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THURSDAY

WATS REPORT

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NATCHEZ Doris Ladner and Bill Ware/jeanne and Jon  
This morning Governor Paul Johnson ordered 600 National Guard into Natchez. Workers feel the reason for this is to try and crush the spirit of the people. The Guards have blocked off the entrance to the town. They are also checking all cars that enter and leave the town. The area is very tense and there is rumor that the Negroes are arming themselves. Last night there was a large rally at the New Zion Church, attended by close to 2000 people. Charles Evers of the NAACP and Bill Ware of SNCC spoke. It was decided that the people would march today if the list of demands presents to the mayor last Saturday was not met by today. The demands were: an end to police brutality, equal hiring practices, the denociation of the Klan by Mayor Nossier, desegregation of schools, parks and public facilities, equal treatment of Negro policemen, Negroes added to the school board, end to holding up check of welfare recipients if they participated in the movement, police escort for Negro funerals, housing cose directed at slums. The mayor held a meeting today with the city council. They decided to reject the list of demands from t e Negroes. The Negroes held a meeting out side the house of George Metcalf, president of the NAACP who was blown up in his car last week. Evers asked the people not to march because he felt they were out numbered. Bill Ware was arrested tonight at 9:56 for violating the 10:00 curfew imposes on the town by the mayor. He is being held on \$200 bond. The mayor has also closed up all Negro cafes.

LAUREL Gwen Robinson/jeanne  
1:30 this morning a car tossed something into a truck owned by COFO in Laurel. The truck was completely demolished. The police were notified, they took pictures of the truck. Last week the FBI notified U. Everett, SNCC worker, that word was out that something would happen to the truck, and that he should be careful.

WASHINGTON SNCC Marion Barry/jeanne  
Thirty-five people from Baker County, Southwest Georgia, picketed the Justice Department in Washington today. The group also plans to picket the Office of Education. On yesterday, they lobbied withnCongressmen. This morning they had a meeting with Congressman John Conyer of Michigan. He agreed to hold a press conference for them tomorrow.

GREENSBORO via Selma Shirley Walker/jeanne  
Approximately 35 students have applied for transfers from the Hales County Training School to the Greensboro HS and to the Acron HS in Acron, Ala., about 18 miles from Greensboro. Six of the students have been notified by the Supt of Education, Robert E. Raymond, that they were accepted. The others were rejected. The Negro parents have decided to take their kids to the school even though theyhave been rejected tomorrow. A boycott is planned for the Negro school. The Hale County Improvement Assciation was issued an injunction by Judge Thomas of Mobile, stating not to interfere with school and

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