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Approximately fifteen Negroes entered the Courthouse at about noon and proceeded to the Registrar of Voters' Office on the second floor of the Courthouse. These Negroes left the Courthouse at approximately 1:02 p.m., after being served by the Registrar's Office.

The Negroes were observed to leave the Courthouse area in automobiles with escort by Louisiana State Police officers.

No apparent efforts were made by any of the groups of white individuals to prevent the Negroes from entering the Courthouse or to jam the registration line.

In addition to Franklinton City Police and Deputies of Washington Parish Sheriff's Office, approximately fifteen Louisiana State Police officers were in the Courthouse area during the time the Negroes were registering to vote.

A confidential source, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, advised on

IDENTITIES OF KNOWN KLANSMEN AND OTHER WHITE PERSONS WHO WERE KNOWN TO BE PRESENT IN CASSIDY PARK ON MAY 19 AND 20, 1965

On May 19, 1965, a group of Negroes under the auspices of the Bogalusa Voters League entered Cassidy City Park

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At 3:50 P. M. on May 20, 1965.

bearing 1964-65 Louisiana license with a white male driver and a german shepherd dog appeared at the park entrance. The driver, who was lidentified as by Special Agent by Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated to Special Agent (A) ederal Bureau of Investigation, "Get my license number because I am going to turn my dog loose when they arrive."

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed on the afternoon of May 20, 1965, a build-up of a large group of white males in the vicinity of the National Guard Armory, Bogalusa, as well as at Cassidy Park.

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On July 12, 1965, at 1:40 p.m., two white males were observed following the pickets from their picket line on Columbia Street toward the Negro section of Bogalusa. white males began pushing the pickets and one was arrested by Louisiana State Police. He was later identified as

On July 12, 1965, at 2:05 p.m., Washington Parish Deputy took a revolver from the seat of an automobile driven by Negro male property Agents observed this and it was later reported that had pushed the Negro female in order to get into the car to get the weapon. Agents observing advised that this was not the case and there was no pushing at all. merely took the gun as he had been instructed.

On July 12, 1965, at 3:10 p.m., an unknown white female assaulted a cameraman who was accompanying the Negro Also seen following the march at this time were

who had been in Bogalusa observing the Negro demonstrations. No arrests were made.

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> On July 13, 1965, at 11:28 a.m., an unknown white male picket was allegedly struck by an unknown white male. At this particular time and in this particular area there were nine Louisiana State Police and four FBI Agents observing, none of whom saw any incident take place.

On July 13, 1965, at 11:38 a.m. b7C was observed by FBI Agents and Louisiana State Police as he hit a white male picket,

later arrested by the Bogalusa Police Department after having run through Rosenblum's Department Store in an attempt to avoid arrest.

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On July 13, 1965, at 11:42 a.m., a white female approximately 55 years old was observed trying to choke white female picket. The white female assailant was not arrested and refused to give her name to Louisiana State Police who questioned her, however, she did list as her address begalusa. A check of the Bogalusa City Directory reflects that

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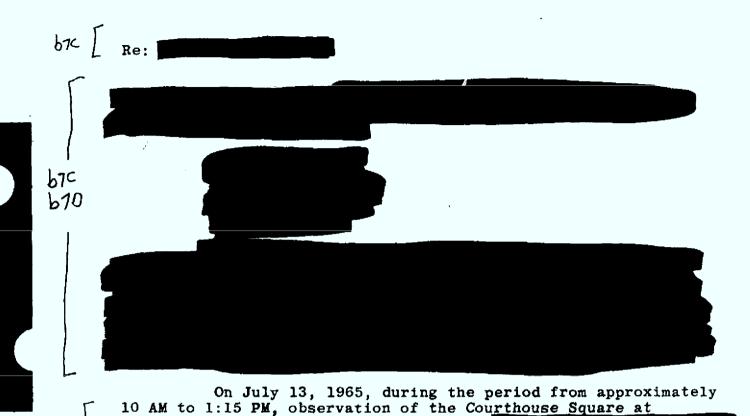
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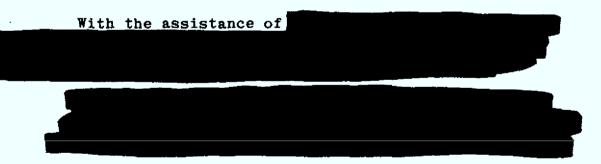


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Small groups of three to six white males were observed in the areas of the Courthouse Square and across the street from the entrance of the Courthouse.



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On July 16, 1965, SA Report of the advised that he was walking from the Bogalusa City Hall toward the Pine Tree Plaza Shopping Center when he noted a gathering of people near the sidewalk in front of the La Plaza.

He saw a man, tall and slender in appearance, run toward the west side of the parking lot. As the man ran, he was arrested by several unidentified LSP officers.

The identity of the man was not known to SA from this distance.

parking lot of the Pine Tree Plaza Shopping Center on July 16, 1965. At approximately 2:56 p.m., LSP Troopers arrived at the scene and arrested one white male in front of the Winn-Dixie Store. LSP Troopers chased another white male in the parking lot. The second white male was caught and arrested. This second white male was observed striking a picket.

