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OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI -- SEPTEMBER 28 -- The Federal Court in New Orleans has, in effect, walked a second judicial mile for Mississippi Gov. Ross R. Barnett. as a tense week in the Meredith anti-segregation case But ~~the court's decision in the case~~ closes, the determined ~~pro-segregation~~ pro-segregation governor ~~gave~~ gives no sign of taking advantage of new leeway offered by the judges of the Fifth Circuit.

After a day's deliberation, Sept. 28, they decided to allow Governor Barnett until next Tuesday "to purge himself" of contempt of ~~their~~ their court by allowing Negro James H. Meredith to register at the all white University of Mississippi.

Few believe the ~~governor~~ governor will back down from his dogged stand. Most expect a major show of federal force -- Monday perhaps -- to effect the registration.

MEANWHILE

FRIDAY

Pressures eased here following unconfirmed

reports that an informal weekend truce had been agreed upon in the Meredith case standoff. Governor Barnett reportedly talked with Attorney General

Robert Kennedy following Thursday's show of Mississippi-strength vigil at the campus by ~~the~~ more than

300 Mississippi lawmen. Meredith's fourth attempt to register was said to have been halted at the last minute Thursday afternoon because of menacingly unrestrained crowd conditions at a campus police blockade. (more)

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~~As Friday dawned with clear skies and bright sun,~~
~~the~~ Mississippi state police and ~~many~~ highway patrolmen were gone, ~~making~~ With them ~~might~~ had vanished the growling dogs, billy clubs, black jacks and undisguised determination ~~to~~ mobilized the day before to thwart ~~a~~ ^{any} new bid by Federal authorities to enforce the Circuit Court's order ~~that~~ ~~forbidding~~ that ~~Mississippi~~ Meredith ~~be~~ be allowed to register.

acted like
 Students ~~went~~ ~~about~~ ~~the~~ students instead of components in a hooting, milling, curious crowd, as on the afternoon before.

As I walked across the campus before 8. a.m., Friday, I saw the charred burlap and wood remains overnight of a six foot cross that had scorched the thick grass just a few steps from the mid-campus flagpole, leaving ~~and left the~~ ~~heavy~~ ~~traces~~ of kerosene on the fresh ~~the~~ ~~morning~~ ~~air~~ heavy scent morning air. But there were no other evidences of unrest.

JACKSON, While calm prevailed here, key actions were underway in ~~the~~ ~~other~~ ~~cities~~ -- they ~~are~~ ~~staging~~ ~~areas~~ ~~for~~ ~~what~~ ~~takes~~ ~~place~~ ~~in~~ ~~Oxford~~. (more)

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In Jackson, ~~the~~ United States Marshals were blocked by Mississippi highway patrolmen guarding the capitol ~~from entering~~ court summonses on Governor Barnett and Lt. Gov. Paul B. Johnson for their defiance of the Circuit Court.

In Memphis, an undisclosed number ^{of federal Marshals} ~~--- several~~ hundred ^{only} is the ~~circulating~~ estimate ~~--- are~~ continued to ~~assemble~~ assemble at the Memphis Naval Air Station at Millington, Tenn. Early Friday, ^(they were joined by) a detachment of 110 U. S. Army engineers in 49 trucks, vans and tractor-trailers loaded with equipment ~~arrived~~ from Fort Campbell, Ky. ^{took} ~~to~~ ^{housekeeping} ~~over~~ ~~legislative~~ support ^{for} ~~of~~ the government officers. ^{Together} ~~They~~ They constitute the federal strength ~~expedition~~ almost certainly due to back up Meredith's next attempt to register.

In New Orleans, eight ~~exhilarating~~ judges of the Fifth Circuit ~~court~~ (a ninth could not be present) ^{gave new leeway to} ~~deliberated its next step in the case of~~ the Mississippi governor who refuses to obey their orders. Governor Barnett did not even appear in court Friday morning, as ordered, to explain why he should not be held in contempt for blocking Meredith. (more)

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In Washington, both the President and the Attorney General were kept in close touch with these widespread developments. Robert Kennedy even cancelled a scheduled speech in California.

~~From~~ Mississippi's Congressional delegation ~~announced~~ appealed to the Attorney General ~~not~~ to postpone efforts to enter young Meredith in the university in view of the "highly dangerous and explosive situation."

Meanwhile, ~~planned~~ former Gen. Edwin Walker, defeated candidate for the Texas governorship and frequent ~~spokesman~~ spokesman for elements of extreme conservatism, continued to call for a massive anti-integration march ~~in~~ ^{to} Mississippi to support Governor Barnett. The Justice Department ~~warned~~ warned that the former U. S. Army officer would ~~take~~ ^{risk} contempt citations of his own by such ~~an~~ action.

~~Thus,~~
~~The Saturday Sunday outlook here from~~
~~here, including the Ole Miss-Kentucky football~~
~~game at Jackson where thousands of staunch Mississippians~~
~~will~~ will congregate, ~~lacked the explosiveness of the~~
~~week just past.~~

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The Saturday-Sunday outlook from here includes the Ole Miss-Kentucky football game at Jackson where thousands of determinedly loyal Mississippians -- including hundreds from ~~the~~ here -- will gather to cheer a promising team and, perhaps, their ~~ambattled~~ embattled governor.

Meantime,

If people in Oxford are any measure, Mississippians are not at all enjoying the attention ~~them~~ the past two weeks has brought them, Especially do they resent the intentions of outsiders like ~~such as~~ General Walker, however much they welcome his sentiments. They contend this is a Mississippi must problem which can and ~~will~~ be solved by Mississippians.

They make the best of the spotlight swung toward them by the newsmen sending out countless reports, ~~flocking here~~. Innkeepers, merchants, and restauranters are hard pressed by the extra traffic, but for the most part, their cordiality seems unscathed.

Also, there seems little delusion in the conversations around courthouse square here that this is merely a school registration matter. People are ~~are~~ soberly aware that states rights, federal law, and the Kennedy ~~is~~ Administration's civil rights posture are in the balance. endit rob

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