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Figures tell march story

The smoothness of Wednesday's march which involved some 210,000 persons was not a happy accident.

It was the result of careful and detailed planning. And most of the work was done by volunteers.

The Maryland office of the march committee was headed by labor official, Troy Bratley.

Working with him were ten regular and 20 part-time volunteers.

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THE VOLUNTEERS engineered some 15,000 - 17,000 Marylanders to the march in approximately 250-275 buses.

To gather so many people, the Maryland volunteer workers mailed out 2,000 letters, distributed 80,000 circulars, posted 400 posters and contacted 300 civic, labor and religious organizations.

The volunteers kept the office open an average of 15 hours a day.

To help the national office which was located in New York City sponsor "Freedom Trains" from Mississippi and Alabama, the Maryland volunteers sold 5,410 march buttons.

Also, 10,000 instruction sheets were given away and three sound trucks carried the message into the streets.

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TO KEEP tabs on the huge number of persons traveling from Maryland to Washington, the volunteers distributed and completed some 10,000 identification cards.

Although the volunteers spent only some three weeks in the office, the telephone bill — including long distance calls to New York — was $184.94.

The day before the march the office had so many volunteers that all could not be used.

The day after, Thursday, five volunteers were winding up the affairs of the office.

Bill asks 6,000,000 commemorative coins

Rep. Henry B. Gonzales of Austin, Texas, last week introduced a bill to authorize a maximum of six million 50-cent pieces to help dramatize the progress of colored Americans.

The bill was referred to the Banking and Currency Committee.

It specifies that the commemorative coins will be issued at par and distributed at a premium by the National Negro Century of Progress Committee of Washington through banks and trust companies.

Proceeds will be used to help dramatize the progress of colored Americans and will be made available to the general public at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair.

Name director

Mrs. Rodney Rex Rehfeld has been appointed executive director for the Baltimore area council of the United World Federalists.

Mrs. Rehfeld is the former Philadelphia area council of the United World Federalists. The position serviced the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey.

The Baltimore area office is located at 2435 Maryland Ave., and the membership is open to the public.

WOMEN TO WOMEN—This touching picture of a white woman ministering to a colored freedom fighter felled by the heat, symbolizes the widespread interracial unity in Wednesday's march.

THE MARCH

(Composed Aug. 15, 1963

Again another time has come
To proclaim our inequity;
To march for what we want to have,
And that's "Full Equality."
To live in a land where all can be free,
Regardless of race or color
The land which God has made for us
To live in, one with another.
Reasons for marching for Freedom
Seems senseless as can be,
Simply because the colored people want
Full equality.
Is there any love in America
The land that is grand and fair?
How can there be,
With racial hatred forever in our air.
Why do we as Americans
Hate because of color,
When color is merely a means of art
To beautifully blend each other.
With our co-eds white and black
We attend the very same college,
But because of our color
We cannot share our knowledge.
No matter what capacity
Of work that we may do,
The color of our skin will make
A difference in that too.
For better opportunities
In every phase of life;
We must march for Freedom,
So let's endure our strife.
As you walk the March for Freedom
Have no bitterness in your heart;
For being a wrathful people
Makes no easier the start.
So brothers on the March you go
On August twenty eighth,
In proclamation of our rights
We pray with hope and faith.
March, march, march my brothers
For I shall be there too;
To help in ev'ry way I can
To bring equality through.

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UFK urges acceleration of civil rights efforts

WASHINGTON (NNPA).—In a Labor Day statement, President Kennedy said the country "can take satisfaction. . . in the health and energy of our national society." but must speed up "efforts to achieve equal rights for all our citizens."

This acceleration, he added, must occur in the fields of employment, education, voting "and in all sectors of our national activity."

"This year, I believe," he continued, "will go down as one of the turning points in the history of American Labor." He continued:

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"FOREMOST among the rights of labor is the right to equality of opportunity; and these recent months, 100 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, have seen the decisive recognition by the major part of our society that all our citizens are entitled for full membership in the national community.

"This gains of 1963 will never be reversed. They lay a solid foundation for the progress we must continue to make in the months and years to come.

"We can take satisfaction on this Labor Day that 1963 marks a long step forward toward assuring all Americans the opportunities for life, liberty and the persuit of happiness pledged by our forefathers in the Declaration of Independence.