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Police Halt March by Negros in Bogalusa

PICKET PUNCHED —
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Rogalusa Friday, causing
police to halt a Negro protest march. Police broke up
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On July 17, 1965, Special Agents

Bureau of Investigation, witnessed the following incident at the Pine Tree Plaza Shopping Center, Bogalusa, Louisiana:

At about 1:40 AM, varbus pickets were walking in front of stores in this shopping center. There were both Negro and white pickets present. At about 1:50 PM, two white male pickets were observed picketing on the sidewalk in front of Ray's Modern Barber Shop. Shortly thereafter, one of the barbers, who was subsequently identified as came out of the shop with a hose that was attached to a water supply within the shop. He proceeded to pour water on the sidewalk in front of the shop and remarked to some of the spectators nearby that he needed to cleam up the sidewalk and referred to the pickets by use of such words as "slop," "trash," and "garbage". He began to turm the water on the two pickets and they were completely drenched.

hen obtained a bar of soap from someone inside the shop; and as the pickets passed, he began to rub soap on their arms and shoulders. He made further comments to the spectators such as "you pickets smell like 'niggers' and need a bath." Later also blocked the passage of the pickets and by pushing with his body, caused the pickets to step off the sidewalk onto the parking area. He was further heard to comment, "'Niggers' belong in the gutter."

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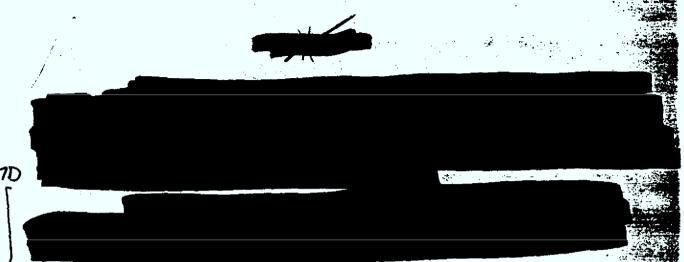
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New Orleans, Leuisiana July 23, 1965

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Hall an individual by the mane of the forelusa City known for a number of years to be the time a yellow golf-type hat with a Small narrow brim. We had on a yellow T-shirt and a pair of khaki pants. We had on a yellow the area of the Pine Tree Plaza Shopping Center, which is approximately 200 yards east of the City Hall.

Within ten minutes of this time while in the Mayor's office in company with Chief of Police CLAXTON KNIGHT, a report came over the Louisiana State Police radio that there was a disturbance in the Pine Tree Plaza.

activities at that time. While standing in the Pine Tree Plaza. SA Regain noted the individual whom he knows as walking in front of Ray's Barbershop and the Brinful House. He was at this time wearing the same shirt and khaki pants, but no longer had the yellow golf-type hat.

pointed out to the reporting Agent and inquired as to whether his identity was known. SA informed Mr. ROSENBERG in the affirmative. At this point, EUSSESSES stated Mr. DOAR had seen this individual striking a picket in the picket line prior to the arrival of SA in the Pine Tree Plaza area.

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SIDNEY AUGUST WARNER, also known as Gussie Warner

On April 19, 1965, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed Sidney "Gussie" Warner, an auxiliary police officer, in the downtown area of Bogalusa, Louisiana. Warner was observed wearing fatigue type blue clothing and had in his possession a silver pocket-pen type tear gas dispenser. Warner stated he also had such a tear gas dispenser for his wife.

On July 21, 1965, Mrs. D. E. McElveen, Sr., Bogalusa, Louisiana, Credit Bureau, furnished the following information from her records regarding Sidney August Warner:

Warner, whose wife's name is Marie, resides at Route 2, Box 305, Bogalusa, Louisiana. He has been on record at the Bogalusa Credit Bureau since 1953. Warner was formerly employed by Crown Zellerbach and is now an independent operator in the egg business. Warner owes a considerable amount of money to Dewitt D. Pittman for the purchase of farm equipment, but there is nothing detrimental in his credit report.

On July 21, 1965, Bob Gray, Consulting Engineer, Uniloy Corporation, Bogalusa, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Sidney August Warner had been employed as a construction worker by Uniloy since July 3, 1965. Uniloy is installing a television system in Bogalusa. He reported Warner was one of the best workers they had.

There is being submitted as enclosures to this memorandum copies of interview with Captain Dewey Norsworthy, relative to his observing Warner in the vicinity of Landry's Fine Foods at the time it was tested by a group of Negroes, as well as interviews with Warner on October 26, 1964 and March 29, 1965.

During the interview YATES made it known that he had possibly broken his right hand as a result of defending himself against this assault by these men. He also stated that he had been severely purrieled about the bead.

Reporting Agent noted that his right hand was badly spollen and that he had a scratch on the back of his hand and one on his third finger.

When the reporting Agent asked to examine YATES' head, he stated no that it would not be necessary, but that he would let the Agents look at his head at a later date in Baton Rouge, after he had been afforded medical treatment.

YATES advised that he did not inform Bogalusa authorities he was coming to Degalusa, as he felt it was none of their business. He advised he does not trust Bogalusa authorities, nor the Louisiana State Police.

Eo stated that he would contact the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Office of the FBI on the next day and provide a written detailed statement of this incident. He stated that his prime concern at the time was to get away from Bogalusa.

The following descriptive information was obtained during the course of this interview:

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White White Male 36
February 18, 1928
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English Professor, Buffalo University and Cornell
University, New York City

RE: RANDLE COZELL POUNDS, also known as "Jelly" Pounds

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advised on June 23, 1965, that "JELLY" POUNDS is the coordinator of the klan units in the Bogalusa area.

On April 7, 1965, POUNDS allegedly attempted to assault CORE worker WILLIAM JOHN YATES while YATES was parked in the vicinity of the home of ROBERT HICKS, Bogalusa, Louisiana. POUNDS allegedly struck the automobile of YATES with a blackjack while YATES was within this automobile. YATES identified photographs of POUNDS as being identical with the person who attempted to assault him on the above date. Upon interview, POUNDS denied that he was involved in this incident. Pertinent interviews regarding this matter are included in this memorandum.

