July 8

Watts Report from Jackson Bill Light 1:40 AM taken by Karen Haberman

MCOMB Miss. time

3:20 Jackson received a call that a house in McComb had been bombed, 702 Wall St. The entire front end of the house smashed in. Curtis Hayes was cut up by a smashed window. He had cuts all over his arms, face and body but he is not badly hurt. Police and fire dept. showed up 20 minutes later. Two quart oilcans were found facing the left front of the house. Before the blast, no one heard anything. The people in the house were George Greene, Handy Sampstone, Denis Sweeney, Curtis Hayes, D. Mcord, Sherry Everitt, Pat Walker, Freddy Greene, Clint Hopson, Jesse Harris. Sweeney had a couple of cuts but it is not serious. He had been sleeping in the same room as did C. Hayes.

After the blast about 100 Negroes gathered and were standing outside. Curtis tried to get a doctor but couldn't however he is all right, he says he was sort of knocked unconscious and didn't hear anything before that. George Greene said that he heard three explosions second after second. Said were like gunshots only was louder. Hayes is 21, a native of McComb. SNCC worker and Negro.

John Doar called 5:30 AM

Geo Greene 20 Gwood Miss SNCC

Freddy Greene 19 sister of above SNCC

Julius Samstein white 25 NYC SNCC

Dennis Sweeney white 21 Portland Ore. summer vol. concussion from shock of bomb

Curtis Hayes 22 McComb SNCC

Don Mcord white 26 Stafford Kansas NCC

Sherry Everitt 19 Negro Pittsburg Shaw College

Pat Walker NYC CORE

Clinton Hopson 26 Asbury Pk NJ law stu Howard

Jesse Harris 22 Jackson SNCC

2:25 pm SELMA ALA.
16 arrested today / picking up off the street
towed Tom Brown's car away; ransacked it - took his briefcase and are carrying it around
picketers on steps of fed blg: Ernie McMillan 19 Dallas SNCC staff
Samuel Nowal 13 Selma
Willie Talbert 20 Selma

continued picketing as palpned if they can get the kids down to area
to solicitor Blanchard McLeod has been making the arrests

2:35 called John Doar
Forman calling Fred Grey to get Lewis and Mitchell out
Selma: Tom Brown: 9:30am (Atlanta time)

A press conference was held last night with ABC, UPI, AP, NEC, 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 staring 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. Gilderslev 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—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.

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McCob: 21 years old

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, has been there 3 years. History major.

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Re McComb: Danny Lyon

Congressman Edwards of California stayed at 702 W. Street on Monday night, the night before the bombing. Edwards and Danny went to see the Hubskids 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.

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Selma: Tom Brown: 12:15 noon

white

Last night a man came to the Freedom House about 3am. He tried to break in and kicked the door, broke of 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 Wilkey 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 sidewalks 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.
SALISBURY: Tom Brown: 2:15 pm
16 people have just been arrested. Three were arrested while picketing on the steps of the federal building. They were: Ernest Nakhillan, 19, Dallas, SMOO staff; Samuel Hewel, 13, Salem
Willie Talbert, 20, Salem
Approximately 13 others were picked up off the street. We don't know the charges on any of the 16. It has been reported that Blanchard Adcock, County Solicitor is doing the arresting.
They plan to continue picketing if they can get the picketers to the courthouse and federal building without getting arrested.
Tom Brown's car has been towed away and run in and he got a ticket. He says his brief case is being carried around by (we think) one of the police (MUST CHECK THIS)
The brief case contained SMOO materials.

Washington: John Dear: 2:35 pm
Called Dear's office and left the details of Salina's arrest with his secretary because he was on another line.

Moosely (From Dotty Zellner in Greenwood)
Dennis Steeney, Portland, Oregon received a slight concussion from last night's blast. Dr. Rob. Coles in in hospital now and says that his condition is OK.

COLUMBUS, MISS:
From Greenwood
Jim
Two volunteers arrested here at 2:00 pm. They were confronting five voter registration and when they came out of the lady's house, they were picked up - apparently by city police. The lawyers went to see the then at the city jail (where they are being held) and couldn't get in to see them.

O. S. Bearden, 16, Quincy, New York City, Junior at Cornell
Steven Easter, 19, Boston, Great Neck, N.Y. again at 7 of Wisconsin Warren Galloway, 21, Norfolk, Nebraska, son at Virginia Union.

AGSLAND, MISS:
SMO staff Olave Johnson arrested for reckless driving at 2:30 pm.
Bond $50. At forest city jail (phone: 2521) student at Howard U. 20 years old. They have the beard image and are trying to get him out. FBI and JB called on this and Johnson.

Salina: Tom Brown Spa
Rev. R. P. Reaves, President of the Dallas County Voters League was arrested at 3:15 pm today while taking pictures of demonstrators downtown.
There have been no other arrests since then. Since they have no transportation here (SMOO staff being demanded by police) they have not been able to get students to the courthouse or federal building to picket.
The mass meeting for tonight is not yet definite because the minister whose church was to be used is not certain if he wants the meeting held.

