

June 19, 1965

APPEAL FOR HELP TO CAMPUS CONTACTS----

From the enclosed chronology of events and other information you can see that this is a real CRISIS SITUATION. You can help in the following ways:

- 1) We understand that most of you are not involved with working groups at the present moment...however there is much that you as an INDIVIDUAL CAN DO. If you live in an area with a Friends of SNCC office, please let them know of your presence and help them...they need you now.
- 2) People are wanted in Jackson now. There will be a large mass meeting in Jackson on Tuesday night. People from all over the country are urged to attend. People coming here must understand that the bus will be held at the airport without bail.

102 WATS REPORT June 15, 1965, Tuesday

JACKSON, MISS. This is the latest report as of 10 pm. It is not to be assumed to be completely accurate or reliable.

Monday night: At the mass meeting last night at the Morning Star Baptist Church, Charles Evers of the NAACP spoke. He offered the assistance of the NAACP, saying "We squabble amongst ourselves, but when the chips are down, we're all together." John Lewis said "SNCC has supported and will continue to support the MFDP."

Tuesday morning, another meeting was held at the Church, and the group, about 175-200, left for the Capitol. John Lewis and Charles Evers were at the head of the line. This was around noon. As the group approached Church St., there were 50-60 police approximately 200 yards in front of them. At Lamar St. Police Chief Ray came down the line and told the people it was illegal for them to march, and if they didn't leave, they would be arrested. They didn't; so they were then loaded into trucks and paddy wagons, and taken to the Fairgrounds to join the 500 arrested yesterday.

According to Bill Kopit of LCDR, the 14 "leaders" separated out last night are now in the City Jail.

At 4:15, about 20-25 people stood in the entrances to the Post Office Building, in a demonstration to demand federal protection and an end to police brutality. An hour later, after having bodily tossed off the steps by federal marshalls, they were arrested.

WASHINGTON FDP Joffre Clarke/Bab DEMONSTRATION AT JUSTICE DEPT. About 150 people, mostly students who were taking part in the Washington Lobby, demonstrated at the Justice Dept today. Mrs. Gray of the FDP and attorney Bill Higgs had tried to get an appointment with Attorney-General Katzenbach, but failed. In the afternoon, a six-man delegation saw Steven Packel (probably an assistant to Katzenbach); they discussed federal protection and release of prisoners, and he said he couldn't do anything.

ALBANY, GA. Jim Parry/Bab NEGRO CANDIDATE COMES IN THIRD Rev. Samuel B. Wells, running for City Commissioner in a special election, came in third, ~~winning~~ The two candidates who beat him and the fourth candidate were all white. Robert Denson, the son of the former Commissioner, got 1976 votes, the second guy got 1924, Wells got 1470, and the fourth got about 200. There were many irregularities during and after the campaign--harassments, etc. Of 18,000 registered voters in Albany, 8000 are Negro.

WINDSOR, BERTIE CO, NORTH CAROLINA Eric Morton/Bab Jocelyn McKissick and white volunteer John Rowcheck were followed by police while canvassing here. This frightened the lady who was going to give them a building to work out of, and she took back her offer. However, a local funeral director is working on the Elks Club to find them a place.

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Eric Morton has set up contacts in Enfield (Halifax Co.), Kittrell, and Bertie Co.

TOMORROW IS BOND DAY. (Julian Bond, that is. We also need about \$70,000 bond for the people in Jackson. This morning we heard they planned to stay in, to avoid sending huge sums of money into Miss., but they may need it eventually.)

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS * JUNE 14 - 20, 1965

Monday, June 14: The Mississippi state legislature was scheduled to hold a special session of the legislature. The MFDP had called on people from across the state to come to Jackson to protest this meeting of the legislature on the grounds that it was illegally elected and unrepresentative of the people. Therefore it had no right to sit and pass laws. 500 people gathered in Jackson; they had a meeting at a church one mile from the capitol. Around noon 30 people left in cars to go to the capitol, when they got out of their cars they were arrested. Around the same time the rest of the people (450) began to march to the capitol, one block away from it they were arrested by the police. The people were taken to the Jackson State Fairgrounds and booked on demonstrating without a permit--they were marching under their First Amendment Rights of peaceful assembly to protest grievances. At the fairgrounds as men were taken from one building to another, they were made to go between two rows of city and state police who beat them with billy clubs.

