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'FREEDOM RIDERS' whose arrival in Montgomery, Ala., Saturday touched off a week-end series of riots which culminated in National Guard

being called to duty, (held press conference and vowed to continue their bus trip through the South. Shown, left to right, at the confer-

ence are Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Rev. Martin Luther King, and student leader John Lewis.—UPI Telephoto.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — "The Freedom Riders" will ride again. It will be before Friday and I wouldn't be surprised if there are 30 or more."

This was what Edward B. King, administrative secretary of the students non-violent committee, said Monday night following a secret strategy meeting of Southern leaders which lasted until 2:30 A.M. Tuesday.

In addition to the student leaders, the meeting was attended by Dr. Martin Luther King (no relation to the student leader), the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, chairman of the Montgomery improvement Association; the Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, executive secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and James Farmer of the Congress of Racial Equality.

All of the adults who attended said their organizations are backing continuation of the "Freedom Rides."

"There can be no turning back now," said the Rev. Bernard Lee, former student of Alabama State College who was ordered ousted by Gov. John Patterson for participating in the sitdown demonstrations last year.

Miss Diane Nash, the former Fisk coed who served a 30-day jail term in York, S. C., for taking part in sitdown demonstration at Rock-Hiill, S. C., was present at the strategy meeting.

"There can be no let up now," she said.

Paul Brooks, 22, of East St Louis, Ill., a student at American Baptist Theological seminary in Nashville, Tenn., said all of the students who arrived here by bus and were attacked by the Saturday mob still in

Montgomery.

He said they plan to be aboard the "freedom bus" when it leaves.

Edward B. King said the increase in the "freedom riders" represents students who have arrived here since Saturday from Atlanta, New Orleans, Washington and a number of other cities.

He said the "freedom riders" planned to go not only to New Orleans, but to Jackson, Miss., and cities and towns in Florida.

"Another group of "freedom riders" are scheduled to leave Little Rock (Ark.) and travel to other points," King said.

The state national guard continues a tight jeep-walkie-talkie patrol of the entire city.

The block in the street where the Rev. Abernathy resides is closed to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Det. K. W. Jones announced that "some arrests" had been made as a result of Saturday's mob violence. However, he refused to identify the person or persons held.

Monday night state Adj. Gen. Henry V. Graham added 100 guardsmen to the contingents at the bus terminals.

Earlier, guardsmen forcibly removed a group of men from the bus station after they refused to leave when ordered. The leader, described as a "big man with a cigar in his mouth," said, "we come to meet them n-----rs."

Circuit Judge Walter B. Jones postponed until Friday hearing on charges of an injunction he issued last week prohibiting "freedom riders" from testing the state's segregation laws.

He said it was because law officials have been unable to find any of the "freedom riders." Judge Jones is the jurist who fined the NAACP \$100,000 in 1956.