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#### HAYNESVILLE CON'T

in the house also saw a '64 Dodge. Someone tried to break in the house. The kids said they heard voices that sounded like two whitemen. The shots that were fired went from the front of the house to the back. One of them lodged in the refrigerator. The county sheriff investigated the next morning. The Justice Department said that it would be a couple of days before they could get someone to investigate.

#### OPELIKA via Selma Shirley Walker/bab

50-60 people were arrested today by city police. The people were on their way to present a petition to the mayor, asking that the court house be opened more days for registration. They were arrested before they reached the court house and charged with parading without a permit. They were taken to the Lee County jail. The Bond is set at \$100 property and \$17.50 cash. Included in the arrests were Tom Millican, white leader of the Young Democrats at Auburn University, and Kitty Payne, of the Southern Courier.

According to the sheriff, 4 of the people arrested were local whites. They were arrested for carrying a bomb, assaulting a photographer, etc. 10 juveniles were released the same day arrested. By Thursday, all but 6 of the people had been bonded out.

CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI Harriet Tanzman/bab SCHOOL REPORT  
Fourteen students registered to attend the white high school in Cleveland, grades 10-12. Yesterday several students received letters from the Supt of Schools stating that they couldn't attend school if they were over 18 or had had a baby, and that some courses won't transfer with credit to the white high school. The students are asking the Inc. Fund to take action.

Today the boss at the Cleveland Cement Company told a Negro man that he would be fired if his daughter attended the white school. The daughter is going any way.

There is a suit filed in the name of several local residents of Bolivar County to integrate hospitals, health clinics, and other public accommodations throughout the county.

#### COLUMBIA, MISS Curtis Styles/bab

Trial for the people arrested last Saturday while picketing the Sunflower store, came up Monday. The people were found guilty of trespassing in the City Court. LCDC lawyer handled the case. They will appeal. The picketers didn't cross the line drawn by the store manager, and there were no incidents. One of the demonstrators, Richard Attlee, was thrown in a cell with three white drunks who started to rough him up. 15 minutes later, a police came in and stopped them. Picketing was resumed yesterday.

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THURSDAY

WATS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2, 1965

NATCHEZ Doris Ladner and Bill Ware/jeanne and Jon  
This morning Governor Paul Johnson ordered 600 National Guard into Natchez. Workers feel the reason for this is to try and crush the spirit of the people. The Guards have blocked off the entrance to the town. They are also checking all cars that enter and leave the town. The area is very tense and there is rumor that the Negroes are arming themselves. Last night there was a large rally at the New Zion Church, attended by close to 2000 people. Charles Evers of the NAACP and Bill Ware of SNCC spoke. It was decided that the people would march today if the list of demands presents to the mayor last Saturday was not met by today. The demands were: an end to police brutality, equal hiring practices, the denociation of the Klan by Mayor Nossor, desegregation of schools, parks and public facilities, equal treatment of Negro policemen, Negroes added to the school board, end to holding up check of welfare receipients if they participated in the movement, police escort for Negro funerals, housing cose directed at slums. The mayor held a meeting today with the city council. They decided to reject the list of demands from the Negroes. The Negroes held a meeting out side the house of George Metcalf, president of the NAACP who was blown up in his car last week. Evers asked the people not to march because he felt they were out numbered. Bill Ware was arrested tonight at 9:56 for violating the 10:00 curfew imposes on the town by the mayor. He is being held on \$200 bond. The mayor has also closed up all Negro cafes.

LAUREL Gwen Robinson/jeanne  
1:30 this morning a car tossed something into a truck owned by COFO in Laurel. The truck was completely demolished. The police were notified, they took pictures of the truck. Last week the FBI notified U. Everett, SNCC worker, that word was out that something would happen to the truck, and that he should be careful.

WASHINGTON SNCC Marion Barry/jeanne  
Thirty-five people from Baker County, Southwest Georgia, picketed the Justice Department in Washington today. The group also plans to picket the Office of Education. On yesterday, they lobbied withnCongressmen. This morning they had a meeting with Congressman John Conyer of Michigan. He agreed to hold a press conference for them tomorrow.

