

## SUNFLOWER COUNTY REPORT

REPORT OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN SUNFLOWER COUNTY FROM APRIL 14, 1965 TO MAY 9, 1965. REPORT INCLUDES THE TOWNS OF DREW, MOORHEAD, RULEVILLE, SUNFLOWER, INDIANOLA, AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES OF SUNFLOWER COUNTY.

### MOORHEAD

APRIL 14, 1965

Moorhead MSU, sponsored by Willie D. Smith, COFO worker from Sunflower, Miss. and Charles Scattergood, SNCC worker, attempted to integrate the Galoe Theater in Moorhead. The MSUers, numbering about thirty-five, mainly young men were, refused admittance into the theater by the manager.

April 21, 1965

Two MSUers and one SNCC worker were arrested for parading with a permit and disturbing the peace when about twenty five MSUers were stopped by the Moorhead police as the student were walking single file toward the Galoe Theater. The MSUers then attempted to have a demonstration in front of the city hall to protest the arrest. They were forced at gun point back to the ghetto by the Moorhead police

April 24, 1965

Charles Scattergood, SNCC worker, was arrested for disturbing the peace and resisting arrest. Charges were brought against Scattergood when an officer told him that he was talking too loud. When told he was under arrest Scattergood walked away. Bail was set for \$200. The trial has been suspended.

May 3, 1965

Several white male student from Moorhead Delta Junior College attempted to start a fight with four MSUers. The Delta student threw bottles and bricks at the MSUers as the MSUers were walking toward the Freedom School. The Delta students accompanied by the president of the college. Later two officers fired their guns into the air near the Freedom school in an attempt to scare the MSUers. A local white attorney later visited the Freedom school to apologize for the actions of the Delta students. The police chief made the attorney leave the Freedom school grounds.

### Drew

April 27, 1965

McKinly Mack, Indianola COFO, and three MFDP volunteers were arrested in DREW. Charges on Mack were using profanity and impersonating an officer. Bail was set at \$500 on Mack and \$300 for each of the Volunteers. Charges on the Volunteers were refusing to obey an officer. The four were tried the following day without council. They were found guilty. The volunteers received two months on the county farm Mack received three months. On May 5, the charges were suspended for the volunteers and Mack's appeal bond was set at \$400.

April 28, 1965

John Conway, Ruleville COFO, was arrested for driving without a commercial license. At the time of the arrest Conway was driving a pick up truck loaded with Voters Registration workers. Bail was set at thirty five dollars.