At approximately 9:30 AM, on April 9, 1965, POUNDS assaulted JAMES L. FARMER, Executive Director, CORE, at the intersection of Columbia Road and Third Street. FARMER, at the time, was leading a procession of approximately 420 civil rights marchers. POUNDS walked up to FARMER, grabbed him by the collar, and drew back his other hand in which he held a blackjack. Appropriate interviews with witnesses to this incident are included in this memorandum.

On July 19, 1965, at City Court of Bogalusa, POUNDS pleaded guilty to committing an assault with a dangerous weapon, to wit a blackjack, upon the person of JAMES FARMER and was fined \$25.00 and costs or 30 days in jail.

When interviewed January 11, 1965, and March 27, 1965, POUNDS denied being a member of the Ku Klux Klan. These interviews are included in this memorandum.

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On this date, the reporting agent was standing in mount of the First State Bank and Trust Company at Bogalusa, and the inversoction of Third Street and Columbia Streets, company a march of Civil Rights workers led by JAMES FARMER.

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SA could see the upper portion of the body and moved directing by pointing instructions to these young and after he would make statements to than, they would walk off in the direction in which he pointed. He was not heard to make any statements, but was only seen to gesture.

Within five minutes, a large contingent of Louisiana State Police officers moved down Third Street in an easterly direction from Columbia Street and in so doing, all of the young men who had been around seemed to melt into the crowd and the clubs, sticks, and ballbats, of which there were two noted by the reporting Agent, seemed to disappear.

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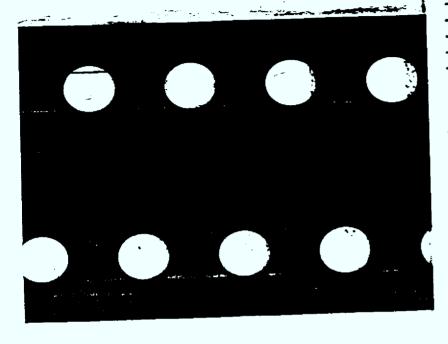
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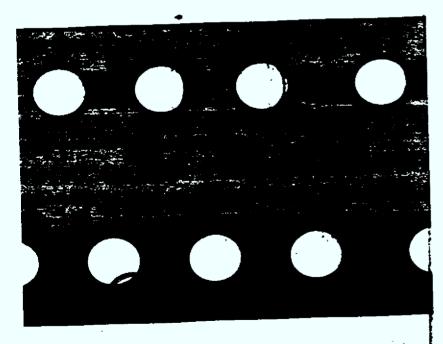
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ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN RACIAL MATTER

ReBulet to Little Rock dated 7/26/65.

There is definitely a resurgence of klan activity taking place within the Little Rock Division and the Little Rock Office has separately requested Bureau approval for the realignment of personnel in an effort to cope with this problem. This new activity is centered in South Central and Southeast Arkansas and, more specifically, in the counties bordering the state of Louisiana. This resurgence of activity is resulting from recruitment activities by 2 Louisiana klan groups, namely United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA) and the Original Ku Illux Klan of America, Inc., (OKKK). The latter is a splinter group of the Original, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) of Louisiana.

During recent months, the OKKK, with headquarters at Monroe, La., has engaged in recruitment activities in Arkansas, and there has been a certain amount of cooperation by this organization with the UKA and the Association of Arkansas Klans of Ku Klux Klan (AAK). For example, elements of all 3 organizations have joined together to hold recruiting rallies at Hamburg, El Dorado, and Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The formal programs of these rallies were carried out entirely by speakers and masters of ceremonies furnished by Louisiana klans. In spite of the fact that there has been some cooperation between these klan organizations, there is currently strong competition between the UKA and the OKKK for the affiliation of the Arkansas klaverns being formed.

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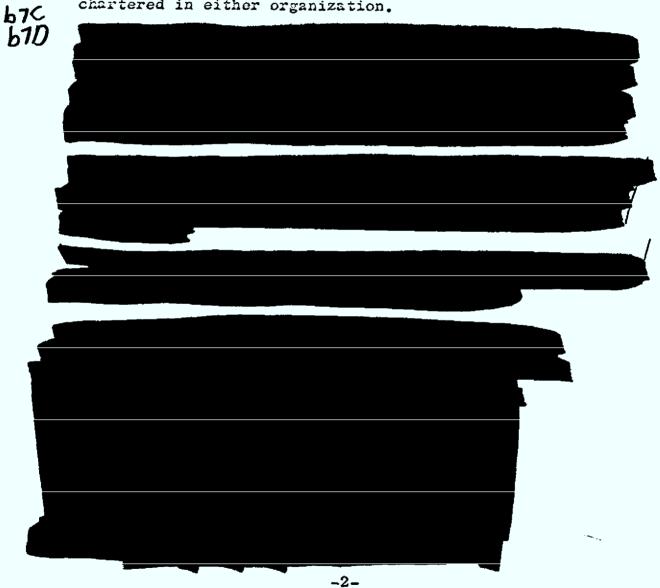
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The competition has been brought about, at least in part, by a division in the leadership of the OKKK. Although the OKKK did most of the ground work in recruiting, it appears that UKA will win a majority of the klaverns being formed. None of the klaverns listed hereafter have been officially chartered in either organization.



