

ITTA BENA Stu House/Wan GroganLocal volunteer worker arrested on unknown charges.

Willie McGee, SNCC project director in Itta Bena, called to report the arrest of Clinton Loggins, 16, a local volunteer working in voter registration, who had been arrested about 9 pm by Deputy Edward Weber in Itta Bena. The charges are not known. He is believed to be in the Leflore County jail. The Itta Bena police, the Leflore C. sheriff (at home), the Greenwood police, and the county jailer know nothing about him. The jailer admits that Weber had brought in a prisoner, but all he knows is that "I jast locked him up."

Local authorities know that he, Loggins, is the cousin of McGee. The FBI in Memphis and the Justice Dept. have been notified. John Dear was called. FBI Memphis was called around 10:00 pm. JD and John Dear were called about 10:15 pm.

Background information: McGee saw Clinton and his mother downtown on the day of the arrest. Clinton said that a white boy had attempted to run over him with a blue motor scooter bearing a Confed. flag. McGee reports that the boy is seen at least once a day nearby the workers. The mother mentioned at that time that Weber had been by her house three times that day looking for Clinton. He said he wanted to "straighten out some of this mess." He didn't say what mess he was talking about.

8:30: Loggins mother, Mrs. ~~WATW~~ Dorthea Loggins, came by to report her son's arrest to McGee. She had spoken to the deputy who refused to answer when she asked why ~~WA~~ didn't he arrest the white boy instead of her boy. He also refused to state the charges to the mother.

Replies when officials were called by S. House:

- County Jail: 453-5141 (Sheriff's Office) no answer.
- Sheriff George Smith, Leflore County (home): 453-2667; He said: "I don't know nothing about it."
- County Jailer: 453-4234; "Don't know nothin' about it...." "I just locked him up"
- Edward Weber (home): 254-3831; no answer, then told he was not in.
- Itta Bena Police: 254-3401; "Ain't seen Ed; think he went to Greenwood."
- Greenwood Police: 453-3311; "Try the County Jail or Sheriff"
- McGee's no.: 254-7637 (home of a neighbor)