GREENSBORO via Selma Shirley Walker/jeanne  
Approximately 35 students have applied for transfers from the Hales County Training School to the Greensboro HS and to the Acron HS in Acron, Ala., about 18 miles from Greensboro. Six of the students have been notified by the Supt of Education, Robert E. Raymond, that they were accepted. The others were rejected. The Negro parents have decided to take their kids to the school even though theyhave been rejected tomorrow. A boycott is planned for the Negro school. The Hale County Improvement Assciation was issued an injunction by Judge Thomas of Mobile, stating not to interfere with school and

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Monday, September 6, 1965

LITTLE ROCK Bill Hansen/jeanne

Today was registration day for schools in Gould Ark. Several kids who signed forms to transfer were turned down.. They were told by the school supt. that they could not attend school because the white school was overcrowded. volunteer Laura Foner (N.Y.) was ordered into a police car at the school. The police chief and the president of the school board told her to get out of town. The police chief said they would cut off her head and put it in the river. She was then let out of the car; Laura will probably swear out a warrant. The Negro school is much more overcrowded. Gould is 85% Negro.

VICTORIA, Va. Betty Cummings/jeanne

On Saturday, Sept. 4, four or workers entered a Klan rally in couples. There were about 100 people there. They were recognized and assaulted; they swore out warrants. The FBI refused to take any action

HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss. Rita Walker/jon \*SCHOOL REPORT\*

Students attending white schools: 27 in Holly Springs, 47 in Benton, 9 in Vahalia. Last Thursday Dr. Kinsley of Rust College and a local FDP worker went to the welfare office to complain about treatment of illegitimate children; they were arrested for "public drunkenness". Trial is Wed.

A petition with almost 400 signatures was sent with a letter requesting that anti-poverty money for Marshall County be held up until a more representative board is established. The petition was sent to Floyd Pekoe, The Anti-poverty Program Southern Director.

LCDC is considering a suit in Lafayette County on school integration. The County said only students with an A average could transfer. Later they limited acceptance to the daughter of a wealthy Negro. He refused to send her alone.

NATCHEZ Charlie Harawitz/jon

The FDP had a meeting tonight with 150-200 people; the NAACP met at the same time with about 300 people. The FDP meeting elected a seven man committee to meet with Mayor Nossor to present the twelve demands a second time. The NAACP boycott has been ineffective. The National Guard has officially left town.

Bill Ware, Clarence Bridgewater and Eddie Williams of Natchez were arrested at 10:30 PM for violating the 10:00 curfew. They were going to a restaurant after the FDP meeting. Bill Ware and all others previously arrested for curfew violations had their charges dropped this morning. Bail for the three is \$200.

PLEASE NOTE: THE ATLANTA OFFICE NOW HAS SOMEONE AT THE WATS LINE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL. ASK FOR JEANNE BREAKER OR JON STEINBERG.



TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 1965

CLEVELAND, MISS. via Jackson Jesse McGhee/jeanne

The Cleveland branch of the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union is now protesting and demonstrating against the Micheal's Cafe in Cleveland. Ten members of the union walked off their job at the all white cafe to protest the low wages that they are receiving. They were told by the police that if they picket in front of the cafe, they would all be arrested because they didn't have a permit to picket. Lou King, MFLU volunteer, called The National Labor Relation Board in Washington. He was told that if this was a labor dispute for higher wages and not concerning civil rights, they didn't need a permit to picket. The man he talked with gave him the name of a man in Memphis that he should contact in case people were arrested while picketing.

CLEVELAND Lou King/jon

No picketers were arrested at the Michael's cafe. Police Chief Dempsey just watched them from across the street. The strikers are asking for \$1.25 an hour for cooks and \$1.66 an hour for kitchen help, with a 48 hour week. Some of the strikers had worked up to 77 hours a week, with pay starting at 42¢ an hour. The entire day shift and part of the night shift walked off. The owner has hired six scabs, but they are not experienced cooks and business has fallen off considerably.

