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broken ranks and scattered to nearby homes on Rte. 3 East, about four miles before they were to reach their destination, which was not clear.

Newsmen were turned back as they attempted to follow the parade outside the city and were forced to take a route five miles out of the way.

THE YOUNGSTERS, among them some 35 Selma University Junior College students, who participated in demonstrations for the first time Wednesday, had held a "Silent Protest" in front of the Dallas County Court House.

It was the second such demonstration Wednesday protesting the county's slow voting registration system.

After they had stood holding signs saying "Let Our Parents Vote" and "Taxation Without Representation" for some 45 minutes Clark had escorted them off, in a totally different direction from that taken in the more than 3,500 arrests here in the past three weeks.

This time the burly, beef-necked lawman did not officially announce the arrest of the demonstrators.

The youngsters reported that upon reaching the outskirts of the city, the deputies used billy clubs and cattle prods to set a brutal pace.

SEVERAL GIRLS, exhausted, dropped out of the line two miles outside of town, but were forced to continue.

Sadie Peoples, 18, later treated for a sprained ankle, said she had been forced back into the line to continue the running until the group scattered.

"Two boys helped carry me - one on each side," she said.

Eyewitnesses said sixteen-year-old Clifton Barker, accused of throwing a rock at a deputy, was thrown into a car and beaten.

Baker, a small, dark-complexioned youth, told the AFRO:

"They clubbed me across the back and then threw me on the floor and put their feet on my back while one of them kept sticking me with a cattle prod and yelling 'Yell N - - -, let's hear you yell.'

"Then they shoved me out and made me run some more."

Mrs. Annie Mae Davis, 66, one of whose homes in which the youngsters found refuge, said she spotted the procession a half - mile away as she sat on her porch 30 yards back from the road.

"Those men were yelling and poking them, trying to make them run faster. When they ran over here I told them to get inside."

The men tried to make them get back on the road. One came right up to the doorstep and yelled, "If you don't get out here I'm coming in and beat you all out." He poked one little boy in the stomach."

"I've never seen anything like it, and praise God I won't see it again - they're just children - just children," the Selma native murmured bitterly.

ONE OF the girls treated for exhaustion panted through tears streaming down her face.

"I'm going to pray for Sheriff Clark - I'm going to pray for him - I want you to put that in your newspaper. Tell him that the little girl he hit and made get up and keep running back there at that grocery store is going to pray he don't go to hell for it."

Some 250 students, most about a third of them in the earlier forced run, conducted a protest demonstration 40 minutes later. They stood for 30 minutes and then knelt in prayer.

THEY WERE preaching when Sheriff Clark arrived on the scene; the youngsters indicated they would continue to demonstrate.

"I'm scared, I can't help it. But as long as he don't kill me I'm going to keep marching," Jacqueline Kyles, 17, vowed.

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—Poverty workshop

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Alliance, the NAACP, the Urban League, Woman Power, Inc., Frontiers International, Committee to Achieve Political Equality, League of Women's Clubs, Prince Hall Masons, Alpha Kappa Alpha Women, and the Metropolitan Independent Democratic Organization.

Other groups and organizations represented are: U-Join, Business and Professional Women's Club, Lawyers' Wives, Harlem Park Neighborhood Council, CORE, Evergreen Protective Association, Greenlawn Neighborhood Association, Inc., Johns Hopkins YMCA, CIG, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and Freedom Democratic Club.

Also represented are the Baptist Ministers' Conference, the Negro American Labor Council, Colored Democratic Women, Cherry Hill Coordinating Council, and the Carrollton Avenue Neighborhood Association.

Mrs. Mary B. Adams, heading the Workshop Committee, said that activities on March 6 will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

The objective of the workshop will be to interpret the twenty-five proposals in the Plan of Action as set forth by the Steering Committee.

She said that representatives from the Office of Equal Opportunity in Washington will be the key speakers for the day's program.

