

WATS REPORT: THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1964

unofficial report

Gulfport: from Dotty Zellner in Greenwood: 5:45

3 summer volunteers were arrested in front of the Harrison county courthouse in Gulfport at 3:30pm this afternoon. 3 are:

Steve Miller, 18, San Francisco, white

Barry Goldstein, 21, white, New York

David Cleverdon, 22, Chicago, white

8 volunteers took ten people to the county courthouse to register. Apparently there was a rumor that a march was planned and a number of whites had gathered at the courthouse. The sheriff of Harrison county stopped the workers and the people going to register and ~~kkkkk~~ told them that all nonresidents of Harrison county would have to go across the street. Four of the volunteers went across the street. 3 stayed for a minute, and one of those asked why they would have to go across the street. The 3 were then arrested. We don't know what the charges are and we are checking on which jail they are in, the city or the county.

They are letting in people two at a time to register. Two have taken the test and have gone home. Eight are still at the courthouse. No volunteers are down there (the four who were not arrested returned home). Supposedly 15 policemen are guarding the 10 who have come to register.

Greenwood will call JD, FBI (New Orleans), ~~kkkk~~ AP in New Orleans, congressmen and foreign press ~~kkkkkkkk~~

Selma: Tom Brown (morning report)

Re registration procedures this week:

On Monday 60 numbers were given out to Negroes who went to the courthouse to register. 12 people are being taken each day of those 60 and ~~kkkkkkkk~~ none but those 12 are allowed to wait in line at the courthouse. Therefore, all places in line are taken for the week. Tomorrow however, they are going to have people go down (another Freedom Day) despite the fact that they won't have numbers. Telephone canvassing was done last night and they have commitments from a good many people.

Selma: Gwyn Brown: 5:15pm

Oliver Easton, 18 and Sharon Platt, 14, have been sent to ~~kkkkkkkk~~ picket. They will report when arrests take place

Selma: 6:30

John Lewis has been bonded out of jail. We have been unable to bond Francis Mitchell out. The two who went down to picket could not even get out of their car because there were so many posse stationed at the courthouse.

Phone number at Tabernacle: mass meeting tonight: 874-6113