

March 31, 1964

Greenwood: Dick Frey

Today Anthony Geinslin was taken off the picket line by the police and taken down to the station. They tried to fingerprint, photograph and question him as they had the students from Iowa State, but she refused to be fingerprinted unless he was under arrest. He was then told by Chief Larry that he was "under arrest as a suspicious person". He was photographed, fingerprinted and released. *Curtis*

Geinslin, Robert Earl Bass, 21, Jackson; Alvin Packer, 17, Hattiesburg; and Dick Frey tried to integrate the white men's room in the courthouse this afternoon. A large man followed them in and threw them out of the men's room. Some time in the afternoon a Negro woman went into the ~~white~~ white ladies' room. The same man followed her to the door and padlocked the door with her inside. A white woman who works at St. Francis Catholic Center in the Negro section of Greenwood happened to be driving by with Mary Catherine Bero and noticed what was happening. She went into the courthouse, broke the lock off the door and let the woman out.

At then end of the day, Dick Frey overheard Chief Larry and Buff Hammond saying that they would limit the picketing. He therefore lead the line a round the courthouse before giving up the signs and meeting on the courthouse steps for a prayer. As the line rounded the courthouse Frey was stopped ~~by the two and told that tomorrow~~ they would only be able to picket on the West side of the courthouse (this is the side away from town-- only the men's and ladies rooms are there (I assume here he means those for Negroes which have already been closed down). The decision has been made by the staff in Greenwood to break these restrictions. Arrests are expected. There are neither FBI nor Justice Department people in Greenwood. The sta if has no cameras, and their pictures have been taken each day while picketing (it was reported a few days ago that those pictures are shown at Citizens Councils meetings in the evening). They need outside staff!

Little Rock: Cliff Vaughn

Cliff was arrested in Pine Bluff last Thursday. The cop stopped him on the grounds that his truck was noisy. When he saw Cliff, he charged him with improper muffler and speeding. Cliff says that he was not speeding and he had just replaced the muffler in Greenwood. He was tried and sentenced today- \$25 which he has appealed. He is out on \$600 bond now. The police have kept his truck and he does not know when he will be able to get it back. They claim they are investigating whether it is a stolen truck.

Little Rock: Joan Kerr Ferron

This morning at about 7:15am Dexter Alexander was arrested in the Trailways station in Memphis. He and Joan Ferron were on their way from the Conference back to Little Rock. They called to the police in Memphis and learned that he is being held on an "informal charge" and will be charged and bond will be set tomorrow. They were told that police had found a pistol on him and he is being held in the robbery division. They have contacted Att. A.W. Willis in Memphis to handle the case. The person in the police dept. in Memphis who they spoke with was Inspector Vincent. THEY WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE ANY PUBLICITY FOR FEAR IT WILL INTERFERE WITH THE LITTLE ROCK BOYCOTT (bad publicity, etc). His parents have not yet been informed.