

### Charleston Calm, Curfew Continues

# Hospital March Set Today

CHARLESTON, S.C. (UPI)—This racially-troubled city enjoyed a day of comparative calm Saturday but braced for another mass protest march Sunday led by the Rev. Ralph Abernathy against two strike-bound Charleston hospitals.

Abernathy spent the day at his Southern Christian Leadership Conference headquarters in Atlanta mapping plans for the march and preparing a renewed attempt to win collective bargaining rights for the more than 400 striking Negro hospital workers.

Charleston was under a third

night of a dawn-to-dusk curfew Saturday with more than 600 National Guardsmen patrolling the streets. Numerous curfew violations were reported for the first two nights of 9 P.M. to 5 A.M. restriction, but no serious incidents have occurred.

A hearing on contempt of court charges against Abernathy and 14 other protesters was continued indefinitely Saturday at the agreement of prosecutors and defense attorneys. Abernathy and the others are charged with violating an injunction limiting pickets at the state Medical College Hospital.

Abernathy was released from a one-week confinement in the county jail when he posted \$500 bond Friday night. He left prison vowing to remain in Charleston until the striking Negroes "gain their bargaining rights."

He said he intends to make Charleston his home base, though he may leave the city from time to time.

He predicted eventual success for the unionization movement but only after a great deal of "suffering and sacrifice."

He had words of praise for his jail cell—and some objections.

He said the jail was one of the cleanest of the 24 he has been in, but that it had "the worst food of any jail I've ever seen. I can't see that anyone would serve food like that out of meanness; it has to be out of poverty."

A group of Negro hospital workers, led by James Orange of the SCLC field staff, were in Columbia, S.C., Saturday to demonstrate during President Nixon's visit to the home of former secretary of state and supreme court justice James F. Byrnes, who was celebrating his 90th birthday.

The demonstrators lined up at the airport, but Nixon's motorcade went in an opposite direction and he never saw the protesters.



Nixon

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# War Protestors Fail To Greet Nixon In SC

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI)—President Richard M. Nixon, en route to the Kentucky Derby, stopped off in Columbia today and extended birthday greetings to 90-year-old elder statesman James F. Byrnes.

Gov. Byrnes' 90th birthday, but more importantly, his 63rd wedding anniversary.

About 4,000 persons were at the airport to meet him, and thousands of others lined his two-mile motorcade route to Byrnes' home, a white brick structure situated in a neighborhood of \$40,000 to \$50,000 homes.

Nixon was delighted by the crowds. "It's great, it looks like it's a campaign," he said.

Minutes before the chief executive arrived, police wrestled to the ground and arrested seven anti-war demonstrators who gathered near the presidential ramp and began waving a blood-red flag.

A scuffle broke out when officers tried to wrest the flag from them and the demonstrators were carried bodily to a police bus and literally thrown inside.

A few other war protesters shouted, "This is free America," but their comments were drowned out by other members of the crowd who encouraged the officers with shouts of "kill 'em," and "bust their heads."

By the time Nixon arrived, however, the scuffling was over, and he declared:

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# Local Religious Leaders Explain Student Church-Going Irregularity

By BEN SINGLETARY and RICHARD BONER  
Special to the DTH

There are a variety of religious institutions in Chapel Hill which welcome UNC students to participate in their worship services. Yet, it is almost common knowledge among students and ministers that the majority of Carolina students only irregularly attend religious services, if they attend at all.

Several campus ministers and students were recently interviewed at random to determine the reasons why students shun religious participation in Chapel Hill.

The Reverend Stan Smith leaned back in the brown leather chair of his University Methodist Church office and took a swallow from the soft drink in his hand.

"Looking at the total

picture, I'd say that participation in formal religious activities—and informal, for that matter—is minimal," Smith began.

Those who did come to church on Sunday mornings, he continued, came out of habit or because their girl friends wanted them to go. One student had even told him that he came because he liked to hear the principal minister, Reverend Watson, comment on Carolina's basketball games.

A few, he stated, came out of a commitment to the church. Of those who did not attend, Smith said:

"College is a time when people question everything—that includes religion. The students who come up here have pretty much been under the rule of their parents and have adopted the religious views of their parents.

College is a time when they question their whole life style. Often times, they do not attend formal worship because of real feelings that they have."

Smith said that after a period of rebellion against parental domination and imposed religious views, many students do, in fact, "come back" to a religious faith of their own.

The associate minister, remarking that he thinks religion still has significance for modern man, held, however, that the established Christian church is in danger if it continues to play too much of a supportive role to the establishment.

"We have a great danger of losing our creative cutting edge provided by youthful influence if we do baptize the establishment. We need to support the establishment at times, but at other times we need to be extremely critical of it."

Across campus in his third floor Bingham Hall office amidst the noise from outside construction work, Father James Devereux, Catholic priest and English instructor, appeared to be in almost complete agreement with Smith.

"There's a large interest in the subject of religion, but not in religious practice", Devereux commented, citing the sizeable enrollments in religion courses.

The tall curly-haired minister added that many students feel that the church doesn't seem to relate to their lives.

"I think the basic reason is

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