MASS MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 2ND—WARD CHAPEL AME CHURCH, 420 17TH

The following telegram was received Tuesday by the Cairo Non-Violent Freedom Committee from Albany, Georgia: DUKES UP SITUATION HERE HAS PREVENTED US FROM CONTACTING YOU BEFORE TODAY. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE FULL SUPPORT OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. URGENTLY NEED NEWS OF WHERE CASE STANDS NOW, PRAY FOR US HERE AS WE SHALL BE PRAYING FOR YOU. FAITHFULLY YOURS

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REPORT FROM CAIRO FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1962, No. 4

From Cairo Non-Violent Freedom Committee (CNJPC) phone 960

L20 27th St., Cairo, Illinois

"WE SHALL OVERCOME"

320 MARCH ON DOWNTOWN CAIRO THURSDAY... Over 320 Negro and white students and adults marched through downtown Cairo last Saturday morning following a mass meeting at Ward Chapel AME church. --- Rev. Blaine Ramsey and Charles E. Koon, chairman of the Cairo Non-Violent Freedom Committee, led the line which walked two by two to city hall, the city jail, and the county court house. --- The group sang freedom songs at each stop and carried signs demanding the formation of a human relations council in Cairo. --- Among those marching were delegations from St. Louis at Carbondale, Indiana, and a Friends camp in Siloam, Missouri.

TWENTY-ONE CONVICTED; EVERYONE IS ASKING "DOES JUSTICE WEAR A WHITE UNIFORM IN CAIRO?" Seventeen members of the Cairo Non-Violent Freedom Committee were convicted of disorderly conduct, mob action and refusing to obey an officer and were fined $200 and costs before Justice of the Peace Robert Williams last Thursday (July 18). --- These were peaceful demonstrators who were arrested while protesting discrimination at the Roller-Bowl. --- Four more peaceful demonstrators at the swimming pool were fined $50 on disorderly conduct convictions by Police Magistrate Edward Fitzgerald Friday (19th). --- Appeals on all convictions have been filed and the students are determined to find justice somewhere. --- More trials are scheduled for August 17th and all America will be watching Cairo to see if there is any justice here.

MASS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THIS THURSDAY NIGHT. --- The next mass meeting of the Cairo Non-Violent Freedom Committee will be held this Thursday night (August 2) at 8:00 pm in Ward Chapel AME church. --- Circled this date on your calendar and let's all turn out for freedom. --- THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 2nd, 8:00 PM AT WARD CHAPEL AME CHURCH, 420 17TH ST.

DEMONSTRATIONS TO CONTINUE. --- Members of the Cairo Non-Violent Freedom Committee have vowed to continue their fight for equality in Cairo despite threats of violence and official persecution. --- Demonstrations are being held now at the Roller-Bowl and the swimming pool. --- Those young people have declared "Jim Crow Must Go" and they mean it.

MAYOR SAYS THERE IS NO SEGREGATION HERE. --- Mayor Robert Peddie was quoted in a St. Louis newspaper Sunday, July 22, as saying, "There is no segregation in Cairo." --- Wake up, Mayor. --- What about employment, housing, recreation, barbershop and education discrimination?

VOTERS LEAGUE FORMED. --- A mass meeting was held on Thursday, July 25, at 19th Street Baptist Church to form an Independent Voters League for Cairo and Alexander County. --- The group plans a voters registration drive, voting workshops and candidate evaluation. --- We must organize if we are to elect officials who will represent everyone, regardless of race.

THISTLEDOWN TRIAL POSTPONED FOR TEN DAYS. --- The trial of Roller-Bowl operator William Thistledow on charges of racial discrimination was continued for ten days Monday, July 22. --- The complaint against Thistledow was signed by Frank Hollis, Cairo Non-Violent Freedom Committee member.

IMPORTANT MASS MEETING & THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 2, 8:00 PM AT WARD CHAPEL AME CHURCH, 420 17TH STREET