That evening 16 people were arrested for handing out leaflets without a permit.

Tuesday, June 15: 200 more people were arrested in Jackson on route to the capitol for demonstrating without a permit. Others were arrested late that afternoon as they picketed the federal building in Jackson. These picketeers were pushed off the federal steps onto city property by federal marshalls and then were arrested by city police.

Wednesday, June 16: 75 people were arrested in Jackson marching to the capitol.

Thursday, June 17: 27 people were arrested around 3:30 pm; 20 of them from Alabama.

Seven congressmen in Washington D.C. held a press conference in which it was announced that the Clerk of the House has not printed any of the depositions submitted by the MFDP as evidence for the Challenge. June 4 he had publicly announced that all of the evidence would be printed. Now on technicalities (documents not being properly sealed or signed in the right places) he has delayed the printing of the depositions.

Friday, June 18: 100 people were arrested in Jackson in five separate demonstrations. They picketed in various places--the New Capitol, the Old Capitol, the Governor's Mansion and the Robert E Lee Hotel, where some of the sessions are being held.

President Johnson announced the appointment of J.P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The appointment has been sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee for approval. Coleman, ex-governor of Mississippi, is one of the lawyers representing the five congressmen being challenged by the FDP.

About 19 people from Mississippi decided to sit in the office of the Clerk of the House, Ralph Roberts to protest the fact that he has not yet printed any of the FDP's evidence. They left that evening when Roberts promised to meet with them the next morning.

Saturday, June 19: Roberts cancelled his appointment with the Mississippi people this morning. The people decided to wait until he came. Police closed the office to the press and would not allow any food to be brought into the Clerk's office. Many of the Mississippi people are very old. About 5 P.M. police arrested 12 of the people, including Mrs. Gray. Acting Captain of the Capitol Police who ordered the arrests said he did so in consultation with the House Sargent at Arms and with the U.S. Attorney's office in Washington, D.C.

Nine people went down to picket the fairgrounds with the intention of getting arrested, in order to take news to the people in the jails and to help build up the morale.

Federal District Judge Cox gave Jackson until Wednesday to submit additional affidavits and briefs to prove that the anti-parade and the anti-leafleting city ordinances are constitutional.

INCIDENT SUMMARY FOR WEEK OF JUNE 27 to JULY 4

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1965

TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA -- 16 people tried to integrate three white churches this morning in Tuskegee. The group divided up into three's. At all three churches, the deacons locked the doors of the church.

AMERICUS, GEORGIA -- Sammy Mahone and Sammy Rushing, SNCC workers, attempted to integrate the Martin Theater. They were sold tickets and went into the lobby. In the lobby, they were attacked by a group of whites. The manager of the theater came out and told the two guys that they would have to get out. They said that they would if he would return their money. The money was returned and they left. The manager also returned the money to some of the guys in the mob. The mob followed the guys when they left the theater. One of them drew a knife on the two civil rights workers. They then ran, and the mob didn't follow. In Americus each time that a place is integrated a mob is waiting outside to intimidate the people.

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1965

ALBANY, GEORGIA -- About 60 people from Cordele and Americus planned a picnic last weekend at Lake Blacksher, Georgia State Park. The picnic was planned to prove that the people were not intimidated by the shooting that occurred last week after several Negroes integrated the swimming pool at the park. When they got to the park, the group divided into the men and the women. The women went into one of the pavilions and the men into the picnic area. The group used the public dining facilities. A white mob formed around the group and began to harass them. They smashed the window of a VW. The group then decided to leave. As they tried to get into the cars they were pushed by the whites and another window on the VW smashed with a tire iron. They managed to get into the cars. At the intersection leading out of the park, the white mob started throwing bricks and rocks. One of the white guys who had smashed the car windows had a revolver. He shot into the group three or four times but did not hit anyone. Later, the group had a meeting and invited the sheriff to come by. He did. He refused to swear out a warrant for the man who did the shooting. He said that on Sundays the court house is closed and that he couldn't swear out warrants on Sundays. The people will try again during the week.

