

WHITE CITIZEN HARASSMENT

Monday, June 29, 1964

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Batesville, Mississippi

@ 4 P.M.

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Joseph Murphy, a white voter registration worker, age 39, had been playing pool and checkers for about about a half an hour with John Hardy, a local Negro citizen, in a Negro pool hall, when the white owner W.J. Carter asked him to come outside and talk. Murphy asked Carter who he was and when Carter explained, Murphy said, "Can't we talk here." Carter angrily retorted that he was the owner of the place and that he didn't want any agitators around, adding "and tell your friends not to come, too."

Murphy left immediately and within a few minutes almost everyone in the pool hall also walked out.