

Wallace Silent as Marchers Enter City

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MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Theophilus Smith, 17, a broad-shouldered Negro from Birmingham, Ala., carried the flag of Massachusetts through the rain and the sun.

Dr. Martin Luther King led the singing of "America" and the "Battle Hymn" by students along the side of the road from George Washington Carver School.

Rev. Goldthwaite Sherrill of Ipswich, Mass., who has had two blisters on his feet for the past two days, picked up his pace as walked into the camp.

The column of 300 that started this morning at Lowndesboro, Ala., now is 2000.

And they kept cadence most of the way by chanting one word—"Freedom."

The 50-mile march from

Selma to Montgomery was done.

They camped Wednesday outside the downtown section of Montgomery on the grounds of St. Jude's Catholic

Hospital, and those who marched the 50 miles and those who joined the marchers for the final leg of the journey were entertained at an outdoor show.

The talent included Sammy Davis Jr., who closed his New York show to come down here for the night; by Harry Belafonte, comedian Dick Gregory, the Chad Mitchell Trio,

folksinger Odetta, Bobby Darin, Tony Bennett, Nina Simone, Billy Eckstine and Alan King.

Some 15,000 people packed the football field at St. Jude's for the show. Equipment was late in arriving and the marchers and the Negroes from Montgomery stood around for nearly two hours.

Twenty women collapsed and were carried off to the hospital in the crush.

All that was left was for the group to march four miles today to Dexter av. in Montgomery, and up to the state capitol and present Gov. George Wallace with a petition.

This is what the march is all about.

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Boston will have its own Freedom March today.

The demonstration is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. at Tremont and Boylston sts., and to end 30 minutes later at City Hall. It will serve a dual purpose, leaders say.

It will emphasize the "oneness" with the march of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in Montgomery. It will protest substandard housing and segregated school conditions in Boston.

More than 500 persons are expected to participate in the silent march that will pass the State House en route to City Hall.

Leaders of the march had hoped to meet Mayor Collins at City Hall.

But it seemed impossible to agree on a time for the meeting.

Backers announced the march Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. as the first plane-load of men and women headed for the Montgomery march were leaving Logan airport. Some 400 persons left Boston on chartered flights.

Rev. Virgil Wood, head of the Massachusetts unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in a telegram to Collins asked for a meeting at 5:30 p.m. today.

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