

WATS line report: \

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Jackson: Bill Light

A molotov cocktail exploded in the basement of the Sweet Rest Church of Christ Hollininess in Brandon (Rankin County) on June 21, early in the morning. A fire started, but not much damage was done. (This came from the AP).

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A shot was fired into the Henderson Cafe, 2000 Valley St., Jackson, at 10:45pm on June 23. ~~Whickkkkkkkkk~~ The shots were fired from a car in which two white men were riding. Marion Tarvin, 26, ~~kkkkkkkkkk~~ and Eddie Young, both Negroes, followed the car for some miles trying to get the license tag number. At one point the car turned onto a side road at at least 3 shots were fired at the pursuing car. Two of them struck Mr. Tarvin in the head, one just grazing his scalp, the second lodging under the skin on the right side of his scalp. Doctor at the University hospital released him this morning with the slug still in his head. The Jackson office has photographs of Tarvin showing his wounds. The Henderson Cafe is not frequented by movement people.

Moss Point:

Ron Riddenour has been released from jail. Kirschenbaum is being held on orders of his father who is planning on flying down to Moss Point and taking him back to New York. ~~kkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk~~ Kirschenbaum is a minor. Both the boys were being held on ~~kkkk~~ vagrancy charges. It is not known whether they were released with or without bond.

Meridian:

~~kkkkkkkk~~ John Lewis, Gregory and James Farmer had a conference with officials in Philadelphia today and returned to Meridian without making any search. Farmer called the meeting unsuccessful.

Rk Chicago: Bobbi Yancey 7:25pm

From 15-17 people are in the U.S. attorney's office. They were locked inside the reception area of the Attorney's office. Tarpaulin was put up at the windows and all news reporters were put out of the office. The electricity was turned off outside the office so lights, etc. of cameramen wouldn't work. Marion was handcuffed and "dumped into" a police squad car. ~~kkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk~~ Six others were taken out bodily and laid on sidewalk. Charles Fischer, Treasurer of CAF-SNCC ~~kk~~ was carried out of the Attorney's office at 7:30pm. He reported that Marion Barry had been badly roughed up and that he was handcuffed and taken away. When the most recent phone call came into the Chicago office the demonstrators who had been carried to the sidewalk had remained lying there. Bobbi thinks the Federal Marshalls then went up to get the rest of the people in the Attorney's office. There is some confusion about whether police or federal marshalls are involved here for one report said that a police car or wagon had driven up, but Bobbi Understands that Marion is in the custody of federal marshalls.

Picket line broke up about 1/2 hour before the people were carried out of the building in order to plan strategy for tomorrow.

More recent report: Marion is at the 1st district police station in federal custody and they will not let Sylvia Fischer see him.

A radio report stated that someone in the U.S. attorney's office named Hanrahan said that he would do all in his power to relay the message of the demonstrators to Washington, but he would not permit the office to be changed into a zoo or circus. He then told reporters that if they quoted that part of his statement he would not let them into the office again.

Jimmy Hoffa came out of the court house and wanted to ~~kkkk~~ join the line, but it had already broken up. He said he would return tomorrow.

Marion called from the jail and said that he hadn't been booked yet, but that they were going to charge him with assault of a federal marshall and resisting arrest. (he hadn't assaulted him). He said he was tricked into coming into a corner to talk with the marshalls by himself and then he was roughed up and arrested.

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Washington, D.C.: Lenora Ginsburg

The mothers who are still in D.C. plan on going to the White House and telling the first person they meet that they would like to see President Johnson and will not leave until they see him.

Jackson: Susan Casey Hayden

Henry Bailey is now in Moss Point at the homes of Dolores Thomas, A e, Dolores Thomas, Sherry Ann Blakely (Hattiesburg), Benny Jackson (Hattiesburg) Charles Glenn, and the three lawyers and law student who went to Moss Point from Jackson plan on going to the jail in Pascagoula where Ron Eidenour and Howard Kirschbaum are being held. They will try to get more information concerning the two and also concerning the reports from last night of the fire in Moss Point, the stories of poisoning and the rape charges (see last night's reports).

MOSS POINT ADDRESS: (Freedom House) 218 McPeterson (Charles Glenn, staff)
Henry Bailey phone number: 863-0131.

There was a report early this morning that Guyot had spoken with the sheriff in Pascagoula and he had said that he never arrested the two boys. This report was never confirmed, however. I spoke with Deputy Strong at the sheriff's office in Pascagoula at about 11:30am. Strong said that the two are still in jail on investigation and that they can be held until a hearing which could be in one or two days. They could be bonded out at that time. Phone number's in sheriff's office and jail: 762-2274 (sheriff's office)
762-4383 (jail)

Oxford: Bob Moses

Bob feels that civil disobedience in Washington, D.C. should be avoided. The feeling now is that a constant stream of people going to Duke Marshall, Robert Kennedy, and Pres. Johnson would be our most successful approach. The feeling seems to be in Washington (and among civil rights people there) that the Mississippi project was designed specifically to embarrass the government and if this is the focus now, they will just back off-- they are beginning to move now, and the feeling is that it would be a mistake to stop them now in this way. (this information was given to Moses by Bob Spike who has just come to Oxford from Washington).

Washington, D.C.: Jim Honsen: 12:45am

They have been discussing forms of protest in DC and are still uncertain of the best approach. They now feel they might be able to mobilize several hundred people in the DC area to form a stream into the justice department to discuss the Mississippi situation.

The mothers who went to the White House to speak with Pres. Johnson spent 1 1/2 hours talking with Leo White, his appointment secretary. White was polite and friendly but not particularly helpful. They left after speaking with White feeling that it would be hopeless to remain and attempt to see the President. They are now meeting with Sen. Keating, and do not yet have specific plans concerning returning to the White House.

Chicago: Bobbi Yonca

Plans for demonstrations in Chicago: At 3:45pm there will be a sit-in at the U.S. Attorney's office in the Federal Building. Probably about 10 people will sit-in. These plans have not been released to the press and should not be released from here either. Between 4-4:15 a picket line will be established around the Federal Building. This has been released to the press. The number on the line is not yet known. Bobbi will call back with this information.

Detroit: Martha Kocal

President Johnson will be speaking in Detroit on Friday evening and Martha wants to know if we want them to put up a picket line. The railroad women (who have been blocking the railroads in Detroit area are planning to picket so she feels that there will be considerable publicity.

Selma: John Love

Police in Selma seem to be making a fair attempt to keep down trouble from whites. Phone company has been interfering with phones, however. Not putting calls through.