

Whites Manhandle 3 Time-Life Reporters

Negroes 'Integrate' Bus Waiting Room

BULLETIN

McCOMB, Miss. — Six negroes entered the white waiting room at the Greyhound bus station at 1:35 p.m. today, walked through the room and drove away in a negro cab. Some 200 white people watched but did nothing. Several whites chased a New Orleans television cameraman who took refuge in the police station.

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McCOMB, Miss.—Buses arrived and departed without incident here today but violence erupted briefly between three magazine newsmen and a group of white persons.

The real test of a police order for an end to violence was expected early this afternoon when six young Negroes bound from Baton Rouge to Jackson on an integration mission arrived

at the Greyhound terminal. Mayor C. H. Douglas and Police Chief George Boyd had vowed to prevent trouble at the bus terminal. This morning, however, when a bus from New Orleans, on which "freedom riders" were expected, arrived about 100 curious townspeople gathered around the station. No one left the bus.

A few minutes later about three blocks away four young white men scuffled with reporters and photographers from Time and Life magazines. Two of the magazine reporters suffered bruises and police jailed a McComb man they identified as one of their four assailants.

Reporters involved in the fracas were Don Ulbrack, a Life photographer from Miami; Don Underwood, Life writer from Miami; and Jimmie Fentress, Atlanta, a Time correspondent.

The incident occurred in front of White's Sport Shop next door to the Enterprise-Journal newspaper in downtown McComb.

Ulbrack said he was struck four or five times in the face and was shoved through a plate glass window. Fentress said he was also hit while Underwood said he was only pushed.

The three said they were walking up the street together when four men accosted them and asked who they were, where they were from and what they were doing. Ulbrack and Underwood said they answered and one of the group told them "my God, look's like this is east-texas."

Fentress said he told them only that he was "here on business" and that one member of the group answered him "your business is our business" and the scuffle started.

Ulbrack suffered a swollen lip but the other two apparently were uninjured.

Ulbrack was among newsmen

beaten in Montgomery May 29 during "Freedom Rider" riots in the Alabama capital.

Police rounded up six suspects and the reporters identified one of their assailants as Haskell Boyd, 20, of McComb who "was one of four persons arrested yesterday as a result of a fight with five Negroes Wednesday at the bus terminal. He was free on \$100 bond when today's scuffle occurred.

Boyd admitted to police that he participated in the scuffle.

City Judge Robert William Brumfield immediately revoked a 30-day suspended sentence Boyd had received two weeks ago on a resisting arrest charge and sent him to jail.

U. S. Marshal Hugo Newcomb of Jackson in McComb today, said he was here "just observing." He said he knew of no plans to bring a force of federal officers into the city.

"RIDER" BUS DUE

A bus bearing six armed CORE integration leaders was due here before 2 p. m. from Baton Rouge. Thomas Price, newspaper editor of the six Negro delegates, said they planned to test transportation facilities both in McComb and in Jackson.

With him were Patricia Tate of Baton Rouge, Sam Thompson, Claude Reese, Willie Bradford, and George Rayfield, all of New Orleans. All but Reese are college students.

Before leaving Baton Rouge, Price told reporters "We are going there as passengers and we expect to be treated as regular passengers would be treated."

"We want to see if the ICC ruling is tangible with regard to certain American citizens."

Jerome Smith, who had a

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NEWSMEN LED AWAY AFTER McCOMB ATTACK

Shown above are three newsmen attacked today in McComb by white youths. They are, from left, Don Uhrbrock, Simmons Fentress, and Don Un-

derwood. Policeman is Slim Elmore.—Daily News-AP Wirephoto.