ROLLING FOLK, MISS. Molly Hagen/jeanne

The two Negro families who were made to leave their homes by plantation bosses for registering their kids at the previously all white school in Sharkey County moved onto the Louis Howard place, a Negro farmer. Today, they found that a ditch had been dug by a tractor that cuts across the road that leads to the house. There is a sign on the ditch that says "Bridge Out". The people are stranded across the street without any water, they don't have running water and had to go across the street to get it. Now it is very difficult for them to carry anything across the ditch.

GREENWOOD, MISS. Sam Block/jeanne

The families of two Negro girls who were accepted at the previously all white school in Philip, Miss., Tallahatchie County, are constantly being harrassed by local whites. The father of Ethel Lee Holmes, was called into town by several local whites and told that he better keep his girl from going to the white school. Some white men went to the home of the other girl, took her father out side and beat him up very badly. They also shot him in both of his legs. They dared him to see a doctor.

NEWTON, GEORGIA BAKER COUNTY Charles Sherrod/jon

This morning 50 people attempted to go with Negro students to register at the white Baker County High School. Sheriff Johnson stopped all the car. The ones that didn't have any students in them he sent to the Superintendent's office. The Supt. didn't talk to them. There will probably be a boycott of the Negro school in support of the 166 students who registered for the all white schools and the five Negro bus drivers who have been fired.

HATTIESBURG, MISS Phyllis Cunningham/jon

Three Negroes were accepted at the white school. Brings total to 29. Co. schools in Forest Co. have not intergrated and only have enough money for 5 months of operation.



Saturday October 2, 1965

SIDON, MISSISSIPPI Liz Fusco/Jeanne

A storm blew over the tent in Sidon that was being used by the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union for people who had been put off plantations. When the people took the tent down to be fixed, it was discovered that the tent was rotten. They had only had the tent for a couple of months. The people decided that they would take the tent back to the place where they bought it. They did this but the owner of the place was not there. Later, Liz Fusco called the place and talked with the owner's wife. She told Liz that they didn't exchange, and that all of the tents were alike. Liz asked if this meant that all of the tents were rotten, the lady answered, no. The wife then said that if Liz was from Tribbett, Miss., they didn't exchange. Tribbett was one of the first MFLU chapters that purchased tents from this place.

It is the feeling of the people in the MFLU that as soon as cotton picking season is over lots of people are going to be fired from their plantations.

VICKSBURG, MISS.

All outside civil rights workers have left the city and the local FDP is in the process of reorganizing activities. They are also developing a library.

NATCHEZ Bert Watkins, Bill Ware, Mark Lunden/Jeanne, Muriel, Judy

This morning approximately 700 people were arrested as they attempted a march from the Beulah Baptist Church to downtown Natchez. The march came after a mass meeting at the church. At first when the people tried to march they were turned around. They tried again and were all arrested within a block of the church. They were all tried with breaking a city injunction. The injunction was issued yesterday against 20 people, including Charles Evers, Richard Sampson, SCLC worker, Bill Ware, Dorie Ladner and Posey Lombard, injoining them from participating or encouraging others to participate in demonstrations, etc. At the time of the arrests, Evers and Sampson said that they would stay in jail and fast.

The people were put into buses, fire wagons, and police cars and taken to the city auditorium. Three of the people, Louis Easten, Clarence Bridgewater and Eddie Williams (all local FDP volunteers) were separated from the others and taken to the city jail. There they were roughed up by the city police. The three were singled out from a crowd by the police and arrested.

Also arrested were Posey Lombard, James Gibson, SCLC, and Charlie Horowitz and Phil Lapansky, who arrested as he stood on the steps of the church.

All of the minors were released. 116 adults were taken to either parchman or Jackson jail. Charles Evers was also released.

On yesterday 17 people, mostly minors, were arrested for breaking the injunction as they picketed the downtown stores. The Negro community in Natchez has been boycotting the downtown merchants for about three weeks. The boycott is almost 100% effective by both whites and Negroes.

This afternoon, 16 more people were arrested for picketing. Bond was set for \$200 for all of the picketers and the marchers.

