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Burned Car Is Clue to Rights Aides

Johnson Pledges Help, Sends Dulles To Mississippi

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JACKSON, Miss., June 23—The car once driven by three missing civil rights workers was found burned in a Mississippi swamp today and President Johnson announced that he was sending former CIA Director Allen Dulles into the State.

There was still no trace of the men missing since Sunday night.

Dulles will leave Wednesday to meet with Gov. Paul Johnson, other Mississippi officials, the FBI "and others who have

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information on the law observance problems that exist there and are a matter of such great concern," a White House announcement said.

Gov. Johnson issued a statement here saying he would be "glad" to meet with Dulles. "So long as Mr. Dulles is objective, I have no doubt he will find that law and order prevail and will be maintained by State and local authorities . . . and that any incident or strife or civil disorder comes from the professional visiting troublemaker."

Five-Hour Meeting

Mr. Johnson met for five hours with Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, who postponed a trip to West Germany, Deputy Attorney General Nicholas de B. Katzenbach, and Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall to discuss the Mississippi situation.

Marshall is head of the Justice Department's civil rights division.

Earlier, the President and the Attorney General had met separately with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schwerner of New York, parents of two of the missing men, and assured them that the Federal Government was doing all it could to find their sons.

The White House statement reiterated the President's concern as to the "whereabouts and physical safety" of the missing men.

Pledge by Governor

It noted that Governor Johnson had promised that law enforcement facilities in Mississippi "will be utilized to their full extent to prevent acts of violence or public disorder," and said that the President "called for the cooperation and the restraint of all the citizens

of this country in maintaining a society free of anarchy, violence and disdain for the law."

The missing men are Andrew Goodman, 20, and Michael Schwerner, 24, both of New York, and James Cheney, 22, a Negro from Meridian, Miss.

Federal and State agents identified a station wagon found burned in a swamp near Philadelphia, Miss., as the one they had used.

Fears have risen for the three men since they failed to return to Meridian from Philadelphia Sunday night. Members of the "Mississippi Summer Project" assigned to civil rights work in Meridian, they had gone to Philadelphia to investigate reports of a burned Negro church.

The first report of a discovery was made here this afternoon by Gov. Johnson, who had been called by a State Highway Patrolman 40 minutes before the start of the Governor's press conference.

Johnson said the burned-out car was spotted in a swamp about 12 miles east of Philadelphia in Neshoba County.

At least 16 patrolmen, two special agents and an undisclosed number of FBI agents had been drawn to the area, Gov. Johnson said. He was awaiting a later report tonight.

Asked if he feared for the three men's lives, the Governor said:

"Offhand, I would say no. But that's just something you don't guess about. It's a big state with a lot of territory. You just can't watch everybody."

Spokesmen for the Council of Federated Organizations, the combined civil rights organization, said here that the three left Meridian Sunday morning to investigate the reported burning of a Negro church in Philadelphia a week ago.

Neshoba County Sheriff Lawrence Rainey said Cheney had been arrested for speeding and fined \$20 and that all

Neshoba County, in the mid-eastern section of the State, is not regarded as one of the most dangerous counties in Mississippi for integration work. It has a population of about 15,000 whites, 4600 Negroes and 1200 Choctaw Indians.

Before discovery of the car, John Lewis, chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, issued a demand here for "presidential protection" of civil rights workers in Mississippi. At least 175 Negro and white students have come into the State in the last few days to begin voter registration projects and another 300 are expected this weekend.

Lewis said, "We'd like to see (Federal) marshals all across this State." The Council of Federated Organizations expects "harassment, intimidation and outright violence," Lewis said.

He also referred to explosions which shook the homes of two Negro families Monday night in McComb, deep in southwestern Mississippi where a strong resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan has been observed.

Meanwhile, Governor Johnson put before the Mississippi legislature today his tuition-grant proposal designed to deal with school desegregation.



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three had been questioned before being released about 10:30 p.m. Sunday.