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On the morning of September 6, 1965, SAXON FARMER was overheard to remark that ROBERT DEPUGH, the National Commander of the "Minutemen" would not be coming to Bogalusa, Louisiana to speak at the Klan rally to be held on September 6, 1965. FARMER acclaimed that when the Federal Government found out that DEPUGH was supposed to come to Bogalusa to speak, they had given DEPUGH some kind of court order to appear in court.

FARMER remarked that Reverend FARRELL GRISWALD from Montgomery, Alabama would be coming to Bogalusa to speak in place of DEPUGH. FARMER stated that the Klan would pay all travel expenses for the main speakers at this rally, who would be Judge JOHN RARRICK, RICHARD COTTON and FARRELL GRISWALD.

There were observed in SAX FARMER's place of business a Klan leaflet entitled "Fifty Reasons Why You Should Be a Member Of The Ku Klux Klan."

At approximately 1:30 p.m. a motor parade of white individuals left the downtown area of Bogalusa and proceeded to the Bogalusa Municipal Airport.

The rally lasted from approximately 1:45 p.m. to about 4:30 p.m. and an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 persons attended this rally. There were refreshments served at this rally to those attending and prior to the speeches a small musical group played country and western music.

The following individuals were observed at this rally:

DOROTHY GALLOWAY
BILLY CLYDE SIMMONS
PAUL COONE
CLAYTON HINES
ARVIS WARNER
AL BARDIN
RUSSELL MAGEE
C. J. SCALE
CHARLES CHRISTMAS
SAXON FARMER
ERIC PETERSON
JACK HELM - from New Orleans
GEORGE SINGLEMAN - from New Orleans
JUDGE JOHN RARRICK
RICHARD COTTON
DEWEY SMITH
SILAS THOMAS
BILLY C. MORRIS

The rally was opened with a short prayer by Reverend SILAS THOMAS, from the Pearl River, Louisiana area and the first speaker was introduced by DEWEY SMITH.

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This first speaker was Judge JOHN RARRICK from St. Francisville, who after his speech acted as master of ceremonies the rest of the afternoon.

Judge RARRICK talk consisted mainly of telling the people that all Governments, local, state and Federal are catering to the communists. RARRICK told the people that the Civil Rights movement was communist controlled and inspired and that the Federal Government was attempting to take over all of the activities of every individual's life.

The next speaker was ERIC PETERSON from the Sun, Louisiana area, who spoke mainly against the local and state political leaders of Louisiana. PETERSON stated that Mayor JESSE CUTRER of Bogalusa, Louisiana, Representative "BUSTER" SHERIDAN of Washington Parish, State Senator B. P. "SIXTY" RAYBURN and GOVERNOR JOHN J. MC KEITHEN were "nothing but a bunch of Nigger lovers." PETERSON stated that a new recall petition was being circulated against Mayor CUTRER of Bogalusa.

The next speaker was RICHARD COTTON, who said he was

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originally from Bakersfield, California, but was presently residing in Shreveport, Louisiana, and would be moving to Shreveport permanently. He said he had written a story about the whole Bogalusa situation which exposed the racial demonstrations in Bogalusa as part of the communist conspiracy. COTTON stated that all racial demonstrations by Negroes are not spontaneous as is indicated in the news media but have all been well planned in advance.

The last speaker was Reverend FARRELL GRISWALD, who stated that the Federal Government was behind many of the racial demonstrations in this country and that these disturbances had been planned by the Federal Government. He complained of being harassed by the FBI and claimed that the racial disturbances, which were occurring at the present time were planned months ago. He also spoke on the Selma to Montgomery march by Negroes and claimed that this march was nothing but a sex orgy for three days.

All of the speakers at this rally damned the Federal Government, but urged those in attendance to give their wholehearted support to law enforcement officials.

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During the rally ARVIS WARNER was overhead to remark that he had received a subpoena to appear in Federal court in New Orleans, ordering him to bring any or all Klan records including membership and financial as well as any Klan audits. WARNER related that this subpoena ordered him to bring the same material which related to the Anti-communist Christian Association and the Young White Conservatives of America.

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