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The FDP county convention was very well attended, and had to be moved from the community center to St. John's Church in Palmers Crossing. All 40 delegates attended, most of the alternates and 20-30 observers. A county executive committee and delegates to the district caucus were elected. The resolutions passed included commendation of the summer project, the goals of the MSCP, and such local issues as police brutality.

Two local women (one the FDP registrar) were refused service at the lunch counter of a local drug store. When they sat down, a waitress said, "This is it, girls," and most of the customers got up to leave, some carrying their plates with them (!). The manager finally requested that they leave and they did.

On Monday, two white youths in a car followed Bob Beech of the Ministers Project and ~~scow~~ an integrated carload of volunteers from downtown to the edge of town. They had guns.

Medical teams have been in and out and given instruction in first aid. They are also investigating medical facilities in town.

Federal district judge Sidney Mize heard arguments by MSCP on Wednesday against the school desegregation plans. He postponed the case until January. On Thursday he threw out the omnibus violence case against E. L. Raines et. al. It will be appealed.

Registration for the second session of freedom schools was held, and some have begun classes. The others will resume on Monday. Music and art programs are planned for the afternoon.

Traffic tickets: two volunteers and one local supporter.

A library coordinator and assistant are organizing the library next to the office. Many books have been moved to the "branch library" at the community center in Palms Crossing.

Two Justice Dept. lawyers visited the office--Kenneth McIntyre, who has been working in this area for some time, and John F. Graybeal, who is new. They said that at least 278 Negroes took the registration test between March 14 and the middle of June.

There were rumors of possible violence--specifically a church burning--in Palms Crossing Friday night and many residents had their guns close at hand. However, nothing materialized.