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ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL

TWO NSM STAFF MEMBERS AND A SNCC (STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE) WORKER FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., WERE ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF RESISTING A POLICE OFFICER IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY BY RECORDER'S COURT JUDGE JOHN SCALLEN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2.

THE ARRESTS OF THE THREE GREW OUT OF THE INCIDENT ON SEYBURN ON JULY 19 IN WHICH A TOTAL OF EIGHT PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED. ALL OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL BY JUDGE SCALLEN AT THE EXAMINATION, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON JULY 29. NO DATE WAS SET FOR THE TRIAL.

THE NSM AND SNCC WORKERS ARE: AL HARRISON, FIELD SECRETARY FOR THE NORTHERN STUDENT MOVEMENT (NSM); FRANK JOYCE, DIRECTOR OF THE NSM DETROIT PROJECT; AND CORTLAND COX, FORMER PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR SNCC. THEY WERE ARRESTED WHILE STANDING ON THE CORNER AFTER THE DISTURBANCE HAD ENDED.

DURING THE EXAMINATION, JUDGE SCALLEN ACTED MORE LIKE A MACHINE THAN A JUDGE. DURING THE ENTIRE THREE DAYS THE GROUP SPENT IN COURT, HE AGREED WITH THE PROSECUTOR AND THE POLICE EVERY SINGLE TIME. MUCH OF THE TIME HE DID NOT EVEN APPEAR TO BE PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT WAS GOING ON.

WHEN THE PROSECUTOR MADE THE MOTION TO HAVE THE MEN STAND TRIAL, THE JUDGE GRANTED THE MOTION BEFORE THE PROSECUTOR COULD EVEN FINISH ASKING FOR IT AND BEFORE THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS COULD ARGUE THE LAW INVOLVED IN THE CASE. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE JUDGE ALREADY HAD HIS MIND MADE UP.

MR. COX, WHO HAS WORKED IN MISSISSIPPI AND OTHER SOUTHERN STATES IN CIVIL RIGHTS, SAID THAT THERE WAS LESS JUSTICE IN RECORDER'S COURT THAN HE HAD EVER SEEN IN MISSISSIPPI.

BETTER LATE?

BY MARC ANDERSON

AS OFTEN HAPPENS IN AN ELECTION YEAR, THE CITY HAS DECIDED TO "GIVE" SOMETHING TO THE PEOPLE. THEY HAVE DECIDED TO BUILD A \$2,000,000 RECREATION CENTER NEXT TO BUTZEL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON VAN DYKE. THE CITY HAD THE PLANS FOR THIS CENTER LAST YEAR, BUT ONLY NOW HAVE THEY ANNOUNCED THEM.

IN A MONTH THE COUNCILMEN AND THE MAYOR WILL ASK YOU TO RE-ELECT THEM, SAYING, "HAVEN'T WE JUST GIVEN YOU A NEW RECREATION CENTER?" WHEN THEY ASK FOR YOUR VOTE, YOU MIGHT ASK THEM, "WHY DIDN'T YOU BUILD THAT RECREATION CENTER LAST YEAR? WE NEEDED IT JUST AS BAD THEN. AND WHY ARE THERE SO FEW RECREATION CENTERS TO SERVE ALL THE PEOPLE OF DETROIT?"

INCIDENTALLY, YOU MIGHT ALSO ASK THEM WHAT HELP THEY WILL "GIVE" TO THE 75 FAMILIES NOW LIVING WHERE THE NEW RECREATION CENTER WILL BE BUILT.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

COPIES OF THE BOOKLET "A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT" ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ACME OFFICE, 9211 KERCHEVAL, FOR JUST SEVEN CENTS.

THIS BOOKLET EXPLAINS THE NEW LAW, AND NOW THAT THE SECTION ON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT IS IN EFFECT, IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO US IN THE NORTH.

COME AND GET YOUR COPY.....KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THE FACTORY WORKER

BY JOHNNY CARL

SAT. AUG. 21 7:00 P.M., RALLY AGAINST U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM. PARKVIEW SOUTH OF KER-CHEVAL.

SUN. AUG. 22 3:00 P.M., ROBERT HICKS, OFFICER OF THE BOGALUSA DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, WILL BE MAIN SPEAKER AT A FREEDOM DINNER SPONSORED BY GOAL. \$3. MR. KELLEY'S BALLROOM, 4466 CHENE.

