

July 15, 1964

Report taken by William Porter

McComb, Miss. Time: 8:30 Atlanta time

32 people attended Freedom Schools in McComb., ages ranged from 8 to 19 years. The schools are conducted by Ralph Featherspoon, and SNCC staff at 702 Wall Street. Evening classes will be set up on Monday for adults. They will have Math., English, Science, French, and Civics.

Greenwood, Miss. Report called in by Stu House. 6:25 first arrest
Taken by Brenda Travis Atlanta time 9:20 Miss. time

Drew Miss. 23 arrests including 3 kids at 6:25 Miss., both male and female in jail together, children refuse to be released from jail.

(unconfirmed) arrests were made at a mass meeting held out side of Holly Grove Baptist Church., which was the scene of yesterday's arrests unconfirmed charges are blocking side walk and or Street. Curtis FLOYD police chief of Drew made arrests. Charles MacLaurin gave report.
MacLauren called from a water department building which is next door to

the jail. There was a policeman right next to him. MacLauren expressed concern for the safety of the people in the jail because the jail is located by the side of the main road and also near a railroad track. He described it as a "dungeon type thing". He was arrested with: Gretchen Schwartz, 20, Sunny Vale, Calif, Mike Yarrow, 23, Philly, George Winter, Ione, Calif, Jeff Sachar, NYC, James Dann, Calif, Chris Hexter, Saint Louis, Missouri, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, and Ellen Siegel, Boston, all volunteers, white.

Also arrested Charles MacLauren, SNCC staff, Negro and the following local people from Ruleville: John Clark, Paul Jackson, Ora Doss, Betty Surney, Linda Beberly.

There are no lawyers in Ruleville of Drew, some tomorrow morning will go from Greenwood to Drew.

Report from John Harris, re: Drew, Miss., from Greenwood.

James Gresham one of the deacons working with the church was contacted by the police and told to order the people off the church property. The Negroes then went to a private vacant lot across the street and at this point the police rounded up the old woman who owned the lot. She came out and told the Negroes and volunteers to "get off my property". there was no warrant involved. MacLauren then said that the rally would either be in the lot or in the street so they moved into the street. Then arrested for blocking the street. Harris said that they were now in a barbed wire compound.

Report from Len Edwards re: Drew Miss.

At the time of the arrest, there was a WCC meeting in the cafe next to the city hall. There were cars and trucks all over, The mayor of Indianola was there. There were guns in at least 4 trucks. Harris also reported that there was considerable white activity in the area tonight at the time of the arrest. 4 city police and 7-8 auxiliary police were on duty at the time of the arrest. Police department seemed aware of the possibility of white activity but the area is still a potentially explosive situation.

LATE REPORT: people moved from city jail to Indianola county jail.