There were reports from Negro women who worked in downtown Natchez that they saw white men on top of two stores with guns. Police said they would investigate.

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Sunday October 3, 1965

NATCHEZ Dorie Ladner and Bill Ware/Muriel

At 12:30 this morning 300 of the people who had been arrested were taken from the city auditorium to Parchman pen. The Chief of Police told the staff that he was taking the people to Parchman. There were 4 white people included in the group arrested yesterday evening.

Three are in the city jail and one in the auditorium.

John Doar was called and informed of the situation. He said that he would check on it and call back later.

At the Mass meeting that was held Saturday night Chief J.T. Robinson came into the meeting and said that FDP people were throwing bricks at persons attempting to breaking the boycott of the downtown stores. This charge was denied in the meeting immediately after Charles Evers made the announcement.

At 11:00 this morning around 72 people were arrested on Rankins Street as soon as they left the Beulah Baptist Church. The people had attempted a march to the city auditorium to hold a prayer meeting.

The line was lead by Rev. Russell and Rev. Howard, local ministers.

The people were supposedly taken to Parchman.

WASHINGTON, D.C Tex. Lowe/jon

14 people from Forest City, Arkansas have arrived to talk about the school situation there. They hope to meet with someone in the Dept. of Education tomorrow morning.

# WATS REPORT

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Monday October 4, 1965

JACKSON, MISS. Mike Higson, Nettie Sellers/jeanne Yesterday, Sunday, October 3, 1965, between 600-700 people attended a state wide meeting of the FDP, held from 1pm to 6pm in the Masonic Temple in Jackson.

The meeting began with reports from the county chairmen. The issues that were discussed in the meeting were:

VOTER REGISTRATION - It was decided that the FDP would start a campaign to get complaints from all of the 73 counties in Mississippi where there are no Federal Registrars. Coupled with this, freedom days will be held in all of the counties in the state, including those with Federal Registrars. FDP is also going to encourage people to write to the Justice Department saying that they want to re-register to vote.

SELECTIVE BUYING - A vote was taken to institute a selective buying campaign in the state by the FDP. The campaign, called Black Christmas, will be directed against Sears and Roebuck and the local stores that get lots of Negro trade. The campaign will probably begin next week and continue until after Christmas. People will be urged not to buy, or to buy as little as they can from the stores that the campaign is directed against. People will be encouraged to use The Poor People's Corporation to its fullest extent. A complete list of all the Coops will be available from Mrs. Nettie Seller soon. Mrs. Sellers can be contacted in Jackson.

REAPPORTIONMENT - Attys Morton Stavis and Peter Marcuse plan to file a reapportionment suit during the next three weeks. The suit will ask the court to reapportion the state and to have the state legislature declared illegally elected. The suit will be explained and discussed in meetings throughout the state and signed by a fairly large number of people before it is filed.

ELECTIONS - Lawrence Guyot announced that six people in the FDP would be running in the congressional election primaries next year. They are:

1st district	- Mr. Sam Carr - Aberdeen
2nd	" - Mr. Ralthus Hayes - Tchula
3rd	" - Rev. Allen Johnson - Jackson
4th	" - Rev. Carter - Philadelphia
5th	" - Lawrence Guyot - Hattiesburg

Senate - Rev. Clinton Wiley - Holly Springs

Guyot explained that at this point, the FDP couldn't nominate its own candidates because it would involve holding its own primaries which would involve thousands of dollars. The six people who are running will be running as democrats with the support of the FDP. SCHOOL DESEGREGATION - Henry Aranson reported on school desegregation in the state and the suit that the Inc. Fund filed about two weeks ago to strike down the new state law which said that children who don't live with their parents or legal guardians have to pay school tuition.

At the end of the meeting there were protests and questions about the financial report of the FDP from May to the present time. Questions were generally about the fact that finances are controlled by a few people in the party and that this was the first time that the finances of the party had been made public. There was some discussion on a proposal to have the finances turned over to a state finance committee and have finance committees set up in each county.

