

WATS REPORT: JULY 26, 1964

Helena, Arkansas: Larry Seigel

20 cars and two motorcycles driven by whites ~~kkk~~ drove by the freedom house repeatedly last night. They were not able to ~~kkk~~ get any license numbers, but one of the cars was a '62 red Dodge station wagon.

The FBI in Little Rock was called and they said they could not do anything, but they did call the Helena police and told them of the situation. Today the chief of police of West Helena came to the house. He said that parents of some of the students we've worked with and American Legion people have complained about SNCC workers and their influence on the local students (the Hut is run by the American Legion- Negro). The chief threatened to charge SNCC workers with contributing ~~kk~~ to the delinquency of minors.

Tomorrow the FBI will come by the house to discuss the testing that has been done, and ~~kkkk~~ ~~kkkk~~ Joe Wright, Larry Seigel, etc. will talk with them about the incident last night.

When the chief of police came by today he asked them (what did you call the FBI for?--he seemed to be very disturbed that they had been called, and wanted to avoid any publicized incident.

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MORE FROM GREENWOOD FROM DOTTY ZELLNER AT 2:08 ATLANTA TIME

At 12:58, Greenwood time, Judy called to say that Sheriff Smith of Leflore County was to escort them from the hospital. They arrived back at the SNCC office at 1:10 (approx.) Greenwood time.

July 27, 1964

Selma: John Love

Sheriff Clark has closed the Elks Club today claiming that John Love and some others had met with a northern minister in an 'unauthorized meeting' - (one which would break the injunction. In fact, Selma leaders did meet with ~~kkk~~ with the minister on Saturday, but not at the Elks Club. The minister is also working developing white contacts in Selma and seems to be having some success.

Testing of public accommodations in Selma by pairs of airforce men from Craig Airforce Base was to have begun today, but it was not, as far as we know.

Pine Bluff: Jim Jones

Jim's trial on the reckless driving charge was held today. ~~kkkk~~ The arresting officer D.W. Jarnette claimed that Jim had been driving 70mph and had skidded considerably when he had stopped for a light so that Jarnette had to step on the gas to avoid being hit by Jim's car. He also added other ~~kkkk~~ details about Jones's alleged reckless driving. In fact, when Jim was stopped by Jarnette he had just turned onto a very badly paved road and was practically at a standstill because there was a dip in the road. Jim's fine was \$51 plus court costs.

Claude King was convicted on the concealed weapon charge. Jarnette claimed that he had been in the club they were near earlier, had gotten into a fight and had gone for his gun to kill the man he fought with. He claimed (and had the police ready to back up) that the city police were looking for him. King was fined \$50 plus costs.

Neither was able to give his story, but only had the opportunity to plead not guilty. Throughout the prosecutor reminded the Judge that Jones was a civil rights worker.

The convictions will be appealed.

Helena: Jones

Last night cars of whites again circled and parked in front of the Freedom House. There was no violence however. There has been considerable intimidation of any local people who come in contact with SNCC workers and fear is great. The attempts of officials to turn the Negro community against the workers is partially successful. Interested students ~~kkk~~ have difficulty with their parents. There will be a mass meeting in Helena on July 31 at Methodist church of Rev. Lyles. Should help matters