

March 4, 1964

Canton, Miss. (from Jackson; Lois Chaffe, Wendy, etc.)

George Raymond was arrested on Monday for driving a faulty car (the charge was that the car had bad brakes). The owner of the car is a mechanic and he said there is nothing wrong with the brakes. He was released early Tuesday morning on \$18 fine.

Monday the students organized a school boycott in Canton. ~~2,000~~ 1,400 of 1,700 high school students stayed out of school. 600 stayed out of elementary school. The students had thirteen demands (Jackson office doesn't have them at present).

Yesterday school officials told the students that they would have to have statements from their parents to get back in school. Most of the parents were unwilling to sign such statements so the students did not go back to school today. Many of them went to the Canton office for a meeting this morning instead. At about 11am (Canton time) police raided the office without warrants and arrested 8 or 9 people (no charge, took them in on investigation). They did not arrest the students, but took their names and the names of their parents and sent them all home (some of the parents were there as well - we don't know how many).

Those arrested were:

George Raymond, CORE

Mateo Suarez (CORE)

Ge. O. Chien, ~~Watt~~ Canton

Theotis Hewitt, Canton

Joe Lee Watts

Dick Jewitt, CORE?

Marcolus Byrd

James Collier (not sure if he was arrested) - SNCC

John Neuman: he was sent into Canton about five days ago by the Methodist Church. 20yrs.

His home is Kalamazoo, Michigan (2518 Outlook, Kalamazoo - FI 5-7483)

His congressmen are SEN.s Hardt and Humphreys and Cong. August E. Johansen.

He is from Carleton College

Newspapers: Carleton College paper and Kalamazoo Gazette

He was sent into Canton to investigate.

Works out of Nashville - CY 1- 6930 (Joseph W. Bell)

or Rev. Robert Regan, Board of Christian Concerns  
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The CORE office has been notified and will contact press in New York  
We might handle the Neuman part since he came down through us.

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