

March 26, 1964

Hattiesburg: Sandy Leigh

A kick-off rally for Rev. Cameron's Congressional campaign was held this noon. About 200 people came and were received Cameron enthusiastically. They had a PA system and Cameron spoke to the crowd from the back of a truck. Police were parked around the corner and left only when Cameron began blasting them in his speech. This morning police had come to the office asking if they were planning to hold the rally. Sandy said yes, and asked if a permit was necessary. He was told that it wasn't but that they could not block the streets with vehicles or people (this implying that they couldn't hold a rally). Rally was carried out successfully. There will be a mass meeting tonight at Mount Zion Baptist Church. Cameron will go into his program further at that time.

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Greenwood: Dick Frey

Rek Yesterday there were two major incidents of harassment related to Freedom Day. During the afternoon everyone waiting in the courthouse to take the tests had to leave at one point because a chemical had been put on the radiators which turned to gas when heated causing eyes to smart, etc. Three ministers and a SNCC staff member, Iris Greenberg were sent into the courthouse to check on the incident and found they could wipe the substance off the radiators with their hands.

Later, at about 4:50pm Dick Frey was walking back to the office from the courthouse with the last group of people, Willie McGee from Greenwood and three people from Itta Bena. They were stopped just at the edge of town (at the corner of W. Johnson and Fulton) by Officer Underwood. He told Dick to stay and told the others to go on. Dick replied that he didn't want to stop, the others that they didn't want to go. Frey asked if he was under arrest. Officer Underwood said no, ~~hahahahahahaha~~ Frey said that if he wasn't under arrest he wouldn't stay. Underwood replied that he wasn't going anywhere. ~~hahahahahahaha~~ He grabbed Frey and left him with two other policemen and went to tell the other kids to leave. Frey yelled to them that he considered himself under arrest. He then had an exchange with the police about his legal position. Across from where they had them there was a group of white guys (tough looking) standing in front of the Dixie Amusement. Underwood went over to the boys and talked with them (Frey felt during this whole period that he had been stopped in order to facilitate the guys beating him). A car of ministers went by and Frey tried to stop them but Underwood told them to move on which they did. Another police car came by and Dick went out in front of it and told the officer what was happening. He replied that he had told Underwood to stop him because he been blocking the way. While the two policemen were talking about Frey he walked away, went into a laundry (where he left his sweater as a form of record that he had been there) and called a cab to go to the office. While in the laundry one of the white guys came in to pick up clothes.

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Yesterday about 150-200 people attempted to register. About 60(maybe less) took the test.

Today there will be more picketing (about 25) and more people trying to take the test (about 25).

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Hattiesburg: cont'd

The kick off rally for Rev. Cameron's campaign will be at noon on Thursday in front of the ministers' office on the corner of 6th and Mobile. It will be the first time a Negro has run for office in that district, and the first time they have held a daytime rally. They would like to get TV coverage and wide newspaper coverage.

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Hattiesburg con'td: from Atty George Crockett in Detroit

Att. Conyer is trying to get the Pete Stoner case from early Feb. transferred to federal court. Both Stoner is still in jail (his bond is \$1100 and we have not been able to raise it) since his arrest. Conyer is bringing up several constitutional issues: a) that Stoner was denied the right to council, b) he was denied a public trial (trial was held in a ~~black~~ back room behind the jail, which was locked), c) it was not a bona fide prosecution (reason not stated), and others . Conyer is also trying to get the bond reduced on Stoner.

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Jackson: Mandy

There were a series of arrests in Jackson yesterday afternoon and evening-- In the afternoon, Emanuel Schreiber, 24, Elmira, N.Y., a friend of Mandy's was arrested for making a U turn and fined \$17 which he paid. Schreiber is in Jackson en route from San Antonio to Fort Dix where he is a psychologist in the army. He was driving with Gwyn Gillom at the time he was arrested.

Later in the evening, Dave Walker, (in his 20's, Jackson) was arrested for speeding. When Mandy called and asked the charges he was told that they were speeding and another they refused to give. Mandy was told that the fine was \$22 but when he got to the jail he found it was \$29. With Walker was Tyrone Bryant, 21, of Philadelphia.(/ He had come down from Philadelphia CORE with a shipment of food and clothing for Canton. ~~kkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk~~ The police questioned Bryant and asked where he was from. They then charged him with assault and drunkenness. His fine and bond are \$65. He is ~~kkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk~~ a leader of a Negro gang in Philadelphia, and becoming interested in civil rights. He is in turn trying to interest other gang members in civil rights activities.

The two were on their way to Greenwood from ~~kkkkkkkkkkkk~~ from Jackson and were driving the car of Tony Grenzen, 21, Philadelphia. ~~KKKK~~ Mandy, Grenzen, and Shreiber (arrested earlier) went to the jail to bail the people out. Mandy went to get a receipt for the fine for Walker and the other two ~~kkkk~~ were to verify the ownership of the car. When Mandy returned he found the two had been run out of the station. One of the detectives had asked Shreiber "if he was married to a nigger" (this question because he was with Gwyn Gillom when arrested earlier). He answered that it was none of their business. The detective slapped him across the face and two policemen threw him out of the office. Cpt. Lowry told him "he'd get him" and said something about "he thinks he's smart"/ Bryant still in jail- they're working