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Hattiesburg: Cliff Vaughn

This morning Bob Moses and the nine ministers arrested in Hattiesburg are on trial. In the courtroom, Rev. Roy Smith and Rev. Robert Nichols were arrested for contempt of court when they refused to ~~take~~ change sides of the courtroom after Judge Haralson told them that it was segregated and they would have to move.

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Prosecuting attorney Duke ~~s~~ has ~~told~~ told the ministers that he will agree to have their cases passed to the files if they will pay \$500 each (that is they will ~~be~~ be refunded \$250 of their \$750 bond--). The ministers are discussing the proposal. They are also considering bringing up the constitutional issue of the segregated courtroom mentioned above. Court ~~is~~ was recessed at the time of this report.

Jackson: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Gil Moses

One week ago today 112 Negro employees of the Jackson sanitation department presented a petition to Mr. Nixon, head of the dept., and Mayot Allen Thompson concerning the following grievances: 1) no Negro drivers, 2) Negro pay scale lower than white pay scale and they do more work (Negroes get \$1.09/~~hour~~ hour starting salary and in 6 months get \$1.15; white minimum wage is \$2.15); ~~XXXXXX~~

They demand a pay raise, one week's ~~paid~~ paid vacation, rain clothes, ~~XXXXXX~~ Last week Nixon said that they would discuss the grievances/ when he did not do this 100 men walked off their job this morning (this report is from one of the workers, UPI and AP list the number as 50). They marched down to the city hall where the police turned them back. It is rumored that if they do not report to work tomorrow they will be fired. ~~XXXX~~ A report from one worker says that 50 are still off their jobs. Residential collections were stopped today though commercial were continued.

Greenville: Charlie Cobb

Oliver Williams, 17, ~~XXXXXX~~ was accused in late February of having raped ~~XXXX~~ a "white teenage mother" of two children. Local Greenville youths have reported that Oliver has been going with the girl for several years-- Howard ~~XXXX~~ Dyer, a Greenville attorney handling the case (works out of Weinberger Bldg., Greenville) has told Charlie that ~~XXXX~~ he can ~~XXXX~~ make some sort of deal for \$2000 and either get Williams off the chair and get a long term sentence instead or possibly make some other arrangements. We will be contacting the ACLU about the case (they are investigating other rape cases in Mississippi at present). Williams worked very well in Greenville during the Aaron Henry campaign in the fall.