

# Plans Being Drawn for Gigantic Civil Rights March in Washington

**Editor's Note:** The greatest racial demonstration in the nation's history, a march of 100,000 strong, is planned by Negro civil rights groups for Washington on Aug. 28. The story of how a dozen men and women are mapping out the march, step-by-step, and of the precautions to keep it peaceful is told in the following dispatch.

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In a little yellow house in Harlem, a dozen men and women are making plans to send 100,000 civil rights marchers to Washington late this month.

The little house, which usu-

ally serves as a community center for getting children off the streets, has become headquarters for an effort to get an army of adults on the streets of the nation's capital Aug. 28.

Civil rights leaders call it the "march on Washington for jobs and freedom."

They say the marchers will provide evidence of the need for quick Federal action to safeguard civil rights and provide jobs for the unemployed.

President Kennedy has endorsed their effort.

At a news conference last month, the President said the march is "in the great tradition" of lawful protest. Unlike some other recent demonstrations, Kennedy said, this one gives "every evidence it is going to be peaceful."

"I look forward to being here," Kennedy said. "I am sure members of Congress will be here."

The President's distinction between peaceful and violent demonstrations was not lost on those who are planning for Aug. 28.

The Rev. Martin Luther King predicted it would be "the greatest non-violent dem-

onstration ever to take place" in Washington.

But all leaves have been canceled Aug. 28 for the District of Columbia's 2,900 man police force. They will be supported by 500 reserves, 250 National Park policemen and the district's 2,000 National Guardsmen.

If serious trouble developed, authorities in the Federal city could call in the army.

As an additional precaution no parade permits will be issued that day except to the six groups sponsoring the parade and those they designate.

The six sponsors are the Congress of Racial Equality, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, the Negro American Labor Council, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Urban League.

The American Nazi party asked permission to stage a "counter demonstration" but was refused.

Despite these precautions, the marchers intend to police their own ranks. They are acutely aware that any outbreak of violence might prejudice their cause not only in Congress but in the eyes of the American people.

They have asked the Guardians, a private group of off-duty New York policemen, to train 1,000 men who will circulate through the crowd and watch for trouble.

Five hundred more men, in teams of 10, will be stationed along the line of march and equipped with walkie talkies and bull horns. No one will be permitted to march who is not wearing an arm band issued by the national headquarters.

The national headquarters will also supply all placards. No other slogans will be allowed.

show up will be visited by a small delegation in his office on Capitol Hill.

But there will be no sit-in on Congress.

Early in June, one of King's aides, the Rev. George Lawrence, announced plans for a "massive, militant and monumental sit-in" in the halls and

galleries of the Capitol, should Southerners stage a filibuster against the Kennedy rights program.

Congress was shocked. Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.) called Lawrence's plan a "blatant attempt to club Congress into submission."

Even some of the strongest backers of civil rights bridled at the idea. They said a sit-in would alienate many liberals.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) who has charge of the program in the House, said it would cause "tremendously deep resentment, which undoubtedly would prejudice the cause of the Negro."

Negro leaders canceled plans for a sit-in.

One of them, the Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy of the SCLC, said, "after all, when you want legislation, why tie up the legislative process."

**Counter Filibuster Planned**

But plans still are afoot, in case of a filibuster before or after the 28th, to send 1,000 persons a day to Washington to stage a "counter filibuster" somewhere near the Capitol grounds.

The leaders also hope that while the marchers are meeting their congressmen, a small delegation can present demands to President Kennedy. The delegation would include at least one Negro and one white person who are out of work.

Their demands will be:

- Passage of an "effective" civil rights program during the current session of Congress.

- Immediate desegregation of the nation's schools.

- An end to police brutality against demonstrators all over the country.

- A massive federal public works program to provide jobs, bolstered by legislation to promote an expanding economy.

- A federal fair employment practices act to bar job discrimination by federal, state and local governments, private employers or unions.

- A fair labor standards act

that covers low-paying jobs not now covered.

- A national minimum wage of \$2 an hour.

**Marchers To Lunch**

By noon, the "confrontations" are supposed to be over and the marchers will go to lunch.

At 12:30 p.m., they will start converging on the Ellipse, a big open park just south of the White House. There they will form up, state by state, in preparation for the march.