SHAW, MISSISSIPPI -- There was a state meeting of the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union in Shaw today. People discussed the fact that the cotton chopping season is almost over, and the picking season is beginning. They decided that they will strike if they aren't able to get \$5 per 100 pounds of cotton they pick. They are also going to try and get the guys who drive the machines that pick cotton to go on strike because some of them get 50¢ a bale of cotton and others get \$1. Some of the people on strike said that they were going to stay on strike until they can get \$1.25 per hour. They also discussed how to get land for those people on strike and who have been thrown off their land.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1965

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS -- On Saturday, following an attempt to test a restaurant a white summer volunteer was threatened with a gun by the owner of the restaurant. Today a warrant was sworn out for the owner. SNCC was evicted from its office after one week in occupancy.

CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI -- The First National Bank in Cleveland has cancelled the MFLU accounts and refused to reopen them. The manager, Mr Collier, said the reason was because they didn't agree with the policies of the union. This bank is a member of the Federal Reserve.

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI -- Arthur Roberts, a 14 year old boy was shot in the face by a guard of the Leflore county farm yesterday. He is still alive. Reverend Roberts, his father, says the boy told him a Negro guard asked him to pick up a rag. He turned away, and then he heard the gun cocked and turned around and by that time the gun was firing away; there was no scuffle. A wife of one of the guards said it was an accident; the gun was dropped. Arthur Roberts had been accused of shoplifting about two months ago. He never had a trial. When he was first arrested, Reverend Roberts tried to get the officials to send him to reform school instead of the county farm. They refused.

June 29 (continued)

CANTON, MISSISSIPPI -- About 30 Madison County people went into the city park at 6:30 today and had no trouble at all. The reason there was no trouble is because they had a court order.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1965

CAMDEN, ALABAMA -- Tonight a group of people were sitting around the SCLC office. A group of white guys came into the office and beat them up. At least two people were hospitalized as a result of the beating. They were beaten with pipes on the head and shoulders. At least one shot was also fired.

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1965

BAKER COUNTY, GEORGIA -- Yesterday afternoon, around 14-15 people tested rest rooms in gas stations and the courthouse here. The only place they were allowed in was the service station owned by George Bush, who is running for sheriff against the present sheriff, L. Warren Johnson. That night they had a mass meeting to discuss the testing. About 200-250 people attended. They decided that they would boycott every gas station in town except the one owned by Bush.

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI --¹ Last Sunday, fifteen white people attended a Negro church here, the Mount Olive Baptist Church. Tonight, a cross was burned in front of the church.

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1965

HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI -- About a week ago there was a court order against county registrar T. Lynd. The order does away with "interpretation and duties of citizenship." About thirtyfive people per day have gone to take the test. Last night, the Klan rode and burned four crosses.

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1965

CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND -- Seven people, CNAC workers and local citizens were arrested this evening when they attempted to integrate the only swimming pool in town. The pool was financed by public solicitations of funds and by loans from the four local banks. It is operated by the segregated volunteer fire department, which receives city and county appropriations. However, the pool does not accept Negroes. On April 30, the Justice Department declared the pool to be a bona fide private club. The seven people attempted to file membership applications. The managers refused to give them applications and ordered them to leave. When they refused, they were arrested and bodily removed from the premises, charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct. The pool is the only safe swimming area in town.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

On July 1, two crosses were burned within several miles of the Masonic Temple on Highway 98 near Meadville. At 10 pm last night, the Temple was burned down. Marshall Ganz, who went to investiage, came to the conclusion that the Klan is beginning to organize and grow active in this south-west Mississippi county.

RUNNING INCIDENT SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1965

July 1---Laurel, Miss--The Freedom School and FDP office was bombed at about 1:30 AM. Two FDP workers from Hattiesburg were in the house asleep at the time and were able to put the fire out before the house was totally destroyed. Telephone wires to the building were cut, and after the fire was put out, the remains of a Molotov cocktail made from two beer bottles were found.

Selma, Ala.--At least two people were hospitalized as a result of a beating in Camden, Ala., last night by a group of white men. Civil rights workers were beaten with pipes on the head and shoulders. At least one shot was fired.