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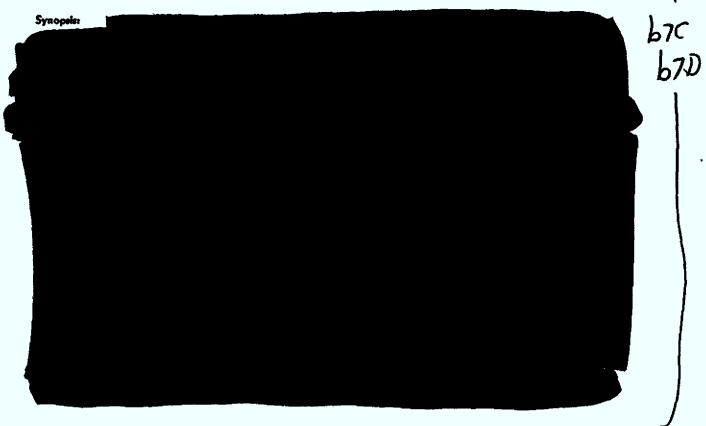
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members observed at rallies of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) held during July, 1965, at Bogalusa. On 7/19/65 Department of Justice filed in USDC, New Orleans, a petition for an injunction to restrain the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) as well as 35 individuals from interferring with civil rights demonstrations at Bogalusa.

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DETAILS

Characterizations of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, hereinafter referred to as the OKKKK; the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, hereinafter referred to as the UKA; and the National States Rights Party, hereinafter referred to as the NSRP, are set forth in the appendix section of this report.

Information contained in this report relates to the activities of the CKKKK, also known as the Anti-Communist Christian Association (ACCA), in Washington Farish, Louisiana.

As previously reported, this group is one of three factions within the OKKKK which split from the state organization in the fall of 1964.

This group is located in the Louisiana Sixth Congressional District and is headed by CHARLES CHRISTMAS of Amite, Louisiana, who holds the position of Grand Dragon; and SAXON FARMER of Bogalusa, Louisiana, who holds the position of Grand Titan.

I. ORGANIZITIONAL STRUCTURE

A. Background Relating to the OKKKK and the ACCA in Washington Parish, Louisiana



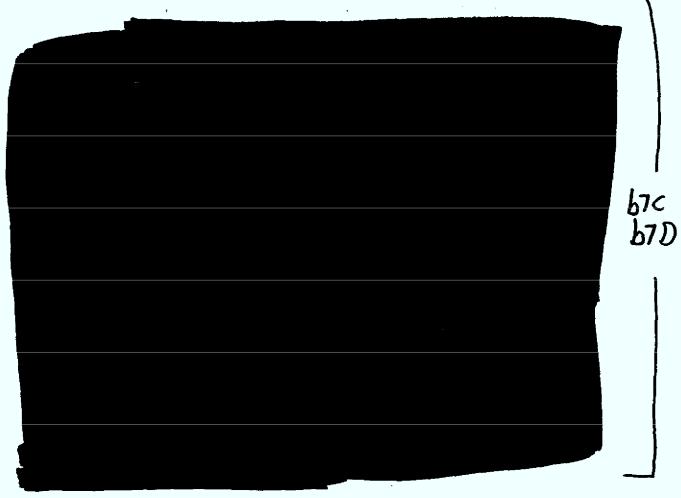
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During the march on July 11. 1965, the following activity was observed by SA

Just as the parade was passing the intersection of Third Street and Columbia Street, reporting Agent noted approximately 40 to 50 young white males walking out of the parking lot immediately east of Willoughby's Men's Store located on Third Street. Reporting Agent noted in particular two individuals known to him

Agent. They were noted to be taking what appeared to be 1 by 2 boards or planks from the rear of a 1950 blue Studebaker, which is known to be the property of

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This car was parked in the parking lot approximately 25 feet from Third Street and directly east of Willoughby's Men's Store.

Standing approximately 20 yards from the automobile better known as better known as standing and directing these young men who were carrying clubs and were moving out onto Third Street. SA could see the upper portion of body and noted directing by pointing instructions to these young men and after he would make statements to them, they would walk off in the direction in which he pointed. He was not heard to make any statements, but was only seen to gesture.

Within five minutes, a large contingent of Louisiana State Police officers moved down Third Street in an easterly direction from Columbia Street and in doing so, all of the young men who had been around seemed to melt into the crowd and the clubs, sticks, and ballbats, of which there were two noted by the reporting Agent, seemed to disappear.

As the Bogalusa Voters League parade proceeded south on First Avenue at the intersection of Third Street, the reporting Ament also noted

Slidell, Louisiana, who was

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On the morning of July 22, 1965, nine Negroes and one white individual were observed by Special Agents of the FBI attempting to gain entrance to Alford's Round Table Restaurant at Bogalusa. After being refused admission, this group proceeded to sit down on the steps in front of the restaurant.

	b10	During this sitin, a white male, subsequently identified was arrested by police officers for striking one of the demonstrators. Later in the day, was again observed in the 400 block of columbia Street by Special Agents of the FBI during the picketing of stores in this area. was again arrested by police officers for striking the Negro male picket.
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	670	On the afternoon of July 10, 1965, a white male, later identified as was observed to grab a sign from a Negro picket in the 400 block of Columbia Street. A fight between these two persons took place and both individuals were immediately taken into custody by the Rogalusa Police Department.
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On July 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1965, rallies of the NSRP were held in an open field at Rio Grande and Union Avenues in Bogalusa on land and other Klan members were observed at these railies on the speakers platform.

