

"Selma-Style" March In Mississippi Swells

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HERNANDO, Miss. - (NPI)--The unprovoked shooting in the back of Negro James Meredith by a white racist on a highway in Mississippi has stirred the boiling cauldrons of racial unrest among black folks throughout the nation and abroad as Negroes press onward towards total freedom in the United States.

Dr. Martin Luther King and members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference arrived about two-miles south of this town.

MEREDITH WAS wounded in the back and head by a shotgun blast fired by segregationist Aubry James Norvell, a white Memphian, the second day of his Memphis-to-Jackson march to dispel fears of white authority, racial violence, "jim-crow" and to encourage voter registration of Negroes in the South. Norvell is being held under \$25,000 bond pending an appearance before a grand jury in November.

Civil rights demonstrators gathered by the road where Meredith was shot on the eve of the Mississippi primary election and hummed softly "We Shall Overcome. . ." as Dr. King prayed.

Civil rights leaders stopped for a day at a bridge over the Coldwater river, eight miles from the woods where Meredith was gunned down, then returned to Memphis for one of the biggest civil rights mass meetings ever held since the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery walk.

AMONG THOSE who addressed the assemblage of more than 1,000 persons in the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church were Dr. King, Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive director; Whitney Young, executive secretary, National Urban League; Floyd McKissick, national director, Congress of Racial Equality and militant Stokely Carmichael, national chairman, Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee.

Young said, "Don't waste your time being mad at dumb, ignorant white people. Let us be mad at people who don't register to vote."

Carmichael said, "I'm not going to beg the white man for what I deserve--I'm going to take it."

Dick Gregory visited Meredith in William Bowld hospital in Memphis. He said, "If one shot from the bushes can frighten a whole nation, we're in trouble. A civil rights worker can go anywhere in the world and not get shot because America will not stand for it. The only reason he can get shot in Mississippi is because America will stand for it."

IN WASHINGTON, a group of Negroes sought to force their way into the office of Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach to demand more federal protection for civil rights workers. Another group staged a protest march outside the Justice Department building. One of the major provisions of a new civil rights bill now before Congress is a provision to make it a federal crime to attack civil rights workers.

In the meantime, plans are underway by civil rights organizations to stage a massive protest march from Hernando to Jackson that would rival the Selma-Montgomery march led by Rev. King in 1965.

Meredith's name was first flashed across the world when the late Medgar Evers succeeded in having him become the first Negro ever to be admitted to the all-white University of Mississippi in Oxford during 1962. Located 15 miles from the scene of the shooting, Oxford was the scene of bloody rioting in which two were killed and army troops had to be called in to quell the riot.

IN NEW YORK City, Mrs. Mary June Meredith, the 28-year-old wife of the wounded civil rights marcher and their 6-year-old son, John, were shaken by news of the shooting. Meredith is a political candidate for public office in New York.

In Chicago, a number of churches joined the NAACP in memorial services for Medgar Evers and other martyrs in the civil rights movement. Just by coincidence, the event became not only a memorial service, but a tribute to James Meredith for his courageous attempt and possible sacrifice of his life.

In London, Evangelist Billy Graham led 18,000 Britons in prayer for Meredith. In Stellenbosch, South Africa, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy said he was shocked and saddened by the ambush wounding of Meredith. Kennedy was attorney general in 1962 when Meredith entered Ole Miss.

ERC Employment Report

Bob Bailey, Chairman of the State's Equal Rights for Citizens Committee, said, this week, that he is encouraged by the progress made in the past month in the employment policies of the Hotel and Casino Industry.

Bailey, who, last month, called for "affirmative action" immediately on the part of hotel and casino operators to correct inequities in equal employment opportunities, told the VOICE editor that if, today, he was called upon to voice his most grievous complaint, it would be that not enough Negroes are making applications for jobs in the Industry.

In a report, dated June 8, entitled "Job Factors Secured in the Last Thirty-five Days and Upcoming Job Opportunities", the ERC Commission issued the following information on minority employment activity.

DOWNTOWN

NEVADA CLUB--2 Dealers, 1 Cocktail Waitress, 1 Change Girl.

FOUR QUEENS--1 Dealer working, 1 Dealer in training, 1 Keno writer in training, 1 Change Girl.

THE MINT--1 Bellman, 1 Dealer starting Friday, 1 Dealer in school, 2 Change Girls.

FREMONT HOTEL--2 Dealers in school to commence within the next two weeks, 1 Car Hop.

EL CORTEZ--1 Food Waitress, 1 Bellman

STRIP

DESERT INN--1 Bellman to start Monday, 2 Elevator Operators, 2 Bartenders to start within 30 days, 1 Girl in Purchasing Department in charge of foodstuffs, 1 Bellhop, 1 Bartender to commence in 30 days, 1 Security Guard.

RIVIERA--1 Waitress in Cafe Noir Room, 1 Cocktail Waitress to begin in 30 days.

SAHARA--1 Bellman in training, 1 Dealer working in Mint will be moved to the Sahara when the present dealer in school takes his place.

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Hotel And Restaurant On The Job Training

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Nevada Senator Howard W. Cannon has been advised by the Labor Department of the approval of one of the largest manpower development programs ever undertaken in the state.

Cannon said the program would involve on-the-job training for some 351 men and women in Las Vegas in the fields of housekeeping, food preparation and food service. The project will involve 12 weeks of training at various hotels and restaurants.

CANNON SAID the \$137,401 contract was the first of its kind to be granted in the state under a law which directs the Secretary of Labor to enter into agreements with employers, trade associations, unions, private and public agencies and others qualified to conduct effective training programs.

During the training wages are paid to enrollees for all productive work, Cannon said.

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