

Selma: John Love

Yesterday John contacted Att. Chestnut to try to get Eric Farnum out of jail. When the two went to the jail the jailor tried to hit John, but missed. He did curse him however. Chestnut was unable to get Farnum out of jail. Later in the evening Att. Bruce Boynton drew up a writ of habeas corpus but the two judges he called refused to speak with him. John reached Att. Hall today concerning Farnum and expects to hear from him later today.

When Farnum was first arrested he was not allowed to see anyone, but later Chestnut was able to see him and he was all right at the time. He had been placed in the cell with Negroes, so staff people are less worried about his safety. They had been concerned about possible brutality while in jail.

Last night when some staff members were in town a white man who was slightly drunk came up to them and said that he thought black people should have equal rights. A group of whites overheard him and dragged him into a nearby restaurant, beat him and threw him out on the street. He was then arrested. Before he was beaten he warned one staff member that we should cancel Monday's scheduled mass meeting because there would be trouble there. Monday is Freedom Day.

Jackson: Bob Byers

Holly Springs: Last night 200 people attended a mass meeting in Holly Springs, the largest number yet to attend.

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9 people arrested at a subway station outside of entrance leading to World's Fair at about 2-3:30 including Julie Prettyman. Also: Carol Rogoff, Luvaughn Brown. They had gone there to distribute leaflets and were expecting to be arrested since some high school kids who went there yesterday to leaflet were immediately stopped by a Transit Authority policeman. Forcibly ejected from subway station, went back and were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and trespassing. Fair supposedly has a designated area where leafleting can take place; high school kids had been asked to distribute. Only appropriate place was TA boardwalk which has policy against distribution. Court ruling in 50's that so long as material is non-commercial, can distribute. They are the police station being booked, will go to night court later tonight. Lawyer Jerry Kresner, state assemblyman.

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██████████ All of the people on the tutorial ██████████ project except Mary Varela were arrested this afternoon within the last half hour. They have also been arresting Negro youngsters ██████████ attempting to integrate the Wilbur Theatre in Selma (John is not positive if that is the correct name of the theatre). A number of kids decided to go to the show and attempt to sit downstairs- there was no organization involved. John has no information about the literacy project people other than that they are in the county jail. He will call down to the county jail now.

The boys in the literacy project are Silas Norman and James Wiley. The girls are Karen House and Carol Lawson. All are Negro. They are being held under \$500 cash bond on the charges are trespassing (we believe they might have been in the theatre). ██████████ John called the county jail and received the above information concerning Karen and assumes it applies to all four. The car belonging to one of the four was parked about two blocks from the theatre and John saw the police towing it away. He believes they didn't want anyone to know the four had been arrested.

Selma: Mary Varela: 6:30pm

Corrections on above report:

1. we believe that only 4 were arrested- the four from the literacy project- no local people as far as we know.

2. location: they were arrested at or near the Thirsty Boy drive-in restaurant.

3. Charges: Mary Varela: Trespassing and carrying a concealed weapon: \$1000 bond
Mary is 21, Washington, D.C., graduate of Howard.

Jim Wiley, born Selma; lives Gary, Indiana, 21, Harvard U.; trespassing and resisting arrest: \$1000

Carol Lawson, 19, Bronx, Howard U.; trespassing: \$500.

Silas Norman: 23, Augusta, Georgia; grad. student in medical microbiology at U. of Wisconsin: trespassing: \$500.

Attorney Hall has been contacted about the cases. Most likely the four will remain in jail until Monday. Mary will attempt to raise bond money.

I also contacted Att. Solomon Saey in Montgomery who has names of Mary and John Love: he can be used in case of emergencies when Att. Hall can not be reached.

Will try to get Att. Chestnut of Selma to see the four tomorrow.