Gulfport, Miss--A cross was burned in front of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, a Negro church where 15 white people went to worship the Sunday before.

Jackson, Miss.--A demonstration began today with about 70 people. When no one was arrested, others joined the demonstration.

July 2---Jackson, Miss.--200 people marched from the Morningstar Baptist Church to the state capitol. They marched around the Capitol Building for one hour. Police did not interfere with the marchers because of the recent injunction handed down by the 5th circuit Court of Appeals restraining them from interfering with the Constitutional right of peaceful assembly and peaceful protest. News reports from Jackson indicate that 40 crosses were burned in different places across the state last night.

July 3--Little Rock, Ark.--Last night in Dumas, Ark., Bob Capleton and Terry Carr were picked up by a local policeman for questioning. The Mayor called down and gave them a warning about civil rights workers in "his town." They were released in Gould, Ark., and had to hide from local police and a carload of whites who were looking for them.

Jackson, Miss.--150 people marched from the Farrish Street Baptist Church to City Hall and back again. The marchers were led by 15 Jackson ministers. There were no arrests.

July 6---Eutaw, Ala.--1,500 Negroes marched on the county courthouse; 200 remained to attempt to register to vote.

West Helena, Arkansas--About 150 people attended a mass meeting last night where Julian Bond and John Lewis spoke. The meeting kicked off a voter registration drive and today 200 people went down on their own to attempt to register. As a result of a recent election, no literacy test is required anymore.

Amito Co, Miss--The homes of Willies Hayes and Curtis Johnson were dynamited.

Pine Bluff, Ark.--The manager of the Plantation Embers Restaurant, who a week and a half ago pulled a gun on a white SNCC worker shortly after he tested public accommodations, was arrested today on a warrant signed by the worker.

Pine Bluff, Ark.--Elijah Randolph, Pine Bluff Negro, was fired from his job after his boss found out that he was working with SNCC.

Albany, Ga.--People from Albany have been demonstrating and trying to see the sheriff, Lamar Stuart, recently to protest the beating by police last week of three Negro boys--one of whom had been arrested on a burglary charge, and two boys who were with him. At first the sheriff refused to see anyone but the parents of the boys. One Saturday, 25 people picketed the sheriff's office and presented a petition to him.

Indianola, Miss.--Five local people announced they will run for city offices during the city elections in October. They will try to qualify next week.

July 7---Montgomery, Ala.--Workers have been circulating petitions addressed to the federal, state and local governments asking that the right-to-work law be repealed, that minimum wage laws be passed to cover those occupations that employ large numbers of Negroes, petitions will be sent to Congress which is considering abolishing the right-to-work law.

McComb, Miss.--A "Speakout" was held here in the Sweet Home Baptist Church on Sunday, June 27. The purpose was to bring together white and Negro citizens to discuss their problems, and it was organized by the White-stown Precinct FDP and letters of invitation were sent out to over 600 white citizens, including a telegram to Congressman John Bell Williams. There was a total news blackout on the speakout, and none of the white people came.

Shaw, Miss.--Two truckloads of food were driven to Shaw from the people in Winston County today.

Chicago, Ill.--35 kids are attending the Residential Freedom School. (Geographical breakdown: 4 from Miss., 4 from Ala., 5 from Ga., 3 from Tenn., 3 from Ark., 2 from Newark, N.J., 3 from Philadelphia, Pa., and 7 from Chicago.)

Indianola, Miss.--People continue to go down to the courthouse to attempt to register to vote. Cotton picking season has started and 50 people are on strike.

July 8---Cordele, Ga.--For the 4th time today a group tried to integrate the Town House, a restaurant which is the hangout of the local white aristocracy. They had been refused service each of the three times before. Three of the four people who went today were arrested and charged with trespassing.

Victoria, Va.--An integrated group of workers went into the Nelson Drug Store to eat; Negroes were served but the white people were refused. The Negroes then ordered food for all. The next day they went back. The owner closed down at 1 PM rather than serve the group.

