

3 'Ole Miss' Officials Cleared of Contempt

MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP) — U.S. Dist. Judge Sidney Mize cleared three University of Mississippi officials of contempt charges yesterday in the James H. Meredith desegregation case.

The judge held that "all powers were vested solely and conclusively in the board of trustees and direct officials of the university."

The faces of the three defendants — chancellor John D. Williams, liberal arts dean Arthur E. Lewis and registrar Robert B. Ellis — broke into wide smiles when the judge ruled at the end of a three-hour hearing.

The 13 members of the state college board — named by the judge as the ones with the real power in the matter — are scheduled for a hearing themselves on contempt charges in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans Monday.

The Justice Department moved against both groups — the three

school officials and the trustees — in the wake of Gov. Ross Barnett's refusal to register the 29-year-old Negro Thursday.

Barnett, clothed in the authority of the state college board and acting as registrar, handled the matter personally in a meeting with Meredith on the campus.

In turning away Meredith, he defied the orders of three federal courts — ranging all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court — that Meredith must be admitted and 114 years of segregation at the institution must fall.

Despite the fact that the 64-year-old governor took it upon himself to reject Meredith's application, the Justice Department ignored him completely in aiming its legal counter-punches.

Instead it sought contempt citations against the persons actually named in the court order — the university officials and the board members.

Guido Recovers from Collapse

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — President Jose Maria Guido dramatically asserted his authority over warring Argentine army factions last night and ordered an end to hostilities that threatened to engulf the nation in civil war.

Bounding back after a siege of fatigue, the 52-year-old president publicly fired two loyalist army generals who had been named by rebels as part of a military clique that planned a military dictatorship in this key South American nation.

Guido's announcement in a nationwide radio address gave indication he was switching his allegiance to rebel forces.

The chief of the military rebels, Gen. Juan Carlos Ongania, broadcast a warning to loyalist troops in the Buenos Aires area to surrender or face air bombardment.

The warning was ignored, however, and Ongania's deadline passed without incident.

GUIDO, making round-the-clock efforts to settle the four-day struggle among the army generals, collapsed at Government House.

He was attended by Dr. Tiburcio Padilla, public health minister

and a heart specialist.

Friends said Guido was baffled after seven months of trying to reconcile differences among the military commanders who ousted his friend, Arturo Frondizi, from the presidency.

Guido holds the powers of a strong man but has the spirit of a compromiser.

Within a few hours after he proclaimed a cease-fire, rival army commanders opened up a new battle of communiques that left the president where he was when the crisis erupted four days ago — only

this time leaning toward the rebels favoring strict constitutional government and elections as soon as possible.

The president had fired his whole Cabinet and the top military leaders earlier in an effort to appease the rebels who charged that he was being used as a stooge in their plot to set up a military dictatorship.

THERE WERE also reports yesterday of shooting in Florencio Varela, a quiet suburban town south of the capital. The reports could not be confirmed.

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