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Pine Bluff: Cliff Vaughns

Cliff, Bill and Ruthie Hansen are in Little Rock to work on the school boycott. This afternoon there will be a meeting of the Council on Community Affairs. Rev. ~~W. R. Rife~~, Chairman of the Edu. Committee, and Dr. Townsend, President will be present. Also, people from the Urban League, Education Committee of NAACP, ~~Arkansas~~ Arkansas Teachers Association, and Committee for Better Education (both ~~Negro~~ Negro groups). They will discuss the date ~~for~~ for the boycott--it should be during the first week in April.

There will be a meeting of the Little Rock board of education on Tues. afternoon from 4pm-5:30pm. Picketing has been planned, and possibly a "walk in".

The demands of COCA are as follows: (abbreviated)

Their paper is entitled "Integration, An Unfinished Business" No

1. Abandon the pupil assignment plan. Pupils be assigned on the basis of non-overlapping attendance zones.

2. Full participation of Negro students in all school activities. Admit Negro children to all activities in the school under school sponsorship.

3. Desegregation of Little Rock Vocational School. Funds for the Vocational School are predominantly federal and policy of federal gov. is desegregation of schools. Therefore they urge desegregation without delay of all classes and facilities.

4. Employment of Negro educators and administrative office. Negroes are 20% of ~~the~~ the population of Little Rock and compose 30% of the total school enrollment. They therefore recommend employing Negro educators in policy making, executive and supervisory positions.

5. Increased salaries for professional and nonprofessional staff.

6. Interracial advisory committee.

SNCC people will be working on demands 1-3 and possibly 4.

Helena (Cliff Vaughns)--this is a delayed report--my fault-- Trials were supposed to be held in Helena ~~for~~ for the arrests of November 16 and December 6/ this would have been an appeal. The judge delayed the appeal for 50 days however.

The ~~cases~~ cases were:

John Bradford: Nov. 16: conspiring to create a disturbance and inciting to riot. \$500, 30 days suspended; \$750 appeal bond

Dec. 6: inciting to riot: 30 days, \$500, \$1500 appeal

Bruce Jordan: Nov. 20: vagrancy, ~~conspiring~~ conspiring to create a disturbance, and conspiring to incite others to break the law: \$500, 30 days suspended, \$750 appeal.

Dec. 6: conspiring to create a dist., inciting to riot: \$500, 30 days suspended, \$1500 appeal

Bill Hanson: Nov. 16: conspiring to create a dist.: \$500, 30 days (not certain if its suspended); \$750 appeal

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Helena, cont'd

Et Judge George Howard ordered a fifty day stay in the Helena cases/ 20 days a re to file a brief, 20 for a rebuttal, and 10 before the judge brings the case to trial.

Federal Supreme Court was hearing the question of whether a state can invoke the trespass law in support of private individuals to maintain segregation. If the decision is favorable, it would clear the board of many trespass cases.

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Ruleville: taken by Mike Sayer last night : Et Et Charles McLaurin, via Penny Patch There was a mass meeting in Ruleville last night, William Chapel. Mayor Charles Dorrroughy came to the meeting with two reporters, about 15 policemen, and a police dog. During the meeting Mayor Dorrrough pointed out Mrs. Hamer to the reporters and asked them to take pictures of her. MacLaurin asked them to wait until the collection was completed but they ~~didn't~~ wouldn't. The Mayor had gone outside. MacLaurin followed him out and tried to take a picture of him. Dorrrough tried to stop him, grabbed at the camera, and MacLaurin was unable to get the picture. The Mayor went back into the meeting later and ~~didn't~~ told the people that he wasn't trying to harm them but they shouldn't try to take pictures of him. Both he and the police left.

After the meeting MacLaurin was followed out of Ruleville by two cars (men were wearing civilian clothes)--a 63 Ford, brown top and beige body, and a white Oldsmobile. They followed him for a while, then one got ahead of him and one stayed behind. Five miles or so out of Ruleville they turned off and he went on to Cleveland without further incident.

Either yesterday afternoon or evening a threat was delivered to Mrs. Hamer via a friend of hers who works on the ~~Marlow~~ Marlow plantation. Mrs. Hamer had worked there for 18 years and was fired in summer of ~~1962~~ 1962 for registering to vote. The woman told Mrs. Hamer that the wife of the plantation owner said that she (Mrs. Hamer) thinks ~~she's~~ she's a big woman now, but she'll be killed.

Jesse Morris says that he feels the report is a bit exaggerated, the Mayor's mission ~~was~~ was probably not insidious, and the threat was hearsay.

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Operation Mississippi in the North: Our Wandering Field Secretaries

Et Et Athens, Ohio: John Bradford

John has been in Ohio several days and will be returning to Mississippi this weekend with a car, a mimeo machine and a typewriter from the ~~Friends~~ Friends Group there.

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