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WELDON, NORTH CAROLINA Larry Fox/jeanne

Last Saturday in Halifax County the voters movement there picketed the Leggatt Department store in Roanoke Rapids.

The registration books in Halifax County will be opened starting on the 9th for two weeks. In North Hampton and Bertie Counties the books will be only opened for three consecutive Saturdays.

There are only three people working three counties in North Carolina, Buddy and Ginny Teiger and Larry Fox. They desperately need people to canvass this week so that they can get a large number of people out to register the days that the books are opened.

The new address for Larry Fox is  
Box 461

Weldon, North Carolina

NATCHEZ Dorie Ladner and Charlie Horowitz/ Sharon and jeanne

There was a march from the Shiny Grove Baptist Church. 103 more people were arrested. They were charged with parading without a permit. All of the people over 12 years of age were taken to Parchman, the others were released. This brings the total number of people in Parchman to 409. During the meeting, members of the KKK were standing around the church. Some of them were dressed as women with wigs on.

According to a woman who was in Parchman, Posey Lumbard's bond was posted by some local white man. The man told Posey that he had come to take him to his house for protection. Posey refused the bond. It is thought that the white man was a member of the KKK.

There is a report from a young man who was just released from Parchman that Rev. Henry Russell, local minister from Natchez, was whipped, and Rev. Sampson, SCLC, was slapped by prison officials. Mrs. Annie Tillman, 37 year old local woman, was released from Parchman on \$200 bond. She said that the guards ordered all the women to remove their shoes and sweaters and made them take medicine that caused them to have the "runs" all day. One woman was pregnant. Mrs. Tillman reports that she was in cell with 6 other women and only one iron cot with no mattress. She said that the guards turned on the air conditioner so that the women almost "froze to death". She said also that the female guards tore her blouse off while searching her and that the men had her take off all of her clothes except her pants. The air conditioner was on during this time. Mrs. Tillman said she heard the men hollering "Please leave us alone".

The prison officials refuse to give transportation to those people who were released. Parchman is over 200 miles away from Natchez.

There are several Negroes who were arrested Saturday for watching the picket lines. They are being charged with blocking the sidewalk. For the past week, Natchez police have been arresting Negroes who are just in the streets of downtown Natchez. One man, George T. Campbell, 32 year old local Negro, part time math teacher in Baton Rouge, La., was arrested Friday, October 24th, and held without being told why he was arrested and without being allowed to make a phone call. He was released yesterday. He gave his phone number to a trustee who called his relatives, who in turn bonded him out. The FDP in Natchez explained the above mentioned situation to the JD there. The agent took down everything.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. betty Garman/judy

The 14 people from Forest City, Arkansas on Sunday, today talked with John Doar of the Justice Department and asked him to investigate election frauds in school board elections and to act regarding the arrests of demonstrators last week. Doar replied that their lawyers would have to take care of that. Doar also asked the group to prepare a formal written statement about the board election with relation of specific incidents of fraud. He said they could investigate the situation. He said it was a probability that the election could be thrown out, but very difficult to do. Its a real possibility that it could be prevented in the future. The group also met with representatives of the Office of Education, specifically Harri Wright, head of the complaince section. The Arkansian outlined the ways the school board had tried to discourage Negroes from attending white schools. They described the inferior conditions of Negro High Schools. Mr. Wright indicated that they would start an investigation of Forrest City as soon as possible. Since they are understaffed, this would mean several weeks. Mr. Wright did promise to call the Supt of schools tomorrow in Arkansas to discuss the question of opening up registration to white schools again.

