

WATS LINE DIGEST July 19, 1964

Vicksburg: About 175 have gone down to courthouse since start of summer; all took test.

Columbus: Two voter reg. workers detained in jail in Aberdeen for 4 hours after being picked up as suspicious strangers and refusing to be driven out of town and left on a highway by police. 2) 17 people supposed to go to courthouse yesterday didn't show--scared. A Negro maid lost job when informed white employers she had signed Freedom Registration.

Holly Springs: Batesville wing over Holly Springs in first baseball game.

Greenwood: As of yesterday there were to be visiting privileges at jail; now none--78 year old man at County Farm is without his medicing. Allowed in at jail later, but not at farm.

Canton: Two white summer volunteers, Federal Projects workers, beaten after being turned away from white church. Attackers between 50 and 65; dress indicated they were not on way to church.

Oxford: Ol' Miss. student who has had Rust College contacts had seat covers slashed while car parked outside faculty home; threatening note left. Harrasment before, but can't get administration to act.

Clarksdale: Group of 4 workers tried to integrate 4 churches--refused at all.

Biloxi: Voter reg. worker chased, threatened by two men in pick-up truck.

Canton: checking out burning of Christian Union Church.

2) Minister from National Council beaten by local men in Carthage.

Meridian: "Every Member Vote" campaign begun today in Negro churches--minister makes announcements.

Batesville: Town marshæll threatened workers at mass meeting in Crowder. (13 to 15 miles away). Said "lucky I have no gun in here...wish I didn't have my badge on...."

Biloxi: White Project worker arrested for trespass in restaurant (white) where he had worked for one day until owner discover he was cr worker. Owner turned him into police when he went back to restaurant.

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Batesville: Mass meeting tonight--very well advertised.

Greenville: 9 shots fired at car workers went to mass meeting in. Two workers threatened that white mob would form at place where they were staying.

Biloxi: Local Negro leadership wary of COFO.

Laurel: Voter reg. workers being followed by green volks.

Hattiesburg: White volunteer beaten downtown as left bank with two other Freedom school teacher. Assailant hit from behind--no words exchanged.