

April 27, 1964

Nashville: Lester McKinnie and Bernard Lafayette

About 500 (Lester's figures) people demonstrated in Nashville, Tenn. this morning, between 9:30 and 11:00am. Their focus was Crystal's Morrison's and Tic Toc Restaurants. Bernard reported that about 6 or 7 were locked into Morrison's while a warrant was sworn out against them. Police came and before arresting 8, beat five of the demonstrators, including Lester McKinnie. Four of those arrested have been bonded out of jail, four are still in.

Lester McKinnie called from the Nashville jail and reported that while they were in the streets he saw and heard one of the policemen point him out saying "that's the leader, get him". Several policemen then beat him on the head, arms and legs. McKinnie has had three stitches in his head. When the first group were arrested others surrounded the paddywagon-- police then arrested those who appeared to be leaders of the group (the first arrests were also leaders). Several white students from Vanderbilt were arrested. One white student named Allen was hit in the face by a policeman while in the jail.

Lester is not certain how long they will remain in jail-- there is some feeling that the leadership elements should not remain in jail, but rather should get out and begin organizing for later in the week

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Selma: Karen House

Alvery Williams was arrested early this afternoon for reckless driving. He was fined \$26. Mrs. Boynton and Mrs. Marie Foster bonded him out on a \$100 proerty bond. Karen mentioned that she felt this type of arrest would be a trend for the few weeks.

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Jackson: (from weekend)

Saturday night crosses were burned in 64 counties throughout the state. One was burned on the road on the way to Tougaloo College.

The planned picnic and rally at Sardis Lake was cancelled because of rain Saturday. It will be held at a later date at another place.

A college conference was held at Tougaloo College this past weekend. This coming weekend there will be a high school conference in Jackson.