Bogalusa, La.--A white man threw a rock and hit a 17-year-old who was part of a demonstration at the county court house in Bogalusa tonight. A nurse went to get the girl who had been hit on the head. A mob of whites stood outside the courthouse and when the nurse took the girl to the car, the white mob attacked the car and tried to beat them. A member of the Deacons, a Negro group organized about 6 months ago to fight the Klan in Louisiana in self-defense, shot into the mob of whites. The white man who hit the girl was critically injured. Someone from the Klan called and said that the Klan was coming into the Negro community tonight. There are mobs forming downtown.

July 9---Cordele, Ga.--A mass meeting was scheduled for Wednesday night at the home of a man in Arabi, Ga. When his boss found out about this the man was fired from his job and evicted from his home. He was told that if he stayed in one place too long that his luck would change. The man was found sitting under a tree outside of town. When people heard him tell what had happened, they held a mass meeting outside under the tree.

Lowndes County, Ala.--There were approximately 104 people at the Court House yesterday and only about 75 of them were processed. They are expecting 200-300 people at the Court House today.

Amelia, Va.--A bottle filled with fire crackers was thrown on to the driveway of a local Negro girl who had been canvassing with some white workers.

West Point, Miss.--Three white volunteers were arrested as they tried to enter the Live Stock Restaurant with a local Negro youth. They were charged with disturbing the peace. Bond has not been set. The Negro was not arrested, but he was badly beaten by some local whites and left lying in the street.

York, Ala.--The Mayor of York came into the church that had been fired into and gave Alvery Williams, SNCC worker, a subpoena to appear in court. He is charged with firing into the church.

Forrest City, Ark.--52 people registered here today. SNCC is now working in 14 eastern and southeastern counties in Arkansas. Four Freedom centers (combination of community center and freedom school) are operating with 400-450 people taking part.

Hale County, Ala.--On Tuesday about 500 people took part in a march here (with permit).

Cordele, Ga.--Two white volunteers were beaten here as they took part in a demonstration involving 60 people who picketed in front of the Town House Restaurant. The ambulance refused to take one of the volunteers who was unconscious, to the hospital unless the driver was paid \$10. A hostile mob stood around making threats.

July 10--Eutaw, Ala.--The Zion Baptist Church, 5 miles from Eutaw in Greene County, was burned down this evening around 8 or 9 PM. The Church has no connection with the movement. 10 to 15 white men were standing around the church as it burned.

July 11---Americus, Ga.--Mrs. Mary Bell announced she will run for Justice of the Peace on July 21. She is the first Negro candidate to run for anything in Americus.

Cordele, Ga.--Today people again picketed the Town House Restaurant in shifts of five. Two large white mobs gathered on both ends of the street. A group of white people attacked one of the picketers, Rev. William Abbott, white minister from the Presbyterian Committee on Race and Religion, from California. A little while later an old white man came up and beat him with his fist. The man was arrested and beaten with a billy club by a Negro policeman. The mob was egged on by two white guys and started down the street toward the demonstrators, but the State Patrol pushed them back.

Bogalusa, La.--Yesterday picketers tried to picket downtown stores and were beaten by whites. A CORE worker took the nonviolent position, but a Negro soldier on the picket line fought back. Last night when they came back from the rally, whites were running up and down the street, blowing horns with confederate flags, and later shooting guns. When the Negroes shot back, two were arrested, but no whites were arrested. Nobody was hit. Today 700 people took part in a silent march. State troopers threw up a roadblock around the town to keep outsiders who wanted to come in and help, out.

July 12--West Tennessee Voters Project--A cross was burned at midnight last night at the home of the leader of the Tifton (Tenn.) movement.

Starkville, Miss.--49 people successfully integrated the Hinh Wayia State Park in Starkville. The group included 3 whites and 4 Negroes from Starkville and 42 people from Winston County. There were no incidents.

Tuskegee, Ala.--A group of people attempted to integrate three churches in downtown Tuskegee. Doors of all the three churches, the First Baptist, The First Presbyterian and The First Methodist, were locked and the people were refused entrance. A cameraman was attacked at the First Methodist Church as he was trying to take pictures, by the former mayor and another man. The sheriff passed by but did not take any type of action.