BAKER COUNTY, NEWTON, GA. via Albany Jim Parry/sharon and judy  
At about 9:30 pm, five car loads of whites pulled up across the road from the house of Mrs. Gracie Miller, 18 miles South of Newton on highway 91. Mrs. Miller is one of the strongest movement people in the area. Her husband, Hosgy Miller, was killed in March of this year by a white men who claimed that a cow in Miller's pasture was his cow. The trial was supposed to be held in July, but was postponed when Demonstrations began in Baker. When the whites came up, they said that they were going to have a big barbeque. They took wood from their car and started a fire across from the house. Mrs. Miller called some of her neighbors. When they arrived, the whites started shooting at them. The neighbors fell back, regrouped and then came back firing in self-defense. The whites jumped in their cars and got away. A couple of the whites were recognized.. Sheriff L. Warren Johnson was notified. He said that he would investigate, but didn't come out for two hours. The highway patrol and the FBI were also called. At about 11:10PM, Deputy Herbert and Sen Johnson arrived at the Miller's place. Five minutes later, the FBI arrived. They all took the names and tage numbers of the whites, and an account of what happened. The FBI found 5 shot gun shells. Deputy Johnson said that the only charge that could be pressed against the whites is disturbing the peace. The Baker County people said that when the whites arrived they heard them say, "The Sheriff and deputies gonna let the niggers take over; we're gonna have a big barbeque tonight; gonna barbeque us some niggers, we're gonna kill Walt Miller". Walt is the brother-in-law to Mrs. Miller.

Two men active in the movement, Tee Kunney and Charles Coawrt, were notified that they had to appear in court tonight on some charge (they didn't know what). Theybthought that it was some kind of attempt to get them into town. They didn't go,

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### JACKSON WATS REPORTS

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MERIDIAN Joe Morse and Mrs. Crowell

Last night Mr. Curry, a Negro who lives in Newton, held off a white cop, Reeves, with a shot gun. Reeves tried to come on Curry's property, he said he was investigating some shooting. Mr. Curry told him that his son had let off some fire crackers and that was all. Reeves went away, but returned with as many as 15 cops, all carried rifles. Again Curry told them to go away. They went. Curry went to see the sheriff this morning (Oct. 13th.) Earlier today, Curry was in the FDP office. At 9pm, Meridian police entered the office and asked for Curry. They took Joe Morse who was in the office at the time down to the police station on suspicion of having hid Mr. Curry. Joe was threatened, but later allowed to go home.

The FDP is planning a boyvott of Sear Store in Meridian together with four other stores downtown. This is part of the FDP's selective buying campaign.

LEXINGTON -Sam House - Trial for the boys who were arrested for reading the KKK poster was held today. Two of the boys didn't show up and forfeited \$25 bond. The other three were found guilty and fined \$25. All of the boys are out on bond.

OLIVE BRANCH Bob Newell - The people in Olive Branch are working on the ASCS elections. There will be a freedom day program on the 25th of October to try and get people to register.

LEXINGTON, MISS. Zelma Williams - A cross was burned in the Montella community kn Mileston. The cross was burned near the home of Jack Louis, Negro man active in the FDP. According to Zelma, Negroes in Montella are now ready to take the law into their hands because the sheriff will not promise protection for them.



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BOGALUSA CON'T

decided to go back out side and another bus load of students was arrested. All of the students arrested were cahrged with distrubing the peace and refusing to move on. A another march was planned for later today.

VICTORIA, MISS Nan Grogan/jeamme

The ASC ballots have been counted in Lunenberg and Amelia Counties. No negroes got on the county committee. There were at least three Negroes running out of the districts. There is a possiblity of misinformation or fraud in Lunenberg County because the whites announced after the election that evry person in a household could vote. If thewhites went by that rule which violated the federal agrkulture rule, that could account for the Negroes not getting on any of the committees.

The white power structure in Lunenberg County is trying to subvertall efforts of the Negroes to get a poverty program that is controlled by the poor people. They have selected seven rich Negroes who are white orientated to serve with whites in getting a community action program. The Negro poverty program committee that was selected at a mass meeting in August has been ignored by the whites, and the county board of supervisors. The Negroes are protesting directly to Washington. They are also drawing up there own proposed community action program.

A local Victoria Man, C.T. Hackett who has been active in some area of the movement, received a threatening letter from the Klan stating that they were watching him. The FBI is investigating. Friday night, a local Klansman, Harry Dupries, came to the office and made several threats. He left after taking some literature. He was support by three car loads of whites on the outside who were armed.