WED. AUG. 25 8:00 P.M., CLEAGE VS POINDEXTER IN THEIR 4TH DEBATE. WATCH NEWSPAPERS FOR THE LOCATION.

THURS. AUG. 26 7:30 P.M., EAST SIDE CITIZENS FOR ACTION MEET ON ISSUE OF DILAPIDATED HOUSES. ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CANFIELD AT VAN DYKE.

AND DON'T FORGET ACME MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:00 AT THE ACME OFFICE.

WATCH FOR IT!

THE SEPTEMBER 4 ISSUE OF WE THE PEOPLE WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL ELECTION. ACME IS SENDING QUESTIONS TO EACH NEGRO CANDIDATE, AND THEIR ANSWERS WILL BE PRINTED IN THE SEPT. 4 EDITION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE NEGRO CANDIDATES, BRING THEM TO THE ACME OFFICE BEFORE AUG. 25.

THE EVERYDAY FACTORY WORKER TODAY HAS A JOB AND THINKS HIS PROBLEMS ARE OVER. SO DOES THE CONSTRUCTION AND FOUNDRY WORKER. THESE GROUPS ARE MADE UP OF 75% NEGROES; THE OTHER 25% IS WHITE SOUTHERNERS, WHO ARE UNEDUCATED AND UNSKILLED. EVEN THEY ARE LEAVING THE FACTORY TO THE NEGRO, WHO IS A FOOL TO THINK IT IS SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.

THE PEOPLE WHO PASSED THE BILL FOR 40 WORKING HOURS A WEEK WERE THE OFFICE WORKERS, POLICEMEN, ETC. DO YOU THINK THE FACTORY WORKERS WERE THE ONES WHO VOTED?

HOW CAN THE NEGRO, AS A MAN, GO AND LOOK HIS SON IN THE EYES AND SAY, "BE A GOOD BOY, STAY IN SCHOOL AND GRADUAGE, BECAUSE BUDD'S WILL HIRE YOU," OR "MARY THEY NEED SOCIAL WORKERS AND NURSES." THEY WILL LOOK AT YOU AS IF TO SAY "GO TO HELL." THEY LOOK AT THE WHITE KIDS WHO WILL BECOME DOCTORS, LAWYERS AND BANK PRESIDENTS AND WILL RUN EVERYTHING. THE NEGRO KID HATES YOU FOR WHAT YOU STAND FOR, AND HE HATES HIMSELF AND SOCIETY.

THE NEGRO IS A FOOL FOR NOT STANDING UP FOR HIS RIGHTS. THE USA IS LIKE A LOCOMOTIVE GOING 90 MPH WITH THE NEGROES ALL IN THE LAST BOXCAR. THE WHITE MAN GAVE THE NEGROES THE FACTORY SO THAT THEY WOULD SHUT THEIR MOUTHS AND LET 1965 BE A LONG, COOL SUMMER, AND IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH OUR POWER STRUCTURE?????

WE, THE POOR, POVERTY STRICKEN PEOPLE, ARE SO GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL TO OUR CITY FOR GIVING OUR CHILDREN A NEW AND BEAUTIFUL RECREATION CENTER NEXT TO BUTZEL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON VAN DYKE.

BUT, PEOPLE, WHY SO CLOSE TO ELECTION TIME??

A MEMBER OF ACME WENT TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY ON HILGER WHERE THE HOST TOOK ALL THE DRINKS AND HID THEM IN THE BEDROOM. (THIS CAUSED SOME PEOPLE TO LEAVE EARLIER THAN THEY WOULD HAVE.)

ONE OF ACME'S MEMBERS GOT HIS CAR STOLEN THE OTHER NIGHT. THE POLICE RECOVERED IT. SOMEBODY SMASHED IT UP. SOMETIMES WE WONDER.

ANOTHER MEMBER OF ACME-NSM WENT TO WASHINGTON AND SLEPT ALL NIGHT ON THE PARK GRASS. THE POLICE WOKE HIM UP WITH THE LOUD ROAR OF THEIR MOTORCYCLES AND SCARED HIM TO DEATH.