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"AS WE make progress in these four areas, we make progress toward improving both the strength of our national society and the quality of our national life.

"We demonstrate to the world that a free society provides men and women the best chance for decent and fulfilled lives.

"Most of all, we demonstrate to ourselves that our society is vital, the promise is steadfast, and that our determination to fulfill the promise of American life for all Americans in unconquerable.

"Let this be our solemn resolve on Labor Day 1963."

Food and clothing sent to Danville

Two truck loads of food and clothing were taken to stricken colored residents of Danville, Va. last week. The Mississippi -Alabama Relief Committee under the chairmanship of Reverend P. E. Miles, 802 Florida Ave., NW, collected the largest in the Washington area.

This marked the second collection that has been sent to the freedom fighters in the Danville area.

The Rev. Miles says his committee will continue to work for the relief of distressed colored people in the deep south. Last week's load consisted of 2500 pounds of clothing and over $250 worth of food.

Shots, rocks hit 'freedom' buses

Someone in the Rosedale area of Maryland's Northeast Expressway, using rocks and rifles, tried to ambush passengers in buses returning to Philadelphia after the historic March on Washington Wednesday night.

Bel Air barracks state police reported that three passenger busses had windows smashed, a fourth had its taillights smashed and that "one window did look as if it had been pierced by a .22 caliber rifle bullet."

Philadelphians on the buses involved filed complaints with that city's NAACP branch immediately upon arrival home.

At 1 p.m. the next day, Thursday, state police reported a trooper had been assigned to investigate but that no arrests had been made.

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SGT. L. E. PORTER, in charge of the investigation, reported Thursday that Trooper W. D. Taylor, first on the scene, has been assigned to the investigation and will have another report in five days.

Cpl. W. McElfish, was called to the scene by Trooper Taylor when it became definite that an attack had been made on the vehicles.

Sgt. Porter said one car with a dog was used in the investigation Wednesday night but none of those involved was apprehended. He said he did not know if adults or children were to blame nor how many persons.

Sgt. Porter also said there were no other reports of stonings or shooting in the area which is five miles northeast of Baltimore on Route 40. There was no estimate of damage.

A total of six other officers have been ordered to keep watch on the area but Trooper Taylor is the only one actively investigating. He was off on Thursday.

Gov. Tawes impressed by March

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Millard J. Tawes added his voice on Thursday to those congratulating the marchers for the peaceful demonstration they staged in Washington.

The governor said:

"All of us were gratified, I am sure, that the demonstrations in Washington yesterday were peaceful, orderly and without mishap.

"I was impressed by the good behavior and the good humor of the crowd, and by the zeal and enthusiasm displayed by the participants.

"It was quite evident that the cause of equality and justice to all men was greatly enhanced by the March."

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MAYOR THEODORE R. McKELDIN also commented on the March and said:

"American citizens of all races and creeds have demonstrated to the entire world that the cause of human dignity in this nation is being championed forcefully, effectively, and within the framework of those basic rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

"The Freedom March added prestige to our national honor which, unfortunately, has been smudged by the actions of certain bigots and hate - mongers, and every person who participated in the march deserves the highest praise for the orderly manner in which the demonstration was conducted.

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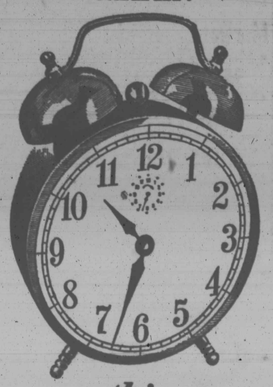

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All alcohol 'out'

WASHINGTON

The District Commissioners declared Aug. 28 and 29 days of public emergencies and ordered a stop to the sale of all alcoholic beverages on those days. The order, issued just before noon on Tuesday, made official a rumor that has been circulating for the past week.

Board President Walter N. Tobriner, before issuing the order, said the action was taken "without reflection upon the organized troups who will come to Washington on Wednesday to participate in the civil rights gathering and who will be under strict discipline."

"There will be thousands of non- participants not subject to the same orderliness, and free consumption of alcoholic beverages might well tend to disturb the peace and quiet of the city." Mr. Tobriner said in a short prefacing speech.

A source close to the Commissioners said the action was taken in response to a flood of requests from members of Congress, government agencies, civic leaders and many organizations.