Indianola, Miss.--Thirteen families went on strike on the Reed Plantation.

July 14---Ocilla, Ga.--The SNCC Freedom House was fired upon last night about midnight. Five minutes later the SCOPE Freedom House was fired upon. There were no injuries.

Pine Bluff, Ark.--At 1 PM two white volunteers and three Negroes went to the Cream Land Restaurant. The Negroes were served, but the whites were refused service. The manager asked the whites to leave and when they refused she called the police and they were arrested. At the police station they were beaten and charged with disturbing the peace and fined \$16.50 each.

Shaw, Miss.--100 people are on strike.

Greenwood, Miss.--300 people attended a concert by the SNCC Freedom Voices and Malcolm Boyd. While the people were there they signed petitions protesting segregation in the city hospital and the appointment of JP Coleman.

Denton, Md.--Migrant workers are considering going on strike. Most of the workers are Negroes and Puerto Ricans and come from Florida. Mr. Hawkins of the MFLU and Marion Barry of SNCC spoke at a mass rally last night.

July 15--Tchula, Miss.--Saul Sutton, local Negro, was arrested on bad check charge. He was housing two summer volunteers.

Jackson, Miss.--James Johnson was beaten by police after refusing to tell them his name. He was driving some people home from a meeting, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

Lincoln Co nty, Ark.--A branch of the registration office was opened up in Gould. In 2 days, 300 Negroes and 17 whites were registered. The office was closed after the second day. The Negroes in Gould are going to petition the Registrar to re-open the office.

July 16--Greenwood, Miss.--The Holiday Inn was successfully integrated today. It was the first successful integration of the Holiday Inn in Greenwood since the Civil Rights bill was passed last summer. This time they were treated courteously.

Greensboro, Ala.--Two demonstrations were held here today to protest hiring discrimination and difficulty in voting. In the morning 24 students took part. In the afternoon as the group picketed the courthouse, two known members of the Klan tried to take a camera away from staff member Roy Loe. The rest of the demonstrators went over to see what was happening. Then the police told the group to leave. The crowd started to leave and then turned back and then police, armed with billy clubs, began to beat the crowd back. People began to run back to the church from which they had marched. Five policemen began firing into the air. One of the bullets ricocheted and hit Jesse Bregans. 16 people who took part in the demonstrations were treated at Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma for head injuries.

July 17--Greensboro, Ala.--People demonstrated again today to protest job discrimination and police brutality. Several demonstrators were pushed around by local whites but none were injured.

West Memphis, Ark.--Six Negroes swam in the West Memphis swimming pool today. Two white volunteers and a Negro worker were standing outside watching. Ryan Rybolt, one of the volunteers, was taking pictures. A local white guy slugged Brian, stomped him. Two policemen were sitting in a car across the street watching. When the Negro worker asked the police to do something, they arrested Brian (attacker had left by then), charging him with "disturbing the peace by fighting."

Baker County (Newton) Ga.--As people were going to the Courthouse in Newton to register, police arrested two civil rights workers and a law student. The law student was trying to photograph a police officer. He was charged with interfering with a police officer. Roy Shields, Georgia Project Director for SNCC, was also arrested for driving without tail lights, a false charge.

Tuskegee, Ala.--A Freedom Rally was held here in front of the courthouse, attended by 250-300 people. People gathered to hear freedom songs and speeches by students on the movement. A petition concerning 13 grievances was presented to the Mayor.

Bogalusa, La.--Several people from Mississippi have come to help. Today at the march white people threw eggs and tomatoes at the marchers.

Greenwood, Miss.--About 100 people were picketing the grocery store owned by Mrs. JoDabbs, to protest unsanitary conditions and rude treatment of customers. White Volunteer Carol Watson went into the store to ask for a soda. Mrs. Dabbs said: "We don't serve sons-of-bitches in here,"

and ordered Carol out of the store. As Carol went out the door, Mrs. Dabbs smashed an empty coke bottle over her head. This was done in full view of Chief of Police Curtis Lary and two other policemen. Carol was taken to Greenwood Leflore Hospital and received 3 stitches. The people picketing began to throw bottles at Mrs. Dabbs. She went back into the store, came out with a shotgun and fired twice in the air. Police did nothing. Later they came by with riot guns, shotguns, and tear gas and patrolled the street.

