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to the chess game (Monday)

In Jackson today
Governor Ross Barnett

Issued a Proclamation ordering
~~the arrest~~

of any Federal officials who ~~might~~ ^{tried to arrest or fine any} interfered with any state

~~official~~ defying the Federal Courts ^{Order to desegregate} ~~desegregation orders~~ at the

University of Mississippi. Barnett's move came late this afternoon

and was the latest ^{play} in the ~~long~~ legal chess game that has developed between him and the Federal Government.

The order was also just one more drop in the bucket of the racial crisis which now seems ^{likely} ~~certain~~ to become the worst

State-^rederal clash since the Civil War. Barnett has continuously

and conscientiously defied Federal court orders, and has promised to

go to jail if necessary to keep the state school system segregated.

In fact, he seems bound and determined to force the Justice Department

to put him behind bars.

And adding to the ^{day's} confusion was an order issued

by State Chan^eery Judge W.T. Horton in Jackson which ordered James

Meredith not to enter the University of Mississippi. Last week

Federal Judges Sidney C. Mize and ^{Harold} ~~W.~~ Cox threw out an injunction

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issued by Chancery Judge L.B. Porter of Laurel, Mississippi, which instructed University officials not to register the 29 year old air force veteran. Horton's order was a ^{refinement} ~~refinement~~ of this, and another last ditch legal attempt by the State to foil the Federal Courts.

And, there were repeated reports that Barnett might show up on the University ^{campus} ~~campus~~ again this week ~~for~~ to direct operations ~~which would be the first time since the Federal Government~~ when Meredith makes his second attempt ^{to go to classes} ~~at registration~~, probably sometime Tuesday. Faculty members voiced the opinion that the ^{State} ~~State~~ College Board would comply with a court order to register Meredith, but it ^{remained} ~~remained~~ an open question as to whether the ~~65 year old Barnett~~ ^{Governor} would let this happen. Again, sources ^{here and} ~~in~~ Jackson theorized that the Governor might even go so far as to close the University to avoid desegregation.

^(mechanically) Students on campus were ^{calm} ~~excited~~ and expectant. They were more worried about what might happen if Barnett closed the school than having to go to classes with their first negro. Said one, "I nearly lost a year's ^{credit} ~~credit~~ when they ^{messed with} ~~closed~~ the schools during the Little Rock crisis; if I hadn't moved to Biloxi I would have been

a ~~member~~ ^{member} of that high~~xxxx~~ school class, ^{that lost a year.} Now I'm about to loose

another year if Barnett closes the school. ^(X) Hell, I'm the real victim of

this race ~~xxxx~~ crisis not that nigger."

And the Editor of the Daily Mississippian, Sidna Brower of Memphis said that she thought ~~the~~ students were just beginning

to realize "how serious the situation has become." ^{But} One faculty member ^(no ~~direct contribution~~ attraction in any way) James Silver, professor of History ^{commented}

^{tersely} ~~tersely~~, " I doubt if they have any idea what it all means. " The

faculty said Silver, are under strict orders to stay out of the

racial battle, ^{and while} ~~xxxx~~ He estimated that 95% would ~~fully~~ accept

Meredith as a student, ^{he} ~~we~~ emphasized that ^{NONE} ~~none~~ of them could

be expected to take any stand one way or another. The ^{chancellor} ~~chancellor~~ of the

University, J.D. Williams, ^{Silver said,} is in complete control, ~~of policy making~~ and

the faculty plays no part ^{in policy making} ~~(X)~~.

^(many) Students here were frankly puzzled. " They can't do nothing ^(Barnett) ~~to~~

can they?" was a frequent question. Or , " ^{They're} ~~There~~ never ~~gon~~ going to get

that negro in here, ~~there~~ they're afraid to shit around with Ross."

But, most were ready ^{campus} for his appearance on ~~xxxx~~ sometime this week,

And most seemed sure that he wouldn't last for long. "That nigger ^{will}

^{really} ~~will~~ ^{learn what misery is when he comes} ~~will~~ ^{warned one} ~~will~~ ^(X)

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And another Oxford resident (fy.i. only and no attribution

in anyway Lafayette County Sheriff John Ford) predicted that it

would take "military personel " to carry out desegration of Ole Miss.

~~ANS~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~was~~ even as he spoke ~~of~~ ^{scores} of State police and County

sherrifs from all across Mississippi were massing under the ~~direction~~ ^{direction}

of State Police colonel ^{V.B.} Birdsong. By noon today more than 80

highway patrol cars, ~~most~~ ^{most} of them long white Pontiacs with whip arieals,

were parked in the dusty field surrounding the Oxford National Guard

Aromry. Inside, the armory has been turned into a huge dormitory

to bed the more tan 200 officers in town. Around the square where the

white, neo Georgian Lafayette county court house sits, there

were a dozen more pontiacs parked. Their liscence plates were from

counties like Rankin, Hinds, Sunflower, Coahoma , Tallahatchie , and ~~Pinola~~.

~~And their owners, burly hardfaced sherrifs in dark suits, clustered in~~

~~front~~ ⁺ of the courthouse ~~smoking~~ ^{smoking} cigars and wondering what tomorrow

~~will~~ ^{will} bring.

