

Ga. Negroes Threaten Big March On Atlanta

WARRENTON, Ga. — (NPI) — Negroes attending a mass meeting here heard the Rev. Hosea Williams, a leading aide of integration leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., threatened a 120-mile march on the state capitol in Atlanta, after Negroes were attacked by unruly whites for attempting to integrate a local white high school.

Evidently, the threat was hurled at Gov. Carl E. Sanders as much as for the state permitting the school board in Crawfordville to close an all-white high school and transferring its pupils to the Warren county school to avoid integration.

A 17-year-old Negro youth, Frank Bates, was set upon and beaten by white parents, after he drove four other Negroes to the Warren County high school, to which the white students were being transferred. He had to be rescued by state troopers, but not before his shirt had been torn off and he was pummeled by the crowd. Bates' companions fled.

Earlier at Crawfordville, unruly whites also attacked some 20 Negro students attempting to board a bus carrying the white students to the Warrenton school. Several Negro youths were knocked to the ground, and a civil rights worker, who was taking pictures, was attacked along with other newsmen. The rights worker's camera was taken from him but returned later undamaged by police.

In threatening to march, Rev. Williams said: "Gov. Sanders is going to have a long hot winter in Georgia."

He said Negro leaders plan to mobilize an all-out effort in this northeast Georgia area to back up a boycott of Negro schools in Taliaferro county, in which Crawfordville is located.

Negroes have been boycotting schools in Crawfordville to protest the closing of the only white high school, the only one in the county.