

June 12, 1964

Canton: George Raymond and Margaret Durkin

Last night there were two bombings in Canton. The first bomb went off at 12:05 midnight at 315 2nd Avenue, in front of the home of Mrs. Alberta Robinson. No one was injured and no property damage was incurred. It is felt that the bomb was intended to go off in front of Mrs. Robinson's neighbor's home, Marion Robinson who is active in the movement. The latter was one of the poll watchers who had an official letter from Mrs. Gray, but was denied the right to perform her function. The women live across from the Canton Freedom House.

The second bomb went off at 12:08am just after the first, at 301 Walnut Street at the Pleasant Green Church of Christ. No one was injured and no damage was done.

The FBI was called in Jackson and they have the information concerning the bombings. George called the local police who came by and inspected the sites. At about 3am the FBI sent a car for George and brought him to their office for questioning concerning the bombings asking him how he had known about them, etc/ George believes that these two incidents as well as the earlier bombing of the Freedom House were intended to frighten people and were not intended to injure or cause damage. George asked police to patrol the office last night after the bombings, but he does not know if they did.

At about 5pm the same afternoon Mrs. Lula Wright, hh, was approached by two policemen at her home and she would have to pay a fine or go to jail for a fire which had been set in her house at an earlier date. She claimed that she didn't set the fire and therefore she was being illegally charged. She asked the constable what the charge was and he hit her over the head. The man who hit her was accompanied by another officer named Watkins.

Mrs. Wright has a steel plate in her head (has had it for some time) and ~~hh~~ because ~~hh~~ of yesterday's beating she had to get five stitches in her head. She was treated at King's Daughter Hospital (where she is now). Prior to going to the hospital she was taken to jail. Mrs. Wright is a member of the local NAACP and goes to mass meetings.

Freedom

George said that the office and house are still receiving all sorts of phoned threats. They have received calls from people saying they are students from the north and ask for various types of information. He also mentioned that there were about 20 FBI agents ~~hh~~ in town today.

Tuscaloosa:

this morning at about 5am Willie Blue, Willie McGee and Gery Austin were arrested in Tuscaloosa County and taken to the Tuscaloosa jail. Willie Shaw and Cynthia Washington were driving in another car and were stopped first by the police. Blue pulled up farther down the road to see if they would be arrested. The police let Shaw go and pulled up to Blue's car and took Blue and his passengers to the jail in Tuscaloosa. They originally said they'd taken them in because Blue had no identification but later charged ~~hh~~ him with improper muffler. At about 9am the police offered to make a deal that they would be released if they got the muffler fixed and promised to go straight out of town. They obviously believed

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that the group was coming into Tuscaloosa in connection with the demonstrations there. The group was fingerprinted, photographed, etc. but never formally charged. They were released some time after ~~kkkkkkkk~~ 9am and were escorted to get the car repaired and then escorted to the city limits.

Selma: Benny Tucker

On ~~kk~~ Wednesday there was a mass meeting at the Tabernacle Baptist Church with about 150 students. Charles Robertson spoke at the meeting. The FBI and local police came to the meeting and said that the Klan was planning ~~kk~~ to come and that they (the FBI) were watching for them. There will be another mass meeting tonight at St. Paul's AME. They expect ~~kk~~ 3-400 to attend. Eric Kindleberger who works for SCIG in Alabama will be the speaker.