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Ex-Gov. George C. Wallace and the Rev. Joseph Lowery of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Emotional March Gains a Repentant Wallace

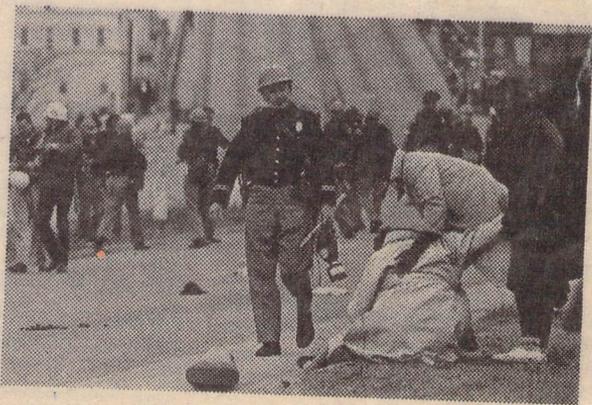
By RICK BRAGG

MONTGOMERY, Ala, March 10 — The marchers swarmed around the old man in the wheelchair, some to tell him he was forgiven, some to whisper that he could never be forgiven, not today, not a million years from now. Yet to all of the people who retraced the steps of the Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights march 30 years ago, George C. Wallace offered an apology for a doomed ideal.

The former Alabama Governor, whose name became shorthand for much of the worst of white Southern opposition to the civil rights movement, held hands with men and women he had once held down with the power of his office. To one aging civil rights war horse, he mumbled, "I love you."

Three decades ago, he was preaching the evil of integration and found approval, even adoration, in the eyes of many white Alabamians. There was the legendary stand in the schoolhouse door, to keep blacks from registering at the University of Alabama. It was his state troopers who used billy clubs and tear gas to control and intimidate marchers on the way to Selma. Then, he took his message nationwide in a run for President in 1968.

A would-be assassin's bullet in a Maryland shopping center in 1972 made him a cripple, but his old words and views echo today on the lips of conservative politicians and others, even though the man people here just call



Associated Press

The scene on March 7, 1965, when Alabama state troopers dispersed marchers in Selma.

"Th' Guv'na'" has long since capitulated, apologized and begged for forgiveness.

Now 75, in a wheelchair for a third of his life, he was too old and sick to make a speech to the 200 marchers, mostly black, who gathered at the St. Jude School in Montgomery, as they did on this day three decades ago. Instead, an aide read his remarks as Mr. Wallace, who is

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ghan war," said Huwai, a leading Karachi banker whose journey to work reflects the special hazards that face residents of leafy suburbs like Clifton, where the well-to-do live in high-walled homes protected by armed guards. He uses a different-colored car each day, leaves his home