Also included in the program will be a panel discussion on the 25 proposals and its relationship to the community.

Mrs. Adams stated that similar workshops are in the planning stage and will be conducted throughout the city.

—LBJ choices

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decisions, the appointments of a single President can alter the liberal-conservative direction of any court," Dr. Fleming stated.

Retirement, due to age disability, and death were given as the principal factors creating vacancies in the court. Since two justices have already passed their 70th birthdays, and five are beyond 65, Dr. Fleming suggested that it would not be surprising if some vacancies do occur between now and the end of 1968.

For one thing, Dr. Fleming reminded, it is easy for Supreme Court justices of retire. Each receives the same retirement pay as when he was in service—$40,000 yearly for the Chief Justice, and $39,500 for each associate justice.

Dr. Fleming showed concern that many people do not include what a presidential candidate may ultimately do to the Supreme Court, as they consider their choice on Election Day.

"Somehow, most of us think of the court as The Supreme Court, historic, esoteric and divinely set apart," he said. "We forget that the justices are chosen by the political process and that those who choose them are either in the White House or fighting to get there."

US jury indicts Dearborn aides

DETROIT, (UPI)—A Federal grand jury indicted Dearborn Mayor Orville L. Hubbard Tuesday on charges stemming from a violent demonstration by a white mob that thought a colored family was moving into the community.

The indictment accused Hubbard of failing his public duty to prevent "wanton destruction" of property and violations of state criminal laws in the outbrust on La-

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bor Day of 1963 at the home of Guiseppe Stanzione. Stanzione filed a $250,000 federal damage suit in the case last spring.

Hubbard was charged on two counts. He was named alone in the first. In the second, Dearborn public safety director George W. Lewis and Police Chief Garrison Clayton were named with him as co-conspirators.

Lewis and Clayton were also indicted Dec. 18 in the same case and stood mute at thir arraignment Dec. 21 before federal judge Fred W. Kaess.

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THE TWO LAW enforcement officials are free on $1,000 bond each on the charges which carry a maximum penalty of a year in prison and a $1,000 fine upon conviction.

All three officials are accused of failing to take proper action when an angry crowd hurled rocks and eggs at Stanzione's home, poured sugar into his car's gasoline tank and demonstrated for hours while police reportedly stood idly by.

At the time of the rock-throwing outbrust, word that a colored family was moving into the nearly all-white Detroit suburb spread when a colored mover was seen at the Stanzione home, accompanied by his wife. The crowd swelled to about 400 angry whites at one point.

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THREE CLERGYMEN who witnessed the near-riot said the mob did not disperse until a title abstract was produced showing that the house had not been sold.

Hubbard and other city officials were recently ordered by the Michigan State civil rights commission to cease and dsist th practic

When Clark goes, we stop demonstrating, King says

By FRANK HUNT
(Special to the Afro)

SELMA, Ala. — Declaring that he will not leave Selma until the registration books are opened, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., made a dramatic change in his voter registration campaign in the Black Belt counties this week.

Activity in other areas will be postponed and all of his forces will be concentrated in Selma.

A proposed "Freedom Day" Monday, which was to feature voter registration demonstrations in five southwestern Alabama counties, including Birmingham, has been delayed and a massive demonstration is scheduled on that day for Dallas County and Selma.

The decision came when Dr. King returned here Wednesday night after a talk with President Johnson to find the community hit by new police tactics.

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SOME 200 teenagers who conducted a silent demonstration at the Dallas County Courthouse had been beaten and forced on a three - mile run into the countryside.

"We are not pulling out of Selma and Dallas County until Jim Clark pulls out—If he pulls out tomorrow morning, we will stop demonstrating tomorrow morning," Dr. King said.

Dr. King told the AFRO that he was "heartened and encouraged" by the President's promise for new voting legislation in this session of Congress, but he emphasized that it had not changed his plans for strong voters registration action in what he called that ten Black Belt counties of Alabama.

