

Small Group Organizes for 'Greatest Freedom March'

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A four-story yellow stucco room stands alone on a block of red brick tenements near a playground in New York City's Harlem.

There is no air conditioning against the August heat. In a second floor reception

room, a crepe paper mural of trees, flowers and hills is beginning to peel from one green wall. Only the 10 telephones and a switchboard are brand new.

In this building - a community house where social workers toiled last month to keep children off the streets-

a handful of men and women are organizing what they intend to be the greatest civil rights demonstration in America's history.

The building on West 130th street is the national office of a group called the "March on Washington For Jobs and Freedom." The march, Aug. 28, is designed to bring at least 100,000 persons to the Capital. The marchers will include both Negroes and whites.

Staggering Plan
The logistics problem would stagger a general. How do you transport poverty-stricken

Negroes from the Delta outside Greenwood, Miss., to Washington?

Or fill a train from Connecticut and charter a jet plane from San Francisco?

And how, on a \$85,000 budget, do you reach the unemployed, church groups, fraternities, labor unions and convince them to take part in a rally in the middle of the summer vacation season?

The march leaders over the years have had considerable experience organizing demonstrations. They are the heads of the nation's most powerful civil rights groups.

The official call for the march was issued July 12 by James Farmer, national di-

rector of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE); the Rev. Martin Luther King, president

of the Southern Christian Leadership conference; John Lewis, chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating committee; Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); Whitney Young, executive director of the Urban League and A. Philip Randolph, president of the Negro American Labor council.

March Chairman
Randolph, head of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, is chairman of the march.

"The purpose of the march is, by a massive, peaceful, and democratic demonstration in the nation's capital, to provide evidence of the need for the federal government to take effective and immediate action to deal with the national

crisis of civil rights and jobs that all of us, Negro and white, are facing," says the official demonstration manual.

"Politically the march is non-partisan," the book stresses. President Kennedy is supporting the demonstration. "I look forward to being there," said the President at a recent news conference.

The Negro leaders have quietly held conferences with representatives of the Justice department and with local Washington officials. They discussed routes, communications and above all, security.

Peaceful Plan

The march on Washington is planned as a peaceful demonstration - and Negro leaders want to keep it that way. Even in casual conversations

they refer to it as a "non-violent" march.

CORE in Washington is busy recruiting 2,000 marshals to keep order. They will be directed by members of the Guardians, a society of Negro policemen on the New York City force. Current plans call for the marshals and Guardians to train in crowd control and rehearse along the line of march several days before the demonstration.

The District of Columbia's 2,800-man police force is taking no chances. All leaves have been cancelled for the day of the march.

One potential source of trouble is the American Nazi party with its headquarters just across the river from Washington in Arlington, Va. The party asked permission to stage a "counter demonstration," but police refused.

Avoid Incidents
There appears to be a sincere desire on the part of civil rights leaders and the police to avoid any incident resembling the bonus march of 1932 when an "army" of 20,000 veterans and their families came to Washington to demand early payment of World I bonuses.

Police tried to move the demonstrators from Treasury buildings, fighting broke out and two persons were killed. The demonstration ended when President Herbert Hoover called out the army.

What will happen in Washington 31 years later? These are the latest plans for the civil rights march:

It is strictly a one-day affair. "The size and scope of this march make it imperative that all participants come in and go out on the same day," says the organization manual. But some groups may come the day before. Churches are being asked to turn parish houses into dormitories. A call has gone out to the Red Cross for cots.

By 10 a.m. pickets will assemble at 51 churches throughout the capital. Congressmen and senators will be invited to address their home delegations. If no legislator appears, a small group of marchers will seek him out on Capitol Hill.

While the marchers are meeting their congressmen and senators, a group of leaders plus an unemployed white and colored worker will try to call on President Kennedy at the White House. They will seek to present the demands of the demonstration which include passage by Congress of "effective and meaningful" civil rights legislation, without filibuster; immediate desegregation of the nation's schools and a massive public works program to provide jobs for the unemployed.

By noon, the marchers will begin converging on the Ellipse, a park just south of the White House. There they will form state by state for the parade along Constitution avenue to the Lincoln memorial. It is a distance of about one mile.

There will be speeches at the memorial and a public address system will carry the speaker's words to the crowd, some of whom will be half a mile away. The speeches should last two and one-half hours.

Two GOP Hopefuls To Attend Eugene Party Conference

Eugene - (UPI) - Two men mentioned prominently for the 1964 Republican presidential nomination, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York and Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, will be here Oct. 12 for the Republican Western States conference.

Both men are scheduled to speak, but at different locations, and no debate between them is likely, a spokesman said.

Both Rockefeller and Goldwater are expected to be on the Oregon presidential primary ballot next May 15.

To Be Honored
Lowell C. Paget, Oregon GOP national committeeman, said Rockefeller would be honored by a reception and luncheon at noon. Goldwater will be guest of honor at a reception and dinner in the evening.

Goldwater's speech is scheduled for the Lane county fairgrounds and Rockefeller's tentatively for the University of Oregon Student Union building.

Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon will keynote the conference Oct. 11. Delegates from 12 western states are expected.

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