

April 6, 1964

Hatchez: Mr. George Metcalf

Friday night John Clark's Cafe was dynamited (Cafe is the Blue Flame Cafe) in Bude, Mississippi. Clark also owns a beer joint in Hatchez, has some land with ~~kkkk~~ cows, and is planning to do some farming. ~~kkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk~~ Mr. Clark was not connected with civil rights activities, and Mr. Metcalf feels that the motivation for the dynamiting may have been Clark's general prosperity. Police have tried to arrest him in the past. They tried to stop him from selling whiskey in one of his cafe's earlier.

jjj There were no injuries from the blast.

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Sunday, Richard Joe Butler, 25, of Kingston, was ~~kkkk~~ wounded when shot by two or three hooded white men. Butler works for Mrs. H.B. Drane, and was at her place when he was shot. feeding cows, etc. He went into the shed and the men came in behind. When he saw them he tried to run out toward her house and they shot him with buckshot and squirrel shot. Mr. Metcalf has not seen Butler, but spoken with his wife, and believes that he has a broken leg and arm, and that he was shot in the chest as well. He is in the Jefferson Davis Hospital in Hatchez. Butler was not connected with the movement. It is not known why he was shot beyond the general violence in the southwest Mississippi area.

Jackson: Bob Weil to Mary

17 people from the NAACP youth council were arrested at 6:15 pm Sunday in Biloxi. They had been picketing the Holland Theater, white owned Negro theater on Main Street. The pickets had asked for better facilities in the theater. They were led by James Black. They had protested to the theater on the basis of a city ordinance which pertained to the building. They had picketed all day Saturday and had no trouble. They picketed again on Sunday and had no trouble until the arrests at 6:15. All but two were minors. The minors were released to their parents on Sunday night. The other two had to post \$100 bond on charges of loitering. The minors will go to juvenile court for hearing at 4 or 5pm today. The others go to city court at 6pm today. The theater was closed after the arrests and is closed again today. Only seven people crossed the picket line yesterday.

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Vicksburg: James Houston opened his campaign for congress today at 7:30pm at Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Vicksburg. Jesse Harris, his campaign manager is in Vicksburg with him and they will be in Jackson for a mass meeting tomorrow night.