

WATS REPORT

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NATCHEZ Dorie Ladner and Bill Ware/Muriel

At 12:30 this morning 300 of the people who had been arrested were taken from the city auditorium to Parchman pen. The Chief of Police told the staff that he was taking the people to Parchman. There were 4 white people included in the group arrested yesterday evening. Three are in the city jail and one in the auditorium. John Doar was called and informed of the situation. He said that he would check on it and call back later.

At the Mass meeting that was held Saturday night Chief J.T. Robinson came into the meeting and said that FDP people were throwing bricks at persons attempting to breaking the boycott of the downtown stores. This charge was denied in the meeting immediately after Charles Evers made the announcement.

At 11:00 this morning around 72 people were arrested on Rankins Street as soon as they left the Beulah Baptist Church. The people had attempted a march to the city auditorium to hold a prayer meeting. The line was lead by Rev. Russell and Rev. Howard, local ministers. The people were supposedly taken to Parchman.

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14 people from Forest City, Arkansas have arrived to talk about the school situation there. They hope to meet with someone in the Dept. of Education tomorrow morning.