

March 4, 1964

Canton: Charlie Cobb (from Jackson)

re arrests today:

This morning a group of staff members went to the high school to encourage students to boycott (this is actually against their policy). It is those staff members that the police are trying to get. Therefore, the charges might be contributing to the delinquency of minors or inciting to riot.

The earlier list of those arrested was incorrect-- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Those in jail now are Mateo Suarez, Dick Jewitt, John Newman, C.O. Chinn, Scott Smith, Marcellus Byrd.

The following were also arrested, but have been released: Clifford Brown, George Raymond, Theotis Hewitt, Joe Lee Watts, and Andrew Green.

C.O. Chinn's charge (we think) is carrying a concealed weapon; he had a 6" knife in his pocket when arrested.

The arrests took place at 11am today.

Also in jail is Milton Esco, 17, Canton. He had been arrested with the first group for distributing leaflets in ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ January. He was convicted and released on the condition that he would stay clear of the movement. About a week ~~back~~ or two ago he visited the Freedom House, and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ a week ago Monday (Feb. 24) he was arrested for violation of parole. He will probably have to go before juvenile court now.

On March 2, 1964 a curfew ~~time~~ (10pm) was established for the city of Canton.

Hatchez: George Greene

Trial today for George and MacArthur (from weekend's arrest)

Charges of Vagrancy were dropped against MacArthur Cotton

George was fined / \$25 for speeding which he paid (bond would have been \$200)

George feels that the police won't bother them much in Hatchez for a while

(his trial was somewhat of a farce since he had been at a railroad crossing waiting for train to pass when they charged him with speeding)--they might get him outside of the city though--