Ruleville: taken from Judy Richardson, Greenwood 5th Ave.
At 5tham this morning James Dunn, 23, of Mrs. Vintage,Colift, was thrown out of Sunflower County circuit clerk's office. He had accompanied Mrs. Amybell Campbell there to help her register to vote. When they entered four white men, including the deputy registrar were there. The deputy told them to "get out of my office," another white man grabbed him by the back of the neck and forcefully threw him out. Deputy told man Campbell, "there will be no right to voting down here with this white trash. You can register along but you can't come here with these niggers.
He's not a resident of Sunflower county and he has no right to be in the courthouse." He said in loud and threatening tones while waving a finger at Mrs. Dunn.
She applied to register anyway. But complained to the sheriff's office. Sheriff W.A. Schwell agreed he had the right to be in the courthouse. The sheriff complained to Dan about John Harris harassing police yesterday (Harris is a SMOO worker).
He said, "We're not going to let it happen again today.
Ten persons tried to register from Ruleville, Missand and Drew yesterday and today. We have two reports of Indiana police telling local Negroes to have nothing to do with white agitators. There is a third report of an employer threatening to fire two Negroes if they act anything to do with white people.

Jackson:
NAACP board members were sworn an and spot upon by local citizens on the steps of the capital building in front of TV cameras today.
COLUMBUS, MISS. — details on arrests From Sayer / Good

Bernard, Joel — charge: trespass Galloway, Warren — bond: $500 Fraser, Steven — charge: trespass and public profanity $1,000 b.

The three summer workers had gone into a white gas station to get a coke in the midst of doing voter registration canvassing. They had their aces (apparently inside the station) with no difficulty and then proceeded to canvass. About 15 minutes later a police car drove up, questioned Fraser and drove around the block. The police then arrested Fraser, put him in the car and drove around the block again. Then the city police arrested Bernard at which time a white man over to the police car and said, "There's the other nigger," pointing to Galloway who was seeking refuge in a woman's house. Galloway came out (apparently not wanting to involve the local w man) and was also arrested.

Sayer says William Pitts Ryan should get daily reports of some kind.

WASHINGTON, D.C. From Tillot ROUNDOUP ON STATE RESOLUTIONS RE FDP Massachusetts state convention, June 19 passed resolution — California state executive committee, June 27 (prior to that the Calif. Democratic Council passed resolution in February) New York state executive committee, June 16 Minnesota state convention, June 26 Wisconsin state convention, June 19-20 Michigan state convention, June 12-13 (with help of Ann Arbor, Lansing and Detroit Friends groups) Oregon state convention, June 27 Colorado — two resolutions adopted by the two largest counties in the state which will be carried to state convention July 16 District of Columbia district executive committee, July 6.

Note: The resolutions vary from requesting seating of FDP delegates (Michigan) to requesting credentials committee to accept only those delegates whose state parties are pledged to the national, etc.

Press conference went off well, Tillot said. Miss Baker was held up due to weather interference with her flight. Mrs. Ramor and Sherrod were there.

There will be another press conference in DC for the FDP July 22, with congressional people from various states.

Salma: Sam Brown: 6:10p

They had to cancel their mass meeting because all the ministers he's contacted say they've been getting threats and they don't want their churches used.

All the juveniles arrested today have been put in solitary (nine juveniles, court are 14 and 15, one 13 year old) — men thought together arrested the 13 year old. They have charged bond requirements against the son doesn't know what they are.

16 possesed came to Tom's mother-in-law house 537 D George Washington Carver Project and searched the house, ostensibly for Terry Shaw, local Negro who works with the movement.

Re report of brief case being taken from car Dep. Sheriff Crockett was the man who was carrying it.

They are still trying to have the mass meeting for students tomorrow/ they might have to use the Catholic church but are trying to get another church.

Picketing will continue and work for Tuesday day on Friday will also continue.

Every night this week a group of white citizens from Dallas County have met/ out on highway 80. There are no specific reports as to what they have not about, but it is believed that the meetings are directly connected with demonstrations, etc.

A fresh crew of state troopers (ten cars) were moved into Selma today. There are other law officers with uniforms that are unknown in the area. On 17 it was announced that 2 prisoners from one camp and 3 from another escaped today. The report connected the escape with the arrest of too many Black officers to Selma and the lack of their names.

LAUREL, MISS. Ten Miss. Time from Greenwood M King McKinnie missing Gwen Robinson tried at city, county and workhouse in Laurel tonight to find McKinnie. Jail officials claim he is the jurisdiction of the other and say they do not know whereabouts. He was known to have been in the workhouse yesterday when local people reported he was there alone and accessible to too people. He was arrested Sunday in connection with 62 sit-in charge on grounds that he had lost the appeal at the county level. FBI agent in Laurel's name is Robert E. Lee.