XVI. COURT ACTION AGAINST THE KLAN

On July 19, 1965, the Department of Justice filed in United States District Court in New Orleans, Louisiana, a

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petition for an injunction to restrain the OKKKK as well as thirty-five individuals named in this petition from interfering with Civil Rights demonstrations at Bogalusa, Louisiana.

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A copy of this petition is set forth on the following pages:

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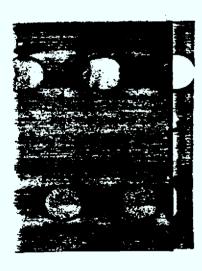


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, Attorney General of the United States,

Plaintiff.

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ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU
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ASSOCIZTICE; SAXON FARMER;
CHARLES CHRISTMAS; RUSSELL
MAGEE; DEVEY SMITH; VIRGIL
CORKERN; ALBERT APPLEWHITE;
E. J. DIXON; O'NEAL AUSTIN
JONES; DELOS WILLIAMS;.
JAMES M. ELLIS; HARDIE ADRIAN
GOINGS, JP.; ESLEY FREEMAN;
ARTHUR BAY APPLEWHITE; JAMES
A. EOLINGSWORTH, JR.; RANDLE
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WILLIE BLACKWELL; J. A.
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MCKIESE; IRA DUNAWAY; DOYLE
TYMES; CHARLES RAY WILLIAMS;
FRANKLIN MARRIS; CHERLES
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BRELAND; BENTON G. BRELAND;
MERVIN TAYLOR; VAN DAY; FILL
RAY RISNER; EAG JAHES D. TORSELL

Defendants.

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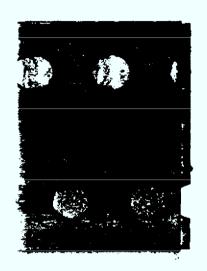
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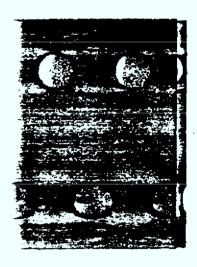
 uphold the integrity of the judicial system of the United

 States, and to prevent unlawful interference with the

 carrying out of the orders of its courts.
 - 2. This court has jurisdiction of this action under 42 U.S.C. 1971(d), 2000a-6(a) and 2000c-6(b) and under 28 U.S.C. 1345.
 - 3. The Original Enights of the En Elux Elan (herein after referred to as the Elan) is an unincorporated asnociation the membership of which largely comes from and operates in the Bogalusa and Washington Parish environs.

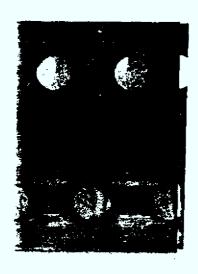
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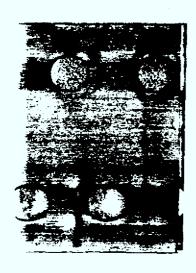


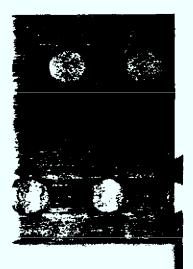


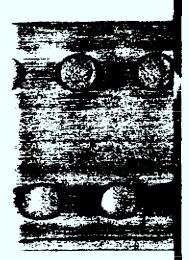
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- Doyle Tynes, Charles Ray Williams, Tranklin Hairis, Charles McClendon, Delton Graves, Milton Earl Pirker, Glenn Bre-land, James D. Terrell, Mervin Taylor, Van Day and Ray Risner are residents of Washington Parish, Louisiana.
- 6. The City of Bogalusa is located in Washington Parish, Louisiana, on the Pearl River at a point where the river forms the boundary between Louisiana and Missiscippi. There are approximately 13,943 white persons and 7,464 Negroes residing in Begalusa. There are approximately 16,804 adult white persons and 6,821 adult Megroes residing in Washington Parish. Of these, 15,521 whites and 1,594 Negroes are registered to vote.
- 7. On January 11, 1950, this Court entered an Order in the case of <u>United States</u> v. <u>McElveen, et al.</u>, (C.A. No. 9145) against defendant Saxon Farmer and others enjoining them from engaging in any acts or practices which would interfere with the rights of any sitizen of the United States to vote at any election without distinction of race or color. That Order restored to the voter registration rolls of Vashington Parish 1,377 Negro citizens who had been unlawfully purged therefrom by Saxon Farmer and other of the defendants in that action.









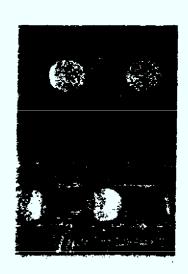
- 3. Trior to July 2, 1964, Begaluse and Washington Parish had, for many years, been rescally segregated communities. Theatres, restaurants, hotels, schools, parks, libraries, and all other public facilities and places of public accommodation and amusement had been maintained and operated on a racially segregated basis. All elected parish and city officials in Washington Parish and Bogalusa are and traditionally have been white persons.
- 9. In January 1965, an organization known as the Bogalusa Voters League, composed largely of Negro residents of Washington Parish, commenced a campaign to gain equal rights for Negroes in Bogalusa and in Washington Parish, including rights secured to Negro citizens by the Civil Rights Act of 1954. In its campaign the Bogzlusa Voters League was supported by the Congress of Racial Equality, a national organization devoted to achieving equal rights for Negroes. The means used by these organizations in furthering this campuign included, and still include, the holding of voting registration clinics to instruct qualified Negroes on how to register to vote, the holding of mass meetings in Bogalusa to call attention to the grievances of the Negro community and to encourage Negroes to exercise their rights, the picketing of places of public accommodation, and other businesses, to project racially discriminatory policies in higing