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JOHN LEWIS, chairman of The Student Non - Violent Coordinating Committee, also acting as civil rights advisors in the area, said he would commit as many of his workers as possible to the voter-registration activity in this county seat of 30,000.

He called the police chase, "The most brutal act I've ever seen taken by law enforcement officers."

The week had been quiet by tacit agreement of Sheriff Clark and the Selma Movement. Since Monday, when 37 adults were arrested for contempt of court, demonstrators have used posters and been silent, and the sheriff has made no arrests.

Local leaders suspect that the consistency of the demonstrations — two to three a day involving some 250 youngsters at a time—is beginning to wear down the harried lawman.

"Until they open the registration books so that we can register without a lot of legal gimmicks, Clark and Selma might as well get used to us at the courthouse," Mrs. Amelia Boynton, chairman of the Dallas County Civic League, promised.

The Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, SCLC secretary, indicated that a boycott of Selma's merchants might be the next step in the drive.

"Two bads we have that are understood — the Bible and the pocketbook. We'll read one and hold on to the other," he told the mass meeting.

Haiti aide, funds missing

SANTO DOMINGO,—Dominican Republic — Mohammed Fayed, a foreign promoter who was granted concessions by the Haitian Government to spur economic development, has been reported missing.

According to President Francois Duvalier, Mr. Fayed has taken a large sum of money out of Haiti.

According to an official source in Port - au - Prince, Mr. Fayed's bank accounts, including one in a Haitian branch of the Bank of Canada, have been frozen.

Former DC aide to chair benefit

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Atty. George E. C. Hayes, former chairman of the Washington Public Utilities Commission, has been named vice chairman of patrons for the showing here of a film which will benefit the United Nations Association and the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation.

He will serve with Mrs. Arthur J. Goldberg, wife of the associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, who is chairman of patrons for the March 10 Washington premiere of "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

Last week in Providence, R. I. Hayes was one of 26 Alumni cited by Brown University for distinguished achievement and public service. He was presented the school's bicentennial medallion.

of posting on public bulletin boards literature defamatory to the colored race.

TOUGALOO, Miss. — Gershon Kandil, president of the Student Council at Tougaloo College, attended a National Student Conference, held at the Skyline Inn in Washington D.C. on Jan. 29-31.

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Mt. Winans News

By GERTRUDE M. PARKER

The anniversary of the Youth Choir of Bethany Baptist Church will be held Sunday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m., Miss Janet Jackson is president of the choir.

A study on the theme "Spanish Americans," sponsored by the Commission of Missions will be held at the Mt. Winans Methodist Church on the following Sundays: Feb. 14, 21 and 28 at 2 p.m.

Teachers for the study are Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith, Mrs. Madline Lee, Mrs. Mary Wise and Miss Charlotte Wing. Mrs. Deelear Wing is chairman of the commission.

Harry Clements of Huron St. attended funeral services for his nephew Michael Clements, held in Durham, N. C. last week.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Winans Methodist Church held its meeting at the church last Thursday.

Guests from the North Baltimore District WSCS Membership visiting Team were Mrs. Ruth Smith, Mrs. Louise Wright and Mrs. Juanita Hill.

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THE PANEL was informative and enlightening on the work of the local society. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Eura Cook, 2645 Ridgely St.

The M. Y. F. of Mt. Winans Methodist Church held its Orientation Meeting last Sunday at the church. A film was shown and refreshments served. Miss Charlotte Wing and Miss Sharon Wallace presided at the meeting.

CHURCH BECOMES LIFE MEMBER.—The Rev. Reginald Daniels (left), pastor of Madison Avenue, Presbyterian Church, presents a check for $500 to Dr. William Watts, NAACP life membership chairman, making his church a full life member of the organization. Watching the ceremony are Dr. Lillie M. Jackson (seated), president of the local branch; Leonard Wilmore, clerk of sessions of the church, and Dr. John Tilley (right), office manager of the NAACP.

