

Ek March 2, 1964

Hatchez: George Greene

On Saturday night George Greene and MacArthur Cotton were arrested- George was charged with suspicion of auto theft (SHCC car) and Mac with vagrancy. George's charge was later dropped and changed to speeding. They had been arrested at a railroad crossing where ~~the~~ a train was passing by--~~the~~ their car had not been in motion for several minutes before they were arrested. They were both bonded out for \$100 each and their trial is Wednesday, March 4, at 4 o'clock. George was picked up again but no charges were brought this time. He was questioned about the car again, and though Moses had given George a paper saying he was authorized to use the car, the sheriff said it was 'not worth a damn'. They considered having the car transferred to George's name, but have decided they would rather leave it as is, in Moses' name and let the sheriff push so far they can bring the JD in.

This weekend there were several incidences of violence. Two girls were shot, 1 Friday, 1 Saturday. They were shot in Nesser (?) City- a shopping center owned by the mayor of Hatchez. The girls names are not known.

Also, a nine year old boy was hit on the head by a white man. This took place when the boy was standing by the railroad tracks. He is now in the hospital.

Lastly, a man named Cliff Edwards (or Walker, not sure), 34, was found dead in his car in Wilkinson County, 6 miles north of Woodville (near Hatchez). Moses went into the county to investigate.

As in earlier reports of violence, we have been unable to get any substantial information about these incidents.

Jackson:

Jim Hill High School

~~kkk~~Subs Burtcaster, 19, high school senior, was shot by a law officer at the Sunset Inn, in Hinds County, at 2:30am Saturday. Reports are unclear, but it appears that the officer came into the place and shot him for apparently no reason. He was reported to have asked the man why he had shot him, saying, "I have no knife or no gun." He was shot in the stomach and taken to the Jackson University hospital and died about 1/2 hour later. There were several witnesses- ~~kkk~~ Burtcaster's uncle was outside, and five of his cousins inside with him as well as the manager of the Sunset Inn. Moses has met with the latter to get more information, but as yet there are no reports. It is believed that Burtcaster worked with voter registration.

Selma:

Four people went down to register today. Trials are March 5 (Thursday) and Willie James Greer must appear (he's in Gadsden or Chicago)- Mrs. Boyington, has qualified to run for congress of the United States from Selma. She has filed to run.