

April 11, 1964

#### Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Yesterday a total of 35 people were arrested-- 43 in the morning, and 12 more in the afternoon. All but Milton Hancock, who was among those arrested were charged with violation of the anti-picket law. The bond is \$1000 on each. Hancock's charge is perjury and his bond is \$5000. He allegedly neglected to list one of his arrests on his voter registration form.

This morning 11 more people were arrested while picketing the courthouse. They have not been charged yet. The picketing will continue this afternoon even though the courthouse ~~will~~ will be closed because the police claim that the picketers are blocking the entrance to the courthouse, and the office in Hattiesburg ~~wants~~ wants to see if they will continue to arrest even if essentially nothing is being blocked. They are planning to keep the picketing going as long as they can get people to go to jail and they seem to be preparing people to stay in, because they ~~are~~ are at present taking the position that they will not pay the demanded bond.

Ben Smith should be in Hattiesburg by this afternoon to handle the legal matters.

Among those arrested yesterday was a Hattiesburg family, Mr. Johnnie and Mrs. Gladys Dentzler and their three children, Daisy Lee, Ineta M., and ~~Ross~~ Ross Ann. They told the office that they were going to close up their house and go to picket.

This morning when the people started to picket the sheriff told them he would give them five minutes to disperse. They marched the five minutes and were then arrested. The same 'formula' was used in yesterday's arrests, but more time was given.

The Jackson office was just informed that the FBI in Hattiesburg is looking for Montague Fortner on a perjury charge.

#### Jackson: Bob Weil

Last night 3 crosses were burned in Jackson; one at the Pearl St. AME Church, one at the Masonic Temple, and one at Tougaloo. Police put them out immediately and are evidently trying to hush up the incidents. Bob feels that it's very important that we publicize the Jackson incidents to prevent the city from getting a false image of liberalism (i.e. the Atlanta of Mississippi)--

#### Pine Bluff: Iris

Yesterday Bruce ~~W~~ Jordan was arrested by the sheriff for not having a light over his license plate and defective parking light. He was bonded out yesterday for \$33. The car is still impounded- yesterday ~~the~~ storage fee was \$3.80 and will increase every day. Bruce's trial is April 16.

New York: Gloria Richardson to protest filibuster and gen. U.S. Brooklyn CORE is planning a "stall-in" of cars coming to the ~~state~~ state capitol. They will fill their tanks with only a limited amount of gas and let them stall--The plan originally had national CORE's sponsorship, but they pulled out yesterday. Brooklyn chapter is trying to get support from individual groups. CNAC has supported, and they want to know if we will--