

March 19, 1964

Pine Bluff: Cliff Vaughn

in municipal court

This morning 39 people were convicted from the demonstrations at Ray's Bar beque. Before sentencing them the judge told them that he would take into consideration whether they would break the trespass law at a later date. He asked all to stand who would not disobey the trespass law, and none stood. All were sentenced with a \$500 fine and 30 days in jail. Bond is \$1500, \$1000 on the fine and \$500 on the jail sentence) They are working on bond now.

They will be going up to Little Rock from the office to work on a school boycott there.

Natchez: George Greene

On May 6 there will be a meeting of the Civil Rights Commission State Advisory committee in Natchez. The meeting will be at 10am and will probably be held in the post office there.

The Klan distributed more literature in Natchez yesterday. They also distributed in Brookhaven the day before.

Infield, Halifax County, North Carolina: J.V. Henry

May 2 will be Freedom Day in Halifax County. Registration books open on that day. At present about 1600 Negroes are registered (12% of eligible voters) There 32,000 Negroes and 26,000 whites in Halifax county.

NY New York: Theo Bikel

Ian and Sylvia and the Journeymen, who were supposed to perform at the University of Mississippi have been convinced to cancel their performance on the grounds that the University is de facto segregated. Recently the dean sent out a letter stating that anyone who wished to have guests must have accompaniment their guests, sit beside them during the performances, and be totally responsible for them.

Ian and Sylvia and the Journeymen will send a telegram stating that they will not perform because of the de facto segregation and because of the seating arrangements. A New York lawyer has said that they might be held liable for breach of contract- a) being sued in Miss.--they won't go there so it doesn't matter, b) being sued in NY or c) being sued thru the Amer. Fed. of Musicians. Bikel said that there are enough people in the union who will stand up for them so it won't matter, and if they're sued for amount of money in contract, or some other sum, there will be a n artists' committee to raise the money.