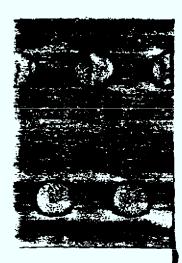
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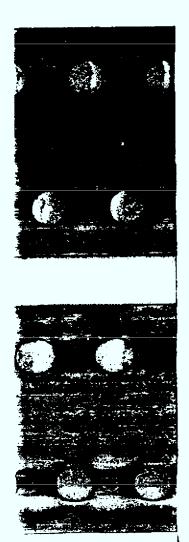
10. The Bogalusa Voters League commonly holds meetings, conducts its business and initiates its demonstration marches in the Bogalusa Labor Temple located at Third Avenue and reventh Street in the City of Bogalusa. The use of the Labor Temple for this purpose is of general knowledge in Washington Parish and at all times herein mentioned was known to the defendants.

11. As a part of the campaign referred to in the preceding paragraphs, petitions were presented to the Mayor of Bogalusa, asking that immediate steps be taken to accord equal rights to Nagroes in Washington Parish. Among the rights referred to in these petitions were the right to vote, the right to use public accommodations, the right to use public facilities, the right to equal employment opportunities in public and private employment, and the right to equal educational opportunities in public schools. The demands of the Negrous and their effort to achieve equal rights were of general public knowledge in Washington Parish and were known to the defendants.

12. It has been and is the objective of the defendents to preserve total racial segregation and white
supremacy in Bogalusa and Washington Parish. The Klan
end the individuals named as defendants in this action
have worked jointly and with a common design to further
this objective.

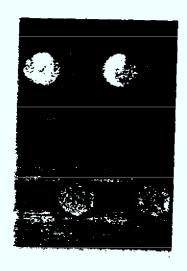


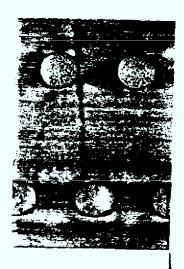




15. A port of the objective of the defendants, as described in the preceding being raph, has been to discourage, interfere with and prevent Negro altizens in Washington Parish from exercising their right to the free and equal use and enjoyment of public facilities as guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; their right to the free and equal use of public accommodations as guaranteed by Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000z); their right to vote and to register to vote for the election of federal candidates, free from racial discrimination, as guaranteed by the Fifteenth Amendment and by 42 U.S.C. 1971; their right to equal employment opportunities as guaranteed by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42U.S.C. 2000e), and their right to equal public educational opportunities on a non-racial basis. In furthering this objective the defendants have adopted and used the following means among others;

- (a) Assaulting, threatening, and harassing Negroes who salek to exercise any of the above rights, and assaulting, threatening, and harassing persons who urge that Negroes should exercise or be accorded those rights.





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b. On January 7, 1965, former Congressman

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business, and civic leaders from Bogalusa, was scheduled
to speak publicly in Bogalusa at the St. Matthews

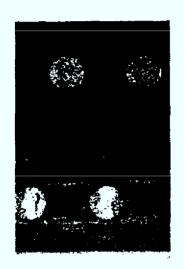
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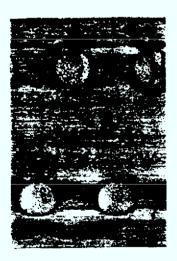
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be for a racially non-segregated basis. After learning
of the proposed appearance of Mr. Hays, the defendant

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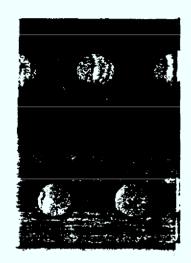


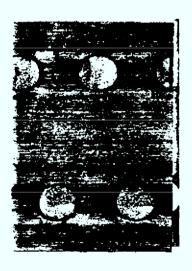


member of the Commission Council and, by means of threats of civil disorder including through of burning the place of the meeting and economic retaliation against local businessmen who supported the meeting, caused the retraction of the invitation to Mr. Mays to speak.

c. During the period from January 28, 1965, to the present time the individual defendants and individual defendants including Saxon Farmer, Rescell Magee, Dewey Smith, Randle C. Pounds, Billy Alford, Louis Applewhite, Charles McClendon, and the members of the defendant Klan have gone to locations where they anticipated that Negroes would attempt to exercise their rights and where they anticipated that persons would publicly demonstrate in favor of equal rights for Negroes, in order that the defendants might identify, harass, threaten and intimidate such Negroes and other persons. For this purpose, members of the defendant Klan have gone to Franklinton, Louisiana, when Negro citizens of Washington Parish were expected to apply to register as voters, have gone to restaurants in Bogalusa when Negroes were seeking or were expected to seek service, and have gone to locations in downtown Begalusa and near the Bogalusa Labor Temple when Negroes were attempting or were expected to demonstrate publicly in support of equal rights for Negroes.