Hale County, Ala.--Two churches were burned here last night. One church was pastored by Rev. Day, leader of the Hale Co. Movement, the other didn't have any mass meetings.

July 18--Greenwood, Miss.--65 people picketed the store owned by Mrs. Dabbs again today. Police (city and county) came armed with tear gas, and ordered the people to disperse.

Olive Branch, Miss. --Yesterday morning, a summer volunteer, Ray Gozzi, from Amherst, Mass., was dragged out of the car and beaten by white men. He suffered fractured ribs. The beating took place after an integrated group attempted to be served at the Pine Acres Motel Restaurant. The Negroes were served, whites were refused. This was the first integration attempt in Olive Branch.

Danton, Md.--Four people were arrested for trespassing in a migrant workers camp by Dorchester County police when they went to the camp to take part in a meeting to organize a strike. As soon as they set foot on the place they were arrested by police, who knew that they were coming. This is the fifth camp SNCC workers have been chased out of. The meeting was held anyway with the staff and Andrew Hawkins from Shaw, Miss., MFLU on one side of the road and the migrant workers on the other side.

Tuskegee, Ala.--This morning an integrated group of 25 students was attacked by a small group of whites as they attempted to integrate the Tuskegee Methodist Church. Shortly after the integrated group arrived at the church, two students were immediately forced out of the church and the doors locked. At 11:30 A.M. the police cars which had been cruising the streets, mysteriously disappeared and about 15 whites gathered opposite the front entrance of the church and began to heckle the students. The white group began attacking the students with blunt instruments and the butts of guns. Several threatened to shoot. Two of the students were taken to the John Andrews Hospital and one guy had to have 4 stitches in his head. The incident took less than five minutes after which time the police reappeared on the scene. Throughout the incident, the doors of the church remained closed. This was the fourth week they attempted to worship at the church.

July 21---Ocilla, Ga.--The Freedom House was firebombed last night. No serious damage was done. Another molotov cocktail was thrown at the house of a woman who is letting civil rights workers stay in her home.

Americus, Ga.--Mrs. Mary Bell who ran for justice of the Peace, received 332 votes according to the official count. The winner, JW Southwell, received 2,000 votes. SNCC workers believe at least 500 people actually voted for Mrs. Bell. 40 people picketed the courthouse today demanding a recount. While they were picketing whites sprayed them with water, waved guns and threw bottles at them. Police just stood by and watched.

Mrs. Bell and two other ladies were arrested and charged with blocking the entrance to the polls as they attempted to use the voting booth reserved for white women. The polls are segregated--white men, white women, and colored.

Baker County (Newton) Ga.--People have been picketing the courthouse here to get the registration office open every day instead of only one day a week. During the picketing today, a group of white boys and girls blocked the picket line. Project director Charles Sherrod was severely beaten and another worker, Jack Holt, was hit on the head by a man standing right next to the Chief of Police. Sherrod had notified the FBI that a demonstration was going to take place but no agents arrived.

Liberty, Miss.--22 people went to the courthouse and 22 people were registered. There were no incidents. This is the first time people have tried to register here since 1961.

Gould, Ark.--Homes and business places of five members of the Gould Citizens for Progress were raided on Saturday after they had taken part in a demonstration at the County seat. The purpose of the demonstration was to protest the closing of a voter registration office that had just been open in Gould for three days. During those three days, 300 Negroes and 16 whites were registered. City, County and State police made the raids. In some cases they had warrants authorizing them to search for illegal liquor, and in other cases they made the raids without warrants.

West Tennessee--Two churches were burned last night--one in Fayette County and one in Hardaman County. Neither had any connection with the movement.

Miss.

July 23--McComb--Several of the 9 maids who work at the Holiday Inn Motel have walked off their job to protest their 39¢ an hour wage and their poor working conditions.

West Tennessee--Last night the Tennessee Freedom Labor Union was formed here. Its members come from four counties--Fayette, Haywood, Hardaman, Tipton. Members are mostly farm workers and tractor drivers.