A FEW MEMBERS OF ACME WHO WENT TO THE RACE TRACK TWO TIMES THINK THEY'RE PROS. THEY ARE LOSING THEIR SHIRTS. ONE MEMBER TOLD ANOTHER TO GO TO THE BANK AND GET SOME MONEY BECAUSE HE KNEW THE WINNERS OF THE TWIN DOUBLE. HE LOST ALL THAT, TOO.

Your Gossip Ace,
MOSES WEDLOW

EDITOR'S NOTE: SOME ACME MEMBERS WENT LOOKING FOR GHOSTS ON GARLAND THE OTHER NIGHT AND FOUND THEM---ONLY THEY WERE WEARING BLUE UNIFORMS.

THE TEARS OF MEN

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THAT COPS DON'T
CRY

COME OUT OF THE GUNS
ON SONS OF MEN
WHO DO

AND THROUGH
THE YEARS
THE UNCRIED
TEARS

HAVE KILLED
AND KILLED

AND STILL
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AND WILL
UNTIL

A COP
CAN CRY

ANONYMOUS
POSTED ON THE WALL
IN THE SNCC OFFICE
IN GEORGIA

ACME MEETS WITH POLICE

ON JULY 27, A MEETING WAS HELD WITH SOME OF THE HEADS OF THE DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ACME. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE ON WOODWARD AVENUE TO DISCUSS POLICE AND ACME RELATIONS.

THE MEETING WAS ARRANGED BY REV. ROBERT HOPPE, DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE OF THE DETROIT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACME WERE: TOMMY TUCKER, WILBERT MCCLENDON, EDDIE JACKSON, JOHN COLEMAN AND ROGER DUMAS. FRANK JOYCE OF NSM CAME WITH THE ACME MEMBERS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WERE: DEPUTY SUPT. LUPTON, DISTRICT INSPECTOR ICENHAUER, INSPECTOR GRUBBS (7TH PRECINCT), AND INSPECTOR PAUL SHERIDAN (5TH PRECINCT).

THE MEETING BEGAN WITH THE POLICE SAYING THERE IS NO UNEQUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. AN ACME REPRESENTATIVE THEN GAVE A NUMBER OF EXAMPLES TO SHOW THAT THIS IS NOT TRUE AND WAS ASKED TO GIVE MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS. AT THIS POINT, ACME AGREED TO DOCUMENT SOME OF THE PAST EVENTS THAT SHOW UNEQUAL POLICE ACTION.

THE POLICE AGREED THAT MORE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ACME AND THE DEPARTMENT IS NECESSARY. SHERIDAN THOUGHT ONE WAY TO DO THIS WAS FOR US (ACME) TO ATTEND SOME OF THEIR MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETINGS. HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT HE KEEPS AN ACTIVE FILE ON ACME'S ACTIVITIES.

ACME THINKS IT IS TOO EARLY TO KNOW WHETHER THE MEETING HAS DONE ANY GOOD AND STILL THINKS THERE IS A NEED FOR A COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD.

BY TOMMY TUCKER

NEWS FROM THE MOVEMENT.....

SOUTH CAROLINA: FATHER JOSEPH WALSH, A SUPPORTER OF ACME AND THE NORTHERN STUDENT MOVEMENT, WAS ARRESTED TWO WEEKS AGO IN ALLENDALE, S.C., DURING A DEMONSTRATION TO PROTEST A DELIBERATE SLOW-DOWN BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS IN REGISTERING VOTERS. FR. WALSH IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEWMAN CENTER AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY IN DETROIT.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: TOMMY TUCKER OF ACME AND AL HARRISON OF NSM WENT TO WASH. FOR THE CONGRESS OF UNREPRESENTED PEOPLES HELD THERE AUGUST 6-9.

CORDELE, GEORGIA: MARTHA KOCEL OF DETROIT SNCC WAS IN CORDELE THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST TO VISIT A RESIDENTIAL FREEDOM SCHOOL, WHICH HAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM BOTH THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. THE STUDENTS HAD BEEN IN CHICAGO FOR THREE WEEKS BEFORE RETURNING TO CORDELE. MARTHA REPORTS THAT IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF CHICAGO, THE SOUTHERN STUDENTS SAID THEY WOULDN'T WANT TO GO NORTH, BECAUSE IT IS WORSE THAN THE SOUTH. THEY ALSO DESCRIBED THE HOUSING PROJECTS AS "CONCENTRATION CAMPS."