A rally for student rights was held last night in Richmand. The meeting was centered around the issue of three long-haired breaded youth not being allowed to register a Richmond Professional Institute. The case is now in court and it seems that the ACLU may take over the prosecution against the RPI officials. 200 people attended the meeting.

A group called Students for Individual Rights has been formed. Many of its members are working with the Virginia Civil Rights group.

A state-wide student conference is being held in Lynchburg on November 5th, 6th and 7th. The conference is being sponsored by the Virginia Students for Civil Rights and the Virginia College Council of Human Relations.

FORREST CITY, ARK. Via Little Rock Eunice Allen/jeanne

Another student who was involved in demonstrations has been kicked out of school. One of the teachers at the school told him that he was being suspended. The student told him that he didn't have the authority to put him out of school. The teacher sent him home anyway. SNCC workers advised the student to return to school and talk with the principal.

OLIVE BRANCH, MISS. Bob Newell/jon

The mother of one of the girls who attends the all white school has had her welfare check cut off. The woman responsible for this told the mother that the reason it was cut off is because she had more

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OLIVE BRANCE CON'T

her daughter in the white school. Two lawyers from Jackson are investigating the incident.

One of the Negro girls in the white school had ice cream put in her hair.

Five people have been nominated for ASCS so far in DeSoto County.

CARTHAGE, MISS. Wally Gilbert/jon

A shot was fired into the freedom center last night while the workers were there. No one was hurt. Today, while Wally was walking down the street, several work men greeted him with clods of dirt in his face.



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1965

## GREENWOOD, MISS.

Statewide meeting for the entire Mississippi staff started yesterday with about 70 people in attendance. So far the discussion has been on the political analysis of what is happening in the state. The state staffers talked about the FDP and ways of getting more people into it. They also discussed problem of welfare, food and clothing distribution, personnel and relationship of staff to FDP and local people. The opening of new counties was also discussed.

## BOGALUSA Anita L vine/jeanne

This morning six leaders of the Bogalusa Voters League were arrested by city police. The arrest grew out of the picketing of the state fair which in turn stated a school boycott. The voters league decided to try and integrate the Washington Parrish Free Fair that was being held last week. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of fair, whites can attend. Negroes attend on Saturday. The fair is entertained by the nine schools in the parrish. The whites are entertained by the white students and the Negroes by the Negro students. On Tuesday before the fair was opened, Negro teachers went out to set up exhibits. When they got there, the fair grounds were being picketed by members of the voters league. The teachers left, rather than cross the picket line. The principals of the four negro school in Bogalusa made the teachers return to the fair ground and cross the picket line. The next day the students formed a picket line around the school in protest of the fact that the teachers crossed the picket line and were thus condoning segregation. The students held meetings on Thursday and Friday and decided that on Monday they would boycott. On Monday morning 62% of the students boycotted the Negro high school. At 9:30 they marched to the school board to see the supt of school, Israel; they presented him with a list of demands. On Tuesday, the students again boycotted. Some of the students who had boycotted on Monday, went back on Tuesday, they were given 5 day suspensions. Students again went to see Israel. He told that he would not talk with them until they were all back in school. Tuesday night the news reported that the school board had gotten a restraining order for several people on the voters league to keep away from the students. The injunction had not been served on any of the people. This morning when six of the people who had been mentioned in the injunction went up to the Union Hall, they were arrested. The police then gave the other people mentioned in the injunction their papers.

During this time the students were lining up for a march downtown. They had a permit which said they could march down 3rd street to 6th. The police told them they couldn't march down 3rd because it was muddy. Meanwhile, the chief of police came up with two school buses. He told the officer in charge, "Just throw them all in the schoolbuses and cart them all off." When the students heard this, they all stated marching into the school buses. The police told them they would have to wait until the police arrested them. The students left the buses and began to line up for a march. The police told them that the permit was then cancelled and then began to arrest some of the students by pulling them into the buses and beating them with their clubs. The other kids who weren't arrested (about 200) went into the Union Hall. The police told them that if they came out, they would all be arrested. The students more