This unprecedented move by the city heads went into effect 12:01 a.m. Aug. 28 and remains in effect tunil 2 a.m. Aug. 29. The order applies to package liquor stores, groceries selling beer, wine or liquor, restaurants, cafes, taverns, and hotels.

CIVIL RIGHTS MARTYR'S WIDOW, Mrs. Medgar Evers (right) is shown with reporter Mary Stratford following an address at an NAACP rally at Howard stadium Sunday. The pre-march rally attended by about 3500 featured Mrs. Evers who paid tribute to her husband, former Mississippi NAACP field secretary who was killed in the civil rights struggle in Jackson.

S815 defeat seen by NAACP official

By CHARLES S. TYLER

"I think we'll win. We've won before, but this time well need all the help we can get." These are the words Clarence Mitchell used to sum up the battle the NAACP is waging to eliminate Title VI of Senate Bill 815.

In a telephone interview with the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN, Mr. Mitchell, who heads the NAACP Washington bureau, said the Justice Department was playing a Jekyll and Hyde role these days.

"The Department is sponsoring civil rights legislation with one hand and at the same time promoting Title VI which will virtually undo all that's been done in states like Mississippi and Alabama.

"The Justice Department's Land Division, which wrote Title VI, must have been completely out of touch with the Civil Rights Section." Mr. Mitchell continued.

"This is no minor thing we're dealing with." Mr. Mitchell added. "Over twenty per cent of continental United States is made up of land under Federal jurisdiction. And this doesn't include Alaska or Hawaii."

Earlier Mr. Mitchell appeared before the Senate subcommittee and expressed amazement at the Justice Department's sponsorship of Title VI.

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MR. MITCHELL said Title VI of the bill would give the Federal Government the right to cede its authority to the states in areas where it does not have exclusive jurisdiction. Agency heads would be empowered to take this action.

He said the Federal Government maintained three kinds of relationships with state governments where U. S. installations were located: exclusive, concurrent and proprietary.

The Land Division of the Justice Department has waged a continual campaign to permit civilians living on these installations to vote, obtain divorces and exercise other rights denied them because they are not state residents.

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MR. MITCHELL is not opposed to the spirit of the section but is positive that segregationist states will take advantage of the wording of the bill and resegregate everything possible.

"Just think of the trouble that could be cause by those states' efforts to bring their local segregation laws into effect in federal hospitals military posts, parks and the like."

"You know there are some states where it's illegal for a colored man and white woman to live together even though they are married." he added." Think what will happen in places where mixed couples are already living."

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THE NAACP official is not alone in his battle to change Title VI; the Departments of Interior and Defense and the Veterans Administration all want the Federal government to have 'exclusive' jurisdiction in the questioned areas.

Mr. Mitchell says Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Me.), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, thinks Title VI needs a lot of 'revision.'

Sen. Jacob Javitts (R.-N. Y.) has agreed to hold conferences with Mr. Mitchell and Senators interested in civil rights progress. Mr. Mitchell expressed confidence that some good would come out of the meetjng.

"What hurts us most at this time," Mr. Mitchell added, "Is the fact that a liberal administration is offering this measure at the same time it is sponsoring a civil rights bill."

S.815 OPPONENT — Clarence Mitchell, director of NAACP's Washington Bureau is shown as he testified against Senate bill 815, a measure designed cede federal authority to states in certain areas. Mr. Mitchell told Senators that this would be inviting states like Mississippi and Alabama to deny civil rights to colored people and spread their segregation policies. He chided the Justice Department for sponsoring civil rights on hand and sponsoring segregation on the other, through S.815.

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DOROTHY DONEGAN

HOUSTON, Texas — Borrowing from the book of contentious contender Cassius Clay, oil millionaire K. S. (Bud) Adams last week offered the Louisville Lip $130,000 to fight Cleveland Williams here.

Adams accompanied his offer with a wheelbarrow filled with crisp $100 bills, as evidence.

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Leaders estimate crowd at 250,000

Walter Reuther, president of the International Union, UAW, one of the 10 leaders of the March on Washington, estimated that at least 250,000 persons were at the Lincoln Memorial. Roy Wilkins, in a televised interview, affirmed that estimate.

Earlier estimates had placed the crowd from 150,000 to 241,000. There were so many people there, no one will ever agree on how many there were.

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