DETROIT: THE WEST CENTRAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (WCOC), A GROUP OF PEOPLE ON THE WEST SIDE, HAS MADE MR. HARVEY BELL, CO-OWNER OF WCHB ("SOUL RADIO"), TEAR DOWN THE ABANDONED HOUSE IN WHICH THREE CHILDREN WERE KILLED THIS SUMMER.

AFTER WCOC FORCED MR. BELL TO MEET WITH THEM, HE AGREED TO TEAR DOWN THE HOUSE. HOWEVER, 10 DAYS LATER IT WAS STILL STANDING, SO THE PEOPLE PICKETED WCHD (FM "SEMI-SOUL RADIO").

DURING THE WCOC PICKET, SGT. ROBERTSON OF THE 13TH PRECINCT TRIED TO BREAK UP THE DEMONSTRATION AND SLUGGED HIS BOSS, INSPECTOR ROSE, WHO TOLD THE SGT. THAT THE PEOPLE WERE IN THE RIGHT TO BE PICKETING. (WONDER IF INSPECTOR ROSE WILL FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE CCB...)

(CONT'D. NEXT COLUMN)

DICK GREGORY WAS IN DETROIT DURING THE MAYORS CONFERENCE TO LEAD PICKETS AGAINST MAYOR DALEY OF CHICAGO. HE WAS JOINED BY FRANK JOYCE OF NSM, WILBERT McCLENDON AND OTHER ACME MEMBERS.

THE DETROIT COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM (DCEWV) HELD A DEMONSTRATION AT CAMPUS MARTIUS ON JULY 28. ACME MEMBERS WILBERT McCLENDON, TOMMY TUCKER, MOSES WEDLOW, EDDIE JACKSON AND "ALABAMA" WILLIE WERE PICKET MARSHALLS FOR THE DEMONSTRATION. AL HARRISON OF NSM SPOKE AT THE RALLY AFTERWARDS.

Did You Know

ALMOST 200,000 BLACK MEN SERVED IN THE UNION ARMY DURING THE CIVIL WAR; 38,000 OF THEM DIED IN BATTLE.

IN ONE BATTLE, AT MILLIKEN'S BEND, LOUISIANA, 2,000 TEXANS ATTACKED 1,000 NEGROES. THE NEGROES WON.

BUY AN ACME BUTTON.....BUY AN ACME BUTTON

BE NICE TO YOUR CANDIDATES
FOR COMMON COUNCIL

BY JEANETTE LEAKES

AN ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED IN A WELL-KNOWN NEWSPAPER RECENTLY. IT SEEMED TO DOUBT THE CREDIBILITY OF A MAN RUNNING FOR COMMON COUNCIL---NAMELY, JACKIE VAUGHN III. IF THIS IS GOING TO BE THE TYPE OF CAMPAIGN THAT IS SUPPOSED TO INFLUENCE THE PUBLIC, WHY NOT ENLIGHTEN THE PUBLIC ON THE BACKGROUND OF ALL THE CANDIDATES?

ONE PAPER STATED THAT JACKIE VAUGHN WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE WHITE COMMUNITY; STILL ANOTHER SEEMED TO THINK THAT HE HAD LIED ABOUT HIS TRAINING AND EDUCATION. FELLOWS, IF NOT CLEAN, TRY TO KEEP THE RACE AS FAIR AS POSSIBLE!

ONE SMALL REMARK: SOMEONE NEGLECTED TO ASK THE BLACK COMMUNITY IF THERE ARE ANY CANDIDATES NOT ACCEPTABLE TO US.

QUITE A FEW, QUITE A FEW....

EDITORIAL

SURPRISE...OR IS IT?

FOR SO LONG WE HAVE BEEN SCREAMING OUR LUNGS OUT. LISTEN. "CHANGE NOW, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. THE TIME WILL COME WHEN NON-VIOLENCE WILL BE AT AN END." DID YOU LISTEN? No.

NOW EVERYONE IS IN A STATE OF PANIC BECAUSE OF A RIOT THAT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED 30 OR MORE YEARS AGO. Now, LOOK AT IT, EXAMINE IT.