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- d. On February 2, 1965, members of the Klan including defendants Charles Christmas and Saxon Farmer demanded that the city officials require that William Yates and Stephen Eiller, two CORT workers who had come to work with the Bogalusa Voters League, be physically removed from Bogalusa. On February 3, 1965, defendants Doyle Tynes, James Hollingsworth, Jr., Ira Dunaway, J. A. Hollingsworth, Sr. and Delos Williams followed William Yates and Stephen Millar and assaulted Yates, all for the purpose of preventing their activity in encouraging Negro citizens to exercise and enjoy their rights under the Constitution and Federal law.
- e. On February 15, 1965, defendants Virgil Corkern, Sidney August Warner, Delos Williams, James M. Ellis, Charles Ray Williams, and Albert Applewhite, and other persons unknown to the plaintiff, gathered at Landry's Fine Foods, a restaurant in Bogalusa, to observe Negroes seeking service at the restaurant. Defendant Corkern and one other entered the restaurant brandishing clubs, ordered the Negroes to leave and threatened to kill Sam Barnes, a member of the Bogalusa Voters League, who had some to the restaurant with six Negro women. Defendants Charles Ray Williams and James Ellis thereupon followed the Negroes into the Negro section of Bogalusa.
- f. On February 15, 1965, defendant Virgil Corkern and approximately 30 other white persons unknown to the

plaintiff, attacked five Negro citizens and vanalized the car in which they were riding shortly after the Negroes had sought service at a passion attacked in Bogalusa.

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- g. On February 17, 1965, defendant Virgil Corkern followed Reverend Jerry E. Chance by automobile for the purpose of threatening him with physical barm because of Reverend Chance having participated in the invitation extended to Brooks Hays.
- h. On March 29, 1965, defendants Hardie Adrian

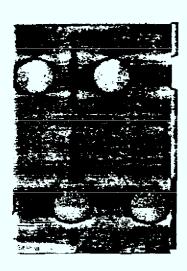
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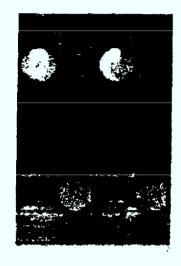
 Bogalusa Voters League was in progress at the Labor Temple,

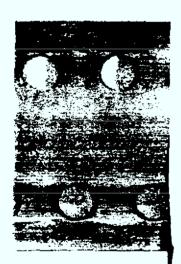
 threw an ignited tear gas canister at a group of Negroes

 standing near the Labor Temple.
- I. On April 5, 1965, the defendant Arthur Applewhite and other persons unknown to the plaintiff, threatened and attempted to intimidate CORE workers who were going from door to door in a Negro neighborhood in Bogalusa encouraging Negroes to register to vote.
- j. On April ?, 1965, defendants Lattimore McNease and Benton G. Breland, threatened Negro citizens during the course of a meeting at the Labor Temple by pointing a gun at Negroes standing outside the Labor Temple.
- t. On April 7, 1965, defendants Randle C. Pounds and Glean Breland accosted CORE worker William Yates and Pounds struck his car with a heavy object at a time when Yates was departing from the house of Robert Hicks. Vice President of the Bogalusa Voters League.







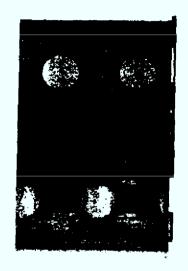


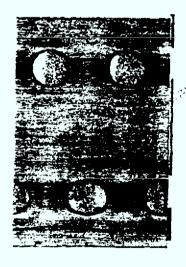
1. In the early morning of April S. 1965 defendant Randle C. Pounds, with other persons unknown to the plaintiff, smashed the rear window of an automobile belonging to CORE workers while it was parked across from the house of Robert Hicks, vice-president of the Bogalusa Voters League.

P. On April 9, 1965, defendants Billy Alford.

Randle C. Pounds, Lattimore McNeese, Charles McClendon and James Burke together with other persons to the plaintiff unknown went to the downtown area of Bogalusa where Negro citizens were participating in a march to the Bogalusa City Hall to protest denial of equal rights. While there, Billy Alford and Randle C. Pounds assaulted Negroes who were participating in the march; Charles McClendon and James Burke attacked newsmen observing the march; and defendant Burke attacked a special agent of the Padarul Burkeu of Investigation who was observing

n. On April 16, 1965, defendant Willie Blackwell assaulted James Brown, a Negro who was then picketing a business establishment in Bogalusa to protest unequal employment practices.





- o. On May 19, 1965, Vitalia Corkern, I the tean-aged sens in Table Corkern and other white persons unknown to picintally want to Cossidy Park, a public recreation area maintained by the City of Bogalusa, for the purpose of interfering with the enjoyment of the park by Negroes and white CORE workers who were present at the park and using the facilities for the first time on a non-segregated basis. The group of white persons of which Virgil Cockern was a nember, entered the park and, dispersed the Negro citizens with clubs, belts and other weapons.
- p. On May 20, 1965, members of the defendant klan, Kenwin Taylor and other persons unknown to the plaintiff again gathered at Cassidy Park for the purpose of interfering with the use and enjoyment of the park facilities by Negro citizens. The Negroes did not appear, but a news photographer walked into the park and was assaulted, beaten by the group of whites, who confiscated his photographic equipment.
 - q. As a result of the activities described in the two preceding paragraphs, the City of Bogalusa closed Cassidy Park.
 - r. On or about May 23, 1965, the defendants Richard G. Krebs and Willie Blackwell took a can of gasoline to the area of the Ebenezar Boptist Church, located in Bogalusa, Louisiana, for the purpose of

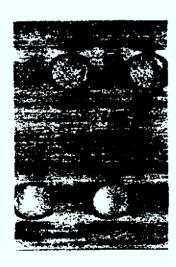
destroying the church by fire in order to prevent mass meetings held on the premises by the Bogelusa Voters League.

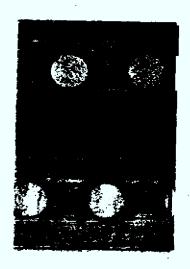
s. On May 29, 1965, defendants Arthur Ray Applewhite, J. A. Hollingsworth, Jr. and Esley Freeman with other persons unknown to the plaintiff, went to the downtown area of Bogalusa where Nagro citizens and CORE workers were picketing downtown Bogalusa business establishments. While there Arthur Ray Applewhite, J. A. Hollingsworth, Jr., Esley Freeman and others unknown to the plaintiff threatened, harassed, and attempted to intimidate the pickets.