At 2 p.m., the parade will begin, its destination the Lincoln Memorial.

The marchers are supposed to be assembled in the open spaces around the memorial by 3 p.m.

Integration leaders will climb the steps of the memorial and there under the eyes of the Great Emancipator, will report on the morning's "confrontations" with Congress and the President.

The speeches are scheduled to last two and a half hours. The six sponsors hope fraternal, labor, religious and other groups will join their march. The National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice says it is going to send "many delegations."

The leaders want white marchers as well as Negroes.

"This is not a Negro demonstration," Fauntroy said. "This is planned as a demonstration of Americans. There are just as many white people as Negroes who want to see the record of America changed."

If all goes as planned, the crowd will break up at 5:30 p.m., just when government offices are letting out. Police plan to block off a large part of the city near the memorial to try to prevent a massive traffic jam.

Within two hours, the organizers hope, all of the demonstrators will be back on their buses, trains and planes and on their way home.

Inspiration Hoped

Negro leaders hope the marchers will lay down their banners as soon as they quit Washington. The hope is

they will "go home inspired" to work for civil rights and to drum up grass roots opposition to any filibuster that might occur later.

The effort to involve the "folks back home" will go further still. Governors are being urged to declare Aug. 28 "Freedom Day." And employers are called upon to give their men a holiday with pay.

The national organizations estimate the march will cost them \$65,000. Transportation for 100,000 may run into millions of dollars, but the local groups are going to have to pay for that.

## Multnomah Fair Concessions Closed

Gresham - UPI - Dist. Atty. George Van Hoomissen has closed down seven amusement concessions at the Multnomah County Fair.

Van Hoomissen said he believed the games were being operated as games of chance.

The district attorney earlier Monday arrested Ernest Hoblit, 61, El Monte, Calif., on a charge of operating a game of chance.

Hoblit pleaded guilty to the charge before District Judge John Gantlenbein and was fined \$20 and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence.

Van Hoomissen said the investigation came following a complaint from Harold Carlson, 55, Portland. Carlson reported that his 16-year-old nephew lost \$3 by gambling on a fortune wheel.

A crowd of 14,334 persons saw the fair Monday to raise attendance after five days of the 10-day event to 97,611.

## Tiros 6 Breaks Satellite Record

Washington - UPI - The space agency has a new front runner in its weather satellite stable.

The honors go to Tiros 6, launched Sept. 17, 1962, and still going strong.

Tiros beat the record of its predecessor, No. 5, which went into orbit on June 19, 1962, and kept functioning through May 4, 1963.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said Monday the new champ is taking excellent pictures of the earth's cloud cover and is expected to go right on doing just that.

To date, it has taken 58,589 pictures, including weather studies for astronaut Walter M. Schirra's six orbit flight around the earth Oct. 3, 1962, and last week it checked on Ariene, the first tropical storm of the 1963 season.

## Takes Third Wife—Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and his bride, Miss Joan C. Martin of Williamsville, N.Y., are shown after their marriage in Buffalo, N.Y. Douglas, 64, recently was divorced by his second wife. The couple left for a month of hiking and camping in Montana and Washington. (UPI)



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## BARGE TONNAGE UP

Portland - UPI - Barge tonnage in the Columbia river picked up during July. The totals were 190,240 tons at Bonneville Dam, 126,699 at The Dalles, Army Engineers said. This compared with 74,159 and 61,922 tons, respectively, during June.

## Places of Assembly

At 10 a. m., on the morning of the 28th, marchers will assemble at 51 different spots around the city.

Congressmen will be invited to come to the assembly points to receive petitions and address their constituents. A congressman who fails to

## Oregonians Offer Measure To Change Postmaster Setup

Washington, D. C. - Bills which would eliminate congressional influence in the appointment of postmasters have been introduced jointly by Reps. Edith Green, Robert Duncan and Al Ullman, Oregon Democrats.

Their bills provide that the appointment of postmasters "shall be made completely through the civil service merit system without regard to any recommendation (except a statement as to character or residence) which may be made with respect to an applicant for such position, by a member of Congress or resident commissioner in Congress, or by any other person."

The legislation would not affect any postmaster holding office at the time of its enactment.