THERE WAS NO BURNING OF JUST ANY STORES---ONLY WHITE STORES WERE BURNED. THE PEOPLE FOUGHT THE ARMED FORCES THAT WERE THE CLOSEST OPPRESSORS, THAT BEAT THEM DOWN EVERYDAY---THE COPS, THE MAN THAT TAKES THEIR MONEY BUT GIVES BACK LITTLE IN THE FORM OF JOBS AND SUCH.

THINK, MY BLACK BROTHERS, AND MY WHITE OPPRESSORS, OF WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE IN ANOTHER 10 OR 20 YEARS (IF WE, BLACK AND WHITE, LAST THAT LONG) AND NO CHANGE HAS COME IN A SYSTEM THAT HAS FOR SO LONG TORN APART NATIONS OF PEOPLE AND MADE THEM DESTROY EACH OTHER.

THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THIS SYSTEM ARE SICK AND ENJOY SEEING THE PEOPLE IN CAGES AND BOUND TO THE CHAINS OF HATRED AND JEALOUSY. THEY THINK WE ARE FOOLS WHEN THEY GIVE US THEIR LITTLE BIT OF TOKENISM...A NEW VOTING BILL, A CIVIL RIGHTS BILL, A POVERTY PROGRAM. LOOK AT THEM ALL, STUDY THEM. HOW MUCH GOOD ARE THESE THINGS DOING OR EVEN GOING TO DO? WILL THEY PUT A LARGER DENT IN UNEMPLOYMENT? OR SLUM HOUSING? WILL THEY BRING FREEDOM? No! No! No!

THIS RIOT WILL BE STOPPED, I KNOW, AND MAYBE IT WON'T WIN WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT. BUT I SAY IT IS A GOOD RIOT, WELL-PLANNED AND WELL CARRIED-OUT. AND IF THERE'S ONE PLAN FOR NATIONWIDE ACTIVITY...HAND ME MY GUN. FOR WHEN PICKETS, SIT-INS, STALL-INS, LAY-INS, LETTERS, PRAYERS AND EVERYTHING ELSE CAN'T EXPRESS OUR FEELINGS ENOUGH SO THAT THE MAN KNOWS WE MEAN BUSINESS, THEN THERE'S NO WHERE ELSE TO TURN TO BUT VIOLENCE. WE SHALL NEVER TURN BACK UNTIL WE'VE ALL BEEN FREED.

(CONT'D. NEXT COLUMN)

MY HAT IS OFF TO THOSE IN LOS ANGELES WHO SEE THAT IF WE MUST DIE AND BE KILLED, WE MIGHT AS WELL FIGHT AND DIE HERE SO THAT OUR CHILDREN MAY BE FREE, INSTEAD OF FIGHTING IN SOME VIET NAM SO THAT THE VIETNAMESE WILL BE OPPRESSED LIKE US.

SURPRISE....IS IT? I DON'T HARDLY THINK SO. YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

SHARON MAYES

ACME PUTS UP A NEW FRONT

AUGUST 16, ACME HAD A NEW OFFICE WINDOW INSTALLED, AFTER MANY MONTHS OF BEING BOARDED UP. THE NEW WINDOW WILL BE PROTECTED FROM FUTURE ASSAULTS BY A WOOD COVERING WHICH IS PUT UP AT NIGHT.

THE NEW WINDOW WAS EXPENSIVE (\$117), AND WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MONEY, BUT WE THINK THIS WAS WORTH IT. (ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE IN PAYING FOR IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.) WE WANT EVERYONE TO COME BY AND SEE THE OFFICE THROUGH THE NEW WINDOW.

WHAT REALLY GOES ON AT ACME? NOW YOU CAN SEE.

SCRIPPS

SCRIPPS SCHOOL ANNEX ON BELVIDERE SHOULD HAVE A BASEBALL DIAMOND, A SEE SAW, SOME SWINGS, A SLIDE, A MONKEY BAR, A SAND BOX AND A HORSESHOE DIAMOND.

BY JOHNNIE HOUSTON,
STUDENT AT
BUTZEL JR. HIGH

POLICE DEPT.

WHY ARE THE POLICEMEN PICKING WITH ACME? WHAT HAS ACME DONE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT?

ACME IS TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR PROBLEMS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE COME TO ACME, 9211 KERCHEVAL, OR TELEPHONE 822-4648. THEY MEET SUNDAY AT 7 P.M.

BY TERREL ANDERSON,
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