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Ala. voters recall years of hardship

By FRANK HUNT
AFRO Staff Correspondent

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Among the 331 persons who registered here Tuesday in what apparently was a smoothly functioning procedure were some who wryly remember when it wasn't so easy.

"I went there three times and I never got an answer from them in 1958, "Mrs. Georgia Lee Taylor, 55, said as she sat on a green bench in front of the ultra-modern Montgomery County courthouse.

"When I threatened to see my lawyer, it took me three days to get a letter saying I was registered."

A SQUAD CAR with two city policemen was parked across the street. They were later replaced by two motorcycle policemen.

Mrs. Taylor, a member of the Montgomery Democratic Conference, Tuesday helped to recruit others for the special drive initiated by Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in his voter registration campaign in Alabama's Black Belt."

Among her charges were Miss Rosie Lassic, 55, and her mother, Mrs. Pearl Lassic, 75.

"I think I tried back in 1955, but I never heard anything from them, so I gave it up," Miss Lassic recalled.

Her sentiment was that of a number of those who took advantage of the much-publicized opened arms of the Montgomery County Board of Registrars to fill out the registration form containing 17 questions.

And it is one of the reasons why most of the civic groups here join Dr. King in his efforts to initiate open registration in Alabama. Here a massive backlog of disenfranchised colored voters are primarily workers who find it difficult to make it one or two days a month when the board is open from 9 until 4 p.m.

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"IS NOT EASY for them to just take off from some a living to make in Alabama," said Hosea Williams, SCLC's director of political education.

One of the some 100 recruiters canvassing the streets through Tuesday and today, said that he discovered that fear of being in the public spotlight kept many people away from march.

"They think they might be seen by some white person who knows them or by their employers," Mrs. Carolyn Stewart, 21, said "and the police standing around is no help," she added.

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THE MONTGOMERY County Board of Registrars, according to state law, meets once or twice a month. The board additionally meets in each precinct at least once a month. The unit invariably meets in the white section of the precincts, according to local reports.

There are 7,755 prospective colored voters on the registration books, according to Rev. Jessi C. Douglass, chairman of the Montgomery Improvement Association. He figures there are at least 12,000 eligible colored voters not on the books.

Approximately one third of the Montgomery County residents are colored. Some 39,000 whites are registered, representing 75 per cent of the total number eligible.

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"WE HAVE TO REGISTER 5,000 by the 1966 state and county elections," the Rev. Douglass said.

Not all of these caught up by Dr. King's fiery campaign were able to register, however.

Arthur J. Motley, 83, a truck farmer, has found he had tried to register in the wrong county. He lives 28 miles outside the city in adjoining Autauga County.

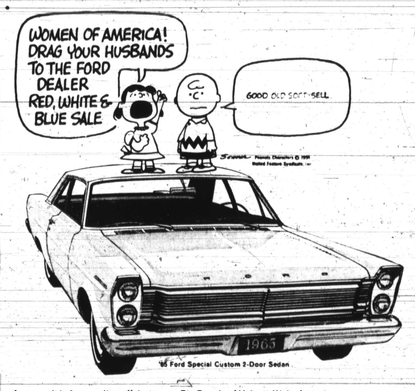
"I never cared too much about it until now—it looks like it might mean something now," he said.

Nkrumah foe, 69 dies in prison

ACCRA, Ghana (NNPA)—Dr. Joseph B. Danquah, once the unquestioned leader in his country's struggle for independence, died here Feb. 4 in prison where he had been held under the Preventive Detention Act since Jan. 8, 1964.

An official statement issued by Dr. Kwame Nkrumah's government said Dr. Danquah had died of a heart attack.

A FUEL OIL truck and a dump truck collided this week at the corner of Fremont Ave. and Mosher St. Firemen are seen here washing oil and debris from the intersection after the accident.



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