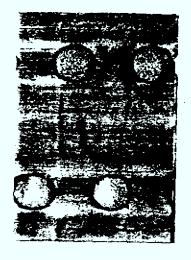
u. On May 31, 1965, defendants Billy Alford and Randle C. Pounds with other persons unknown to the plaintiff, went to the downtown area of Bogalusa where. Negro citizens and CORE workers were picketing business establishments in Bogalusa, protesting unequal and discriminatory hiring practices. While there Billy Alford, Randle Pounds and other unknown to the plaintiff, threatened, harassed and attempted to intimidate said pickets.

Voters League filed an action styled Robert Hicks, et al.
v. Claxton Knight, et al., C.A. 15727, in the United
States District Court for the Bastern District of Louisiana, seeking an injunction requiring officers of the City
of Bogolusa to open the public parks of the City and and to maintain and operate such parks without









racial discrimination, and requiring law enforcement officers of the City, Parish and Lines to protect the Regro plaintiffs and other Negroes from physical assaults, beatings, harassment and intimidation at the hands of white citizens for the purpose of discouraging plaintiffs from picketing, assembling, using the public parks in Bogalusa, or exercising or advocating any other fundamental personal rights or assisting or encouraging others to do the same. On July 10, 1965, this Court issued its preliminary injunction in Robert Sicks, et al. v. Claxton Knight, et al., enjoining the defendant city or parish officers from failing to use all reasonable means to protect the Negro plaintiffs and others similarly situated from physical assaults and bestings and from harassment and intimidation which prevents or discourages the exercise of their right to picket, assemble peaceably and advocate equal civil rights for Negroes. The preliminary injunction is still in full force and effect.

16. Since this Court issued its order on July 10, 1965, as described in the preceding paragraph, the defendants have continued to interfere with Negro citizens, and others working with them, attempting to exercise the rights secured to them by the Constitution and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Specifically their conduct has included: The following defendants on the following dates went to the downtown area of Bogalusz with persons unknown

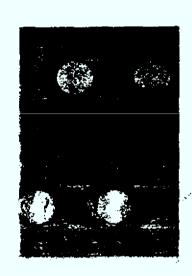
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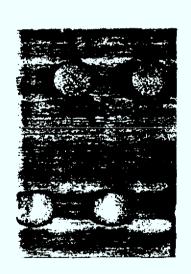


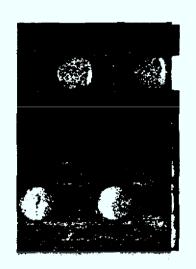
17. The conduct of the defendants as described in this complaint has been and is pursuant to a pattern and practice of resistance to the exercise of the right to equal and non-discriminatory use of places of public accommodations under Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and of the right to equal and non-discriminatory employment opportunities under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

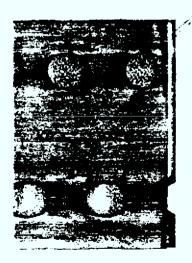
18. Unless restrained by order of this Court, the defendants will continue to engage in conduct similar to that described in this complaint.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that the Court enter a proliminary and permanent injunction enjoining the Original Enights of the Ku Klux Elan, Charles Christmas, Saxon Firmer, Russell Magee, Dawey Smith, Virgil Corkern, Albert Applewhite, E. J. Dimon, O'Neal Austin Jones, Delos Williams, James M. Ellis, Hardie Adrian Goings, Jr., Esley Present, Arthur Ray Applewhite, James A. Hollingsworth, Jr., James A. Hollingsworth, Sr., Randle C. Pounds, Sidney August Warner, Ray Risner, Billy



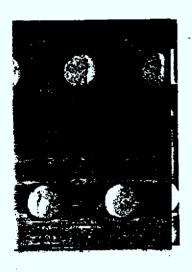


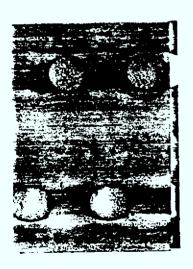




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(a) Assaulting, threatening, harasting, interfering with or invinidating, or attempting . to assault, threaten, harass, interfere with or invimidate any Negro in the exercise of his right in Washington Parish, Louisiand, to the equal use and emjoyment of public facilities and places of public accommodation, of the exercise of his right to vote free from racial discrimination, of the exercise of his right to equal and non-discriminatory . educational opportunities in the public schools, or of his right to equal employment opportunity: or assaulting, threatening, heressing, invesfering with, or intimidating any other person for the purpose of discouraging Negro citizens from emercising such rights:





- (b) Injuring, oppressing, threctening or intimidating any official or employes of the City of Bogalusa or Washington Parish on account of his having accorded or sought to accord Negroes equal treatment in the use of public facilities in Washington Parish;
- (c) Injuring, oppressing, threatening or intimidating any businessman, proprietor or other person having accorded or sought to accord Negroes equal treatment in the use and enjoyment of any restaurant, wheatre, hotel, motel or other place of public accommodation, or in employment;
- (d) Physically ascaulting or beating any civil rights demonstrators or inflicting upon any person harassment or intimidation which prevents or discourages his exercise of his right to picket, assemble peaceably, or advocate equal civil rights for Negroes, or otherwise interfere with

the duty of the city and
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