

February 4, 1964

Report on Defendants in Canton, Miss.

The following is a list of defendants at the trial in Canton Monday, February 3, 1964.

J JAMES COLLIER ²⁸ _{NCC Jan 23} plead not guilty to altering inside of building w/o a permit; found guilty, fined \$100 and 15 days

J C.O. CHINN ⁴² _{PROB END Jan 23} both plead not guilty to intimidating Easter Branch; found guilty, fined \$500 and 6 months in county prison
J THEODIS HEWITT _{NCC Jan 23 25}

(Carsie Hall also says they found guilty and given the same sentence for publishing libel but neither Claude Weaver nor I, who both took notes in court, have any record of that.)

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J CAROLE MERRITT ²³ _{NCC Jan 24} plead not guilty to both charges, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and publishing libel; found guilty on both counts and sentenced on each count to \$500 and 6 months in county prison

J JOE LEE WATTS ²⁰ _{PROB END Jan 23} plead nolo contendere to both counts, interfering with a business and publishing libel; found guilty on both counts and sentenced on each to \$500 and 6 months

J RICHARD JEWITT ³⁰ _{NCC Jan 23}
PATRICIA MEYERS ¹⁸ _{NCC Jan 23}
MARTHA JAMES JONES ²¹ _{NCC Jan 23}
WILLIAM VEAL ¹⁸ _{NCC Jan 23}
SYLVESTER LEE PALMER _{NCC}
All plead nolo contendere to both charges of publishing libel and disturbing the peace, all found guilty on both counts, sentenced on each count to \$500 and 6 months

J ALMA BOSLEY ²¹ _{NCC Jan 23} plead not guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor, plead nolo contendere to publishing libel and disturbing the peace, found guilty on all 3 counts, sentenced on each count to \$500 and 6 months

All the former charges of distributing the leaflets without a permit have been dropped, it was announced in court. As far as we or Carsie Hall know this is not stated in writing anywhere. The trial Monday was not in a court of record.

BAIL - The bail for each person is \$500 per charge, property or surety.

All the juveniles have been released (last week). They have a hearing (trial) in juvenile court Wednesday, February 5, 1964, 10 AM.

The arresting officer for James Collier was W.R. Cook. ^{NO}

We realize that this does not account for everyone originally involved. They are all who were tried Monday who were represented by Hall. We will try to compile a report on the status of the others.

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