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OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI -- All the ugliness of a mob unleashed swirled around the decisive, historic final effort to register a Negro at the University of Mississippi, broadcast an appeal

Even as President Kennedy ~~was speaking to the~~ ~~appeared~~ to Mississippians to ~~bring~~ substitute dignity for defiance ~~in the case of James H. Meredith, Ole Miss students at riot pitch mauled cars, shouted obscenities at women, jumped photographers, let air out of U. S. Army trucks, set fire to their tarpaulins, threw rocks and roared "Get Meredith" and "Get a rope." Mississippi State highway patrolmen stood by until had smashed the rioters, a Texas cameraman's car, pummeled him and screamed vulgarities at his wife before they casually put them stepped in and sped the pair away in a squad car. Mr. Meredith stayed out of sight in a guarded campus apartment.~~

At 8 p.m. the federal marshals who ~~had~~ arrived in Oxford from Memphis five hours earlier and who had immediately been posted ~~in~~ around the Ole Miss administration building, went into action with teargas.

The greensward in front of the colonnaded Lyceum building where Meredith will register, probably ~~today~~ today (Monday), suddenly was a wave of fleeing toughs. Throughout the evening the teargas guns barked and the punishing fog from their shells billowed across a landscape where mocking birds had sung ~~in~~ to a beautiful, tranquil campus only hours before.

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Throughout there was no apparent effort by Mississippi law men to restrain the milling students. Of the three to four thousand students flocked around the administration building, ~~thousands of students~~ perhaps no more than 200 ~~gangs~~ comprised the gang of troublemakers. ^{But,} No university official spoke out to ~~attempt~~ ^{their} attempt to quell the student disorder. In fact, ~~the complete silence of voices of reason~~ ^{the complete silence of voices of reason} -- from members of the Ole Miss faculty and administration, for ~~example, -~~ has left the way open for the voices of emotion to hold sway throughout much of the Meredith^{Ross R.} crisis. Governor Barnett's ^{devotion to} political leadership, ~~and in unyielding racial segregation,~~ rooted in repeated defiance of national laws, has dominated the scene.

Speaking from ~~his~~ ^{his official} the ~~mansion~~ mansion in Jackson shortly after President Kennedy's nationally broadcast comment, Governor Barnett expressed his sadness at the ^{Meridian} mission ~~then~~ being accomplished on the campus of his alma mater. Federal authorities, he ~~was~~ charged, were destroying the Constitution. His capitulation, he said in effect, had come only after federal forces had encircled his cause.

With clockwork timing, the marshals began arriving at Oxford-University airport at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. At five minute intervals, five government transports swooped in. Two hundred United States deputy marshals in the command of Chief U. S. Marshal James McShane, lined up. They wore ^{white helmets and} canvas vests ^(over civilian clothes) stocked with teargas shells, ~~and~~ tear gas grenades, ~~and~~ blackjacks, ~~and~~ ^{Billy} clubs dangled from their belts on one side, ~~gas~~ masks on the other. Some wore stubby pistols in holsters that bulged their ~~waists~~ ^{waists} suit coats. (more)

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Not until many minutes later were newsmen permitted on the ~~campus~~^{grounds}. The ~~camp~~^{crowds} of students had been growing steadily throughout the afternoon as hundreds returned to Oxford from a football weekend in Jackson. Soon there were the same roaring, slightly ~~inhabited~~ profane, cheers that ~~echoed~~^{had} along University avenue last Thursday when state police massed for 10 hours in wait for a Meredith visit that never materialized.

~~Two 2 1/2 ton army trucks in which the marshals had~~
~~arrived were parked in front of the~~
~~building~~

~~So~~ Suddenly the ~~sheer~~ mood swerved ~~from~~ from shouted taunts to physical violence. The motion picture cameraman was the first victim. With wild hoots, ~~the~~ husky boys jumped on ~~the~~^{his} car's hood, its roof, stomped its fenders, kneed its doors, rocked it and at one point tried to overturn it.