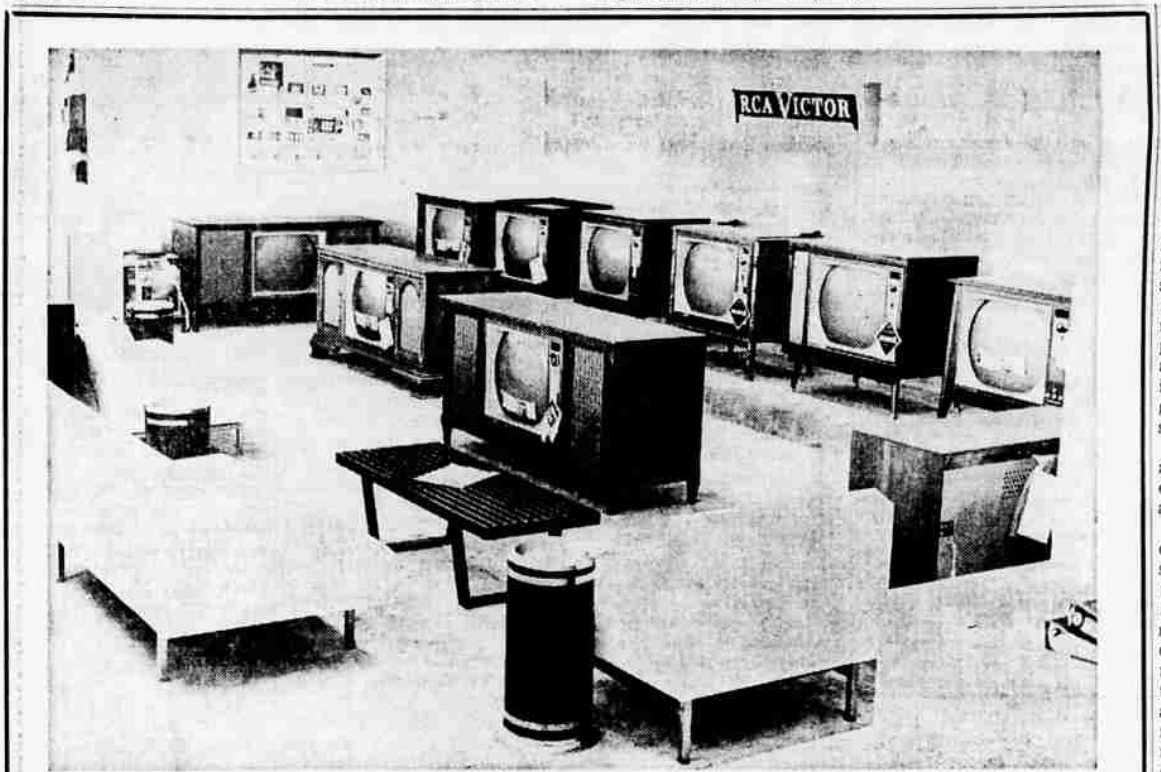
The three Oregon Democrats said they believed "the series of recommendatory procedures commonly use - i.e., a patronage committee makes a recommendation to a central committee which makes a recommendation to the congressman who makes a recommendation to the postmaster general who makes a recommendation to the President who makes an appointment to which, in most instances, the Senate must give its advice and consent - is unnecessarily complex and outmoded."

They said further that "this legislation would properly place the appointment of postmasters in the selective civil service and away from the political influences of the past, and in addition, would eliminate a time-consuming job, one that we are sure is all too familiar to the members of this Congress. This bill would terminate the influence of the so-called congressional advisory system."

The three representatives added, "We are asked to recommend applicants that we may not even know, and in effect, we disqualify persons whose experience and qualifications are too often not even considered. It seems to us that advancement and appointments based on merit would also raise the morale of personnel and result in strengthening the postal service."

**Higher Education Board Gets Grant**

Washington - UPI - Rep. Robert Duncan (D-Ore.) says the Oregon Board of Higher Education will receive a grant under the Urban Planning Assistance Program to aid several Coos Bay area communities. The money, to be used for local and area planning programs, includes: Bandon, \$1,600; Coquille, Myrtle Point and Powers, \$3,700, and Coos Bay, North Bend, Empire and Eastside \$10,400.



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