Newton, Ga.--James Barry, one of the white men who had taken part in the beating yesterday swore out a warrant for the arrest of Charles Sherrod, charging him with disturbing the peace and fighting. Later in the day the people picketed the courthouse. About 60 whites, armed with sticks, guns and knives, lined up so that the picketers had to go around them in order to get to the other picketers. Several incidents occurred. One boy was beaten by 12 white boys. When his mother went to the police office to swear out a warrant, the police refused to swear it out, and while she was standing in the office she was hit in the back of the neck by a local white man. Sherrod was bailed out.

Americus, Ga.--About 300 people marched from the Friendship Chapel to the Courthouse to protest segregation at the polls, a fixed election and beatings and arrests at the polls on Tuesday.

July 24--West Tennessee--1,000 people marched in Covington yesterday in 103° heat. There were no incidents.

Baker County (Newton) Ga.--Yesterday at the courthouse 200 whites counter picketed 5 Negro demonstrators. Later, the 5 were jumped, seriously injuring both Charles Sherrod and Isaac Simpkins.

Tuskegee, Ala.--For a fifth week, people tried to integrate all white churches here. An integrated group of 120 tried to worship at the First Methodist Church here. A deacon read the Negroes a proclamation which said that the church belonged to the congregation and they had decided through their board not to be integrated. There were no arrests.

July 27--Greensboro, Ala.--About 250 people marched again to demand that the registrar's office be opened more frequently. A barricade was put up again. There were about 15 carloads of state troopers there.

McComb, Miss.--About 30 people, including the 5 maids from the Holiday Inn, picketed two entrances of the Inn today.

Americus, Ga.--1,000 people marched to the courthouse earlier today. This evening 350 people began an all night vigil on the courthouse lawn.

July 28--Greensboro, Alabama--200 people were arrested on Main Street. They were singing near the barricade that had been set up on Main St. to keep them from marching.

Hernando, Miss--About 100 people went down to the courthouse to take the test to register to vote and about 60 passed.

July 29--Newton(Baker Co.) Ga--Charles Sherrod was arrested again today and charged with assault with intent to kill. The warrant for his arrest was sworn out by the man who beat him up last week.

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Americus, Georgia -- 350 people began an all night vigil on the courthouse lawn last night, but the demonstration broke up about 1:30.

Greensboro, Alabama -- Over 300 people were arrested when they attempted to march to the courthouse and were stopped by police.

July 29--Greensboro, Alabama -- Prisoners are in three jails: Camp Selma, Dallas County and Camp Thomaston in nearby Marengo, County. Conditions are very bad in these prisons.

July 30--Americus, Georgia -- About 50 people participated in a march and demonstration at the courthouse. There were no incidents. Around midnight last night the four women who were arrested in connection with the election of the Justice of the Peace were released.

Newton, Georgia -- 60 Negroes supported by white volunteers marched from the Plantation Grove Baptist Church through Newton. It was the first civil rights march in Baker County. 40 State Troopers were present.

July 31--Rosedale, Mississippi--40 people were arrested here last night while demonstrating in front of the jailhouse. The purpose of the demonstration was to protest the arrest and conviction of Robert Lee Jackson, a local Negro who was sentenced to 6 months in jail for disturbing the peace by profanity last Monday.

Newton, Georgia--81 people marched to the courthouse and demonstrated for two hours. 40 state troopers and 50 whites marched. There were no incidents.

Columbia, Mississippi--This morning about 1:30 am two or three firebombs were thrown on the front porch of the newly acquired Freedom House. Everyone in the house managed to get out but the fire completely destroyed one half of the house.

Americus -- Picketing began at the Quik Chek Market today and demonstrators were attacked by a group of whites while police and state troopers stood idly by.

Holly Springs -- Summer volunteer Mark Schapiro was arrested for public drunk and disorderly conduct. He was at a picnic and the charges are false.

Rosedale, Miss--People arrested here last night were taken to Parchman Penitentiary and each of them was made to drink two glasses of Milk of Magnesia. They were later brought back to the Bolivar County jail in Rosedale. White volunteer Morton Thomas was put in a cell with white prisoners who beat him so badly that he had to be taken to the hospital.