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Oxford, Miss.—Sept. 29—(Yarbrough)—A period of peace and quiet that seemed certain to last until Monday or Tuesday settled on the university of Mississippi campus today, but the great crisis was little closer to a solution except in point of time.

The issue remained as it was—a direct collision between federal and state authority, perhaps the most direct since the Civil War and one that might prove to be equally decisive.

But state officials, faculty and students could say, with Scarlett O'Hara of "Gone with the Wind"—"tomorrow is another day. I'll think about that tomorrow."

And so for the time being the No. 1 order of the day was the football game at Jackson, a long drive downstate from here, with Ole Miss matched against one other state, Kentucky, in a more even contest than the serious one over admitting a negro to the state university.

Gov. Ross R. Barnett has been given until 11 a.m. Tuesday to purge himself of civil contempt of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting en banc at New Orleans. The court decided yesterday to pay out a little more time by setting that deadline.

At the same time, in sternly asserting its authority, the court ordered that if he be arrested and fined $10,000 a day unless he purge himself within the given time. The governor can comply by doing two things. He must stop resisting the court's order that a negro be enrolled in the university, and he must maintain peace in and around the school while the enrollment is accomplished.

James H. Meredith, the negro around whom the controversy is centered, is standing by awaiting the moment considered correct by his attorney and the department of justice. When the moment arrives, Meredith will be brought here, probably from Memphis, Tenn., with an escort of United States marshals.

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meredith's every move is directed by jack greenberg, successor to thurgood marshall as general counsel of the national association for the advancement of colored people. they, in turn, are in touch with attorney general robert kennedy and other officials of the department of justice at washington.

other points in the command network are new orleans, where the court sits, and jackson, miss., where the governor sits.

the government has demonstrated that it really means business by assembling several hundred united states marshals at memphis, flying them there from many parts of the country. these men include many who have received special training for the very kind of duty they might have to perform in the present situation.

the question has been uppermost since this critical time began to approach: will the government send in troops to enforce the court's order? it is apparent that an effort will be made first with marshals, in the numerical strength considered proper.

if this force of marshals should arrive at the campus and find itself unable to get through the forces available to gov. barnett, then the battle would be joined for higher stakes.

if a conflict is unavoidable, both forces could be committed to action in short order. the marshals could drive here in less than two hours, and gov. barnett could assemble the state police and local law enforcement officers from over the state.

the state troopers looked unmistakably belligerent when they were decked out in steel helmets on wednesday, even though they did leave their service revolvers in their automobiles, along with gas masks.
leaders of the university and most of the faculty are
known to feel that they have no choice but to accept the negro's
enrollment as ordered by the court.

in fact, gov. barnett's defiance of federal authority finds
little echo either on or off the campus here. not much open discussion
of the subject is heard on the streets, in hotels or shops, or along
the leafy walks among the university buildings.

many people say they just hope that some less peaceful
solution is being worked out somehow. judging the students by the
temper they have shown this week, from one excited day to the next,
it would be difficult to imagine them mounting barricades against the
federal men.

the students have been going to classes, but with eyes and
ears alert for some unwelcome diversion.

in the eyes of the faculty and of many students, the day's
most chilling news was from atlanta, where the professional organization
which accredits universities in the south threatened to
suspend its approval of mississippi's institutions of higher learning.

the threat was made by the executive council, commission on
colleges, of the southern association of colleges and schools. it said
the mississippi state college board indulged in political manipulation
when it allowed gov. barnett to act as registrar here last week.

a regulation of the accrediting association
forbids such manipulation. the governor had himself made registrar
for the purpose of turning back meredith's attempt to enroll in the
university.

in addition to ole miss, four other all-white schools and
three negro institutions would lose their standing. this would fall
with especial severity on those about to receive professional degrees.

in faculty eyes only one other development would be more
unwelcome and more serious. that would be the closing of the
university. (end) yarbrough