

EX WATS Report from Mike Sayer in Greenwood
Taken by Karen Haberman July 7 3:20 AM

Helena, Arkansas

Thomas Allen, SNCC worker from Pine Bluff, Negro, 18, working in West Helena

Ellis Ford; Negro from Helena

Joe Wright, Negro SNCC worker from Cincinnati, Ohio

All three were testing facilities under public accommodations section of Civil Rights bill and had tested the public library and Habib's Cafeteria. Had been served in both places. Went to a pool and were standing outside of the pool waiting for it to ~~open~~ open when were arrested by a group of policemen including Chief Roy Ross. Joe Wright was not arrested because he saw chief Ross, the three split and Wright escaped. Police checked ID's And then took 2 guys to jail. Fords father called, and Ford released with no charges, Allen beaten and still in jail. Two others were taken to jail after their ID's were checked. Allen was hit in the face when he was in jail.

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

Several places were tested tonight: Ray's Truck stop, Wonderland Truck stop and Whitehouse Cafe and the Hobnob.

At Wonderland, Larry Segal of NYC, white, had been served alone. When Negroes went in were told needed membership card to be served. The entire group went back in and got served. Larry was grabbed by a white behind the counter, who was working there, and Larry was pushed several times and told that they weren't going to serve Bill Hansen (he apparently thought that Segal was Bill).

Whitehouse Cafe: were served but as left a man brandished a shotgun but did not shoot it.

Ray's: George O'Leary, a white teacher at Yale U., who is an exchange teacher to A&M College, went into Ray's with group of Negroes. They were not served and white man picked up O'Leary and threw him out the door. O'Leary falled into the parking lot.

Also at Ray's: Larry Segal got a ten cent coke and when Negroes went in were charged 20 cents for the same coke. White customer hit Larry in the mouth and he was carried out by his Negro companions.

Report from Bill Hansen in Pine Bluff, Arkansas 4 AM, July 7
Both Allen and Ford were beaten in jail.

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