

Terry: I Don't Expect A March; It's Unwise

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Gov. Sanford said Tuesday he does not expect any mass Negro march on Raleigh and that such a march would be "foolish. . . produce no good . . . be extremely unwise."

Sanford said he "had no intention of letting groups overrun the Governor's home. The place to transact business is in the Capitol, where my office is located."

The Governor's statement was issued late in the afternoon after several leaders of Negro integration organizations — including a spokesman for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — said they knew nothing of any march plans.

Two controversial integration

leaders — Golden Frinks and the Rev. Fred LaGarde, both of Edenton — said Monday night that a march on the Governor's Mansion was planned for Oct. 4. Both are regional officials of Dr. King's integration organization, known as Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Frinks said King had promised to lead the march. LaGarde said later that King had not accepted or rejected an invitation to lead the march.

Frinks, who has been active in leading anti-segregation demonstrations in Edenton, Williamston, and Elizabeth City, claimed that the march would be aimed at dramatizing a Statewide Negro

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voter registration drive. Another purpose of the March, he said, would be to urge Gov. Sanford to issue an executive order banning racial segregation in businesses which serve the public.

Sanford, who has been working in recent days to get Negro leaders to call off mass demonstrations, said that the purposes listed by Frinks indicated "how useless" such a march would be.

"The purpose of highlighting voter registration can't be served in Raleigh," Sanford said. "If you want to register, you have to do it in your home county. The books are opened to all qualified people."

Furthermore, said Sanford, "to come to Raleigh to ask me to issue an executive order on public accommodations and elections is a waste of time. I have already rejected such a proposal. In any event, the Governor has no such authority under our laws and Constitution, and I have no intention of taking such action."

King's office in Birmingham, Ala., said that he had "no knowledge" of any march plans.

In Charlotte, Kelly Alexander, State president of the NAACP, said any march plans "came as a surprise to me."

His organization "has not been approached on any march at all," he said. "All I know about it is what I read in the newspapers."

In Greensboro, Lewis Landis, president of the local chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, said that "no word about the march from SCLC has been received by our office."

Floyd McKissick, Durham lawyer who is national president of CORE, would not comment, but said he would "make a statement" Thursday.

In Raleigh, Dr. Grady Davis, president of the biracial Raleigh Citizens Association, said his group knew nothing of any march plans. The group will meet Thursday, he said, to "discuss what our attitude should be."