

HELENA, ARKANSAS (James Jones/Arlene)

Eight SNCC people testing the CR Bill tried to be served in two places in Helena on Tuesday, July 21 at 3:00 pm. In one restaurant they were served without incident. In a drugstore the lights were turned off when the group entered. The group left and were followed in their car by a police car for several blocks. There was some discussion with the police regarding whether they had stopped at a stop sign but no arrests were made.

MARVEL, ARKANSAS (James Jones/Arlene)

Jr. Corbin and Prince C-----, both Negro residents who are familiar to the SNCC workers, went to a service station on July 18 to buy gas. They went in to eat and ordered a lb. of bologna. The man started cutting the bologna, cut more than a lb., and the two told him it was too much. He began to curse them. He then hit Jr. with a billy stick and fractured his left arm. He hit Prince in the head and knocked him down. Prince's left wrist was fractured and he required 18 stitches in his head. As the two were leaving, 6 more white men came in and began threatening them. Prince and Jr. left without further interference and were not followed. When the police investigated at the eating place, the man who had waited on Prince and Jr. told the cops that the two had come into his place and tried to attack him with a knife. Marvel (?) is 18 miles south of Helena, Arkansas)

NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI via Jackson (Rudd/Grogan) July 22, 5:00 am
The two lawyers, Robert O'Connell and L. Thomas Brian, that were unaccounted for since 8:30 am July 21, have been FOUND. They had simply failed to contact anyone or to check in when they arrived in Natchez.

McComb: Lee Garrett

The Mt. Vernon Church was bombed last night. The church is near Percy Quinn Park which is in Pike County on the Amite border. The bombing occurred between 10:30 and 11:30pm. The church has not been used for voter registration activity because it was considered too far out into the county and too close to Amite. So far, none of the churches bombed have been directly involved with voter

McComb: 1:45pm

Don McCord, Dennis Sweeney, and two lawyers from Jackson went to the site of the burned church. It had been burned to the ground. They were unable to find anyone who was a witness to the burning, but since all four were white there is a possibility the people were afraid to give any information.

The church, the Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist (correction of above) is located four blocks from the Mt. Zion church which was burned last week.

The Freedom School is being held in St. Paul's Methodist Church in McComb now.

Selma: John Love

Alvery Williams was released from Montgomery County jail yesterday. A bonding company was used to pay his fine. When Alvery was in jail in Selma he had been beaten. He was allowed to see a doctor once, but not allowed a second visit. When he went to jail in Montgomery they shaved his head, baring his head wound, but said the wound was not bad enough to warrant medical attention. Alvery feels that they knew he was involved in civil rights and therefore wouldn't let him see the doctor.

Natchez: George Greene 2pm

This morning Michael Harvey, 20, Natchez, was picked up by police while walking with George Greene and Chuck McDew. When the police station was called they said that they had only picked him up to talk with him and that he had been released. Harvey had been telling Greene and McDew about a man who was shot last evening when he was picked up. We have been unable, therefore to get any additional information yet. ~~kkkkk~~

George reports that when he first entered Natchez in October 1963 there were about 10 policemen in Natchez. Now he says that there are about 75. He also reports having seen 7 or 8 FBI men this morning in Natchez, and he believes there may be as many as 20 or 30 in the city. Ted Harrington of the Criminal Division of the Justice Department is meeting with Chief of Police J.T. ~~Rrbington~~ and the Mayor of Natchez. George and Chuck will be meeting with the mayor this afternoon to 'introduce themselves' and tell ~~kkkk~~ him of their voter registration plans.

They are having some difficulties with their landlady--she was with them when they were ~~kkk~~ stopped by the police yesterday and she is afraid to rent them the house. She wants them out, but they will try to stay. The only other possible place available is in the county and they feel that it would be too dangerous.

Laurel: Mary King

We have been evicted from the office (or Freedom House, not sure) in Laurel for the second time. It is believed that white pressure on the real estate man led to the eviction.

Greenwood: John Lewis

Last night's rallies at the Elks Hall and Turner Chapel were very successful. Crowds of people came out. The Klan had a plane which flew low over the community and dropped leaflets over ~~the~~ Turner Chapel.

Greenwood: Dotty Zellner

This afternoon four girls who participated in demonstrations and were arrested last week were arrested in their homes. Three, Dorothy Weathers, Arance Brooks, and Bernice Cole, were arrested on charges of assault and battery against police officers.

A fourth, Betty Barnes, was arrested on charges of public profanity.

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Leland, Miss. (from Greenwood)

A group went into Leland yesterday for the first time. Willie Rollins, Leslie Turner and three Mississippi Student Union girls were amongst them. They were handing out leaflets (for a precinct meeting?) when Rollins was picked up by police and taken to the station. He was held on charges of forging a check, but was released after they questioned him concerning COFO.

The group was staying at ~~the~~ Cage's Cafe. They were told by the manager that if they didn't leave he would lose the cafe. When ~~the~~ Rollins and Turner were leaving yesterday a white man pulled up and told them they had 24 hours to get out of town.

This morning when the Greenwood office called ~~the~~ Cage's they were told that the group had left.

Jackson: from Mary King

Yesterday Robert David Osman, 19, Brooklyn, white, was beaten while walking with Marion Savio 21, Berkeley in Jackson. Osman was beaten by two men with billy clubs who had driven up in a car with 1963 plates. ~~Osman was~~ Osman was en route from Holmes County to McComb. He is still in Jackson and is OK

Lexington: from M. King

Robert Garofolo, ~~21~~ 19, East Haven, Connecticut was beaten while waiting in front of the courthouse in Lexington on Tuesday, July 21. A car with two whites pulled up and one got out and started to beat Garofolo. He fell into a crouching position and the guy stopped. A report yesterday stated that George Carnathan had been arrested by the sheriff's deputy as the assailant on a warrant taken out by the sheriff.

Forrest County: from M. King

Charles Glenn was arrested on Tuesday, July 21 on an indictment for perjury ~~by~~ by the Forrest County Grand Jury. Glenn was originally in the Pascagoula jail, but he was moved and we do not know where he is now. Att. Ben Smith is handling the case.

Natchez: from M. King

George Greene and Chuck McDew met with the Mayor of Natchez yesterday. The mayor mentioned that most of the nationally publicized shipment of arms to vigilante groups had gone into the county area and not in Natchez itself. He also claimed to be in favor of voter registration. *****

Jackson: Hollis Watkins was arrested for speeding last night (in 70mph zone). Paid fine of \$29.