Other cameras then became equally fair game. If the operator surrendered his costly instrument, only it was ~~wrecked~~ wrecked. If he held on, ~~the~~ fists battered ~~him~~ him as well,

~~Two~~ Two army trucks parked near the Lyceum were targets next. Flares ~~were~~^{soon set} their tarpaulins ~~and~~ afire. The truck fire extinguisher already had been grabbed by students who used it to drench the truck interior. ~~The~~ The ~~enlisted~~ enlisted man truckdriver ~~had~~ had to beat out the flames. ~~with~~ Next, air was let out of the tires. ~~and~~

~~So~~ What triggered the teargas from the snub-nosed guns held at the ready by the line of marshals is not known, but suddenly the immediate area ~~was~~ was white with stinging mist. The marauders ran. (more)

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But they were not daunted. They surged this way and that. ~~ambulance~~ Cars continued to stream toward the campus from town. Many contained students, many, curious townspeople. Then bricks started to fly, as some of the mob ~~raided~~ ^{raided} the construction site of ~~the~~ ^a handsome new chemistry building. Students began stopping cars, warning them of the lawlessness ahead. More tear gas bombs exploded ~~from~~ and the ~~skirmish~~ skirmish spilled almost to the edge of the campus, The marshals had ~~control~~ control but it was taking all their power to hold it. One hundred more marshals reinforced them before 9 o'clock.

~~ambulance~~
An infantry battle group stands ready in Memphis and the federalized Mississippi national guard is on call at the Oxford armory.

as this is written early Oct. 1,
In town, there are occasional sirens. Parents hover about outdoor phone booths making and awaiting calls from sons and daughters ~~on~~ ^{stranded} the frenzied campus.

~~States rights, the constitution, ~~segregation~~, ~~segregation~~~~
~~ambulance~~
~~ambulance~~

One killing has ~~not~~ been reported.

Mississippi state police cars are streaming toward the university gym, their headquarters. The Marshalls -- ~~will~~ if the tumultuous night ever permits it -- will sleep in a tent city 18 miles from here in the Holly Springs national forest.

What yesterday was ~~defiance~~ defiance of the law overnight has become ~~mockery~~ mockery of it. (more)

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They did not seem to be as big or as rugged as many of the ~~Mississippi highway police, sheriffs and deputies,~~ ~~who have been fortifying the campus here during the previous days of Meredith's registration attempts.~~ But the federal police looked no less determined; they offered few smiles.

~~on the scene. Nicholas~~
~~Chief Justice D.~~
~~with four aides in a small air force jet~~

One hour and 10 minutes after Mr. McShane led ~~the~~ the arrival of the marshalls, Nicholas Katzenbach, deputy attorney general of the United States, arrived with four aides in a ~~small~~ small air force jet.

After a hasty phone call -- conducted in the airport's lone and besieged phone booth -- the marshalls and the justice department team ~~rolled~~ rolled toward Ole Miss in a caravan led, somewhat surprisingly, by ~~the~~ T. B. Birdsong, Mississippi commissioner of public safety. This ~~rendezvous~~ rendezvous gave rise to speculation that the afternoon's actions had been coordinated to some extent with Mississippi state officials. At the campus ~~gateways~~ gateways, sealed off ~~to~~ to all but faculty or students at 2. p.m., there was no resistance to the caravan.

At 6 p.m. Mr. Meredith arrived in a small government airplane and in a ~~second~~ ^{second}, but smaller, motorcade, he was sped to ~~a secure accommodation~~ ^{and secret} a secure accommodation on the campus. (more)

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The registration of young Meredith is likely to ignite more violence if, indeed, the recklessness already in full sway subsides ~~by~~ for the new week.

~~Battling Mississippi~~

Just 100 years ago this fall, federal forces Battling Mississippi under U. S. Grant pierced Mississippi to Oxford. Students waving confederate flags and dashing about in confederate army uniforms Sunday ~~shrank~~ shrank the intervening century to ~~a mere flicker of time~~ a mere flicker of time. endit rob.

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