

NEWS RELEASE  
COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATION  
507 Mobile Street.  
Hattiesburg, Miss.

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HOT COFFEE POURED ON DEMONSTRATORS  
DURING 3RD ATTEMPT ON LEA'S RESTAURANT

Hattiesburg, Miss., January 21...Twenty people made a third attempt to integrate Lea's restaurant at 6PM tonight. The demonstrators left the restaurant after the lights were turned off at the restaurant and the curtains were drawn by the manager while a group of thirty whites threatened the group.

As the demonstrators were leaving the restaurant several white on lookers threw coffee at two of the demonstrators. A car tried to run over one of the leaders of the group as she crossed the street after leaving Lea's.

Tonights demonstration was third attempt to desegregate the restaurant in the same number of days. Yesterdaysgroup left the restaurant after being threatened with tear gas.

Demonstrations are expected to continue.

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WORKER BEATEN AT CITIZEN'S COUNCIL MEETING HERE

Hattiesburg, Miss. January 21...Three COFO workers and a visiting Comm. Church Minister were beaten by members of the White Citizen's Council here tonight while attending a meeting of the organization held at the County Courthouse.

Rev. Jack Bartlett of the Community Church in Mil Valley California was pushed down the stairs of the courthouse by a thin blonde youth after the Minister started to walk out of the meeting.

Dick Welly and Dick Heitler, both COFO workers from Chicago, were hit in the back of the neck and groin. A chair was thrown at Steve Finley, a worker from Tulsa Oklahoma.

Rev. Bartlett was kicked in the face by the youth while lying on the courthouse steps. He suffered abrasions on his face and his jacket and shirt were torn.

The incident was the second act of violence to COFO workers here today. Earlier in the eveing a car tried to run down Miss Mary Louise Crosby while she was crossing the street after demonstrating at Lea's Restaurant. Coffee was thrown on Miss Crosby and COFO worker Joe Schwartz as the demonstrators left the restaurant. Mr. Schwartz was beaten by a member of the Hattiesburg Police force last month.

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