

April 4, 1964

Jackson: MacArthur Cotton

There will be a voter registration drive on April 15 in Liberty, Mississippi. There will not be picketing, but they are trying to get as many people as possible to go down to register. Steptoe and the NAACP are the organizers.

Last night about midnight a Negro Cafe in Bude, Miss. (between McComb and Natchez) was bombed. It is thought that no one was hurt. MacArthur, Doug Smith and Willie J. Morgan, Hattiesburg were in Bude during the day and they are not certain if the bombing had anything to do with their presence.

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Hattiesburg: Guyot

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U.S. vs Theron Lynd will be heard in the Federal District Court in Hattiesburg on April 14. The Rkkt JB is seeking a permanent injunction vs. Lynd for his discrimination toward Negro voter registration applicants. Lynd denies that he discriminates.

Guyot wants to know if we can get any 'names' to come down for the trial. Mrs. Victoria Gray Jackson qualified yesterday to run for Senate from Mississippi. She is from Hattiesburg:

The injunction in Hattiesburg is scheduled to be heard on April 10. Jack Pratt, NCC, who is representing us in Hattiesburg wants to keep putting off the hearing and feels that Guyot should go on with any plans to picket, etc., as tho there was no injunction. On Monday there will be picketing, a selective buying campaign, attempts to register, etc., as usual in Hattiesburg.

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Greenwood: Hunter Morey

Yesterday morning there was a meeting of 'local civil rights leaders' for the Freedom Day on April 9. The day will be under CDPD and sponsored by SACC, SCLC, and NAACP. Everyone will meet at the Elks Hall at 8:00am and will go to the courthouse from there in cars. They will picket, carrying signs relating specifically to voting. They have agreed to follow police regulations. They will begin picketing in front of the courthouse (the South side) and will move individually if and when the police asks them to move to the West side. They are hoping for about 300 to come down to register and check on previous registration. The major issue will be voting, not picketing.

Bond for the 14 in jail now is being handled by Rev. Sinclair in Greenwood through the National Council of Churches.

The NCC has said that they will have ministers come into Greenwood for Freedom Day.