment and didn't appear for it; then had his assistant close the office; at which point the Miss. people sat there waiting to see the Clerk -- and were subsequently arrested for unlawful entry.

1. Please call Jackson FDP office -- tell Guyot and others that they should call Wash FDP when they have time to talk station to station.
2. call northern offices and ask that they call press to get the story in the papers... full info must be on wires, but press must be alerted to story.

JEANNE:

Can you call Arkansas -- ask Forman -- will he be in NY on July 21st to appear on a radio show on the challenge -- 1:15 pm. Bill Strickland is setting it up and needs info by tomorrow.

Also wants to know if ~~x~~orman will be able to speak at a church-labor conference in NY to get support for challenge on July 27th. An important breakthrough with church-labor forces -- TV will cover the conference if speakers are "big names". Bill says tis very important that Jim be there.

call Strickalnd at 212-M03-1104 with info.