

WATS REPORT: WEDNESDAY JULY 8, 1964

unofficial report

Selma: Tom Brown: 9:30am (Atlanta time)

A press conference was held last night with ABC, UPI, AP, NBC, and New York Times. A meeting was held with adult steering committee. The decision was made to hold testing of public accommodations until Sunday (after the voter registration drive is over this week).

Today there will be picketing at the courthouse, the jail and the federal building. People will be sent out in teams of 5 or 6 each hour starting at 11:30am. They expect about 30 arrests today.

Tonight there will be a mass meeting (place not known yet). On Monday Sheriff Clark told Mr. Gildersleve of the Dallas County Voters League that he would break up all mass meetings from now on - that none would be allowed from now on. Therefore there may be trouble tonight.

Tomorrow there will be an all day mass meeting for students. Workshops will be held on all titles of the Civil Rights bill; there will be workshops on the history of songs of the movement. Students will be sent down to picket from the meeting.

BACKGROUND: Karen House was charged with trespassing and carrying a concealed weapon when arrested Saturday. The concealed weapon was a chain medallion - which she had in her pocketbook. The medallion was broken. Karen's bond is \$1000.

The Justice Department and the FBI have both been notified about plans to picket today.

McComb: 21 years old *Concussion from shock of the bomb*
Dennis Sweeney / (who's name is not on parents list) is summer volunteer from Portland, Oregon. Parents: G.L and Carol Sweeney. 6811 N.E. Hancock, Portland. Sweeney is from Stanford University, ~~kkkkkkkk~~ has been there 3 years. History major.

Re McComb: Danny Lyong
Congressman Edwards of California stayed at 702 Wall Street on Monday night, the night before the bombing. Edwards and Danny went to see the ~~kkkkkkkkkk~~ mayor of McComb yesterday afternoon asking for police patrol of the house because no police had been by at all. Edwards left McComb at about 3pm yesterday, only 12 hours before the bombing. Edwards will be contacted about the bombing by his son, Len.

Selma: Tom Brown: 12:15 noon
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Last night a man came to the Freedom House at about 3am. He tried to break in and kicked the door, broke off the mail box and tore the signs off the door and said something about the fact that he was going to get the Freedom Fighters. His daughter had been hit by a brick at the Wilbey theatre on Sunday. She was in the hospital. Tom expects that he'll probably come back again until he catches one of the SNCC workers at the house. The incident was reported to sheriff Clark and will be to the FBI.

sidewalks

The ~~kkkkkk~~ are all blocked off by the courthouse. Only people going to register can by. They will still try to get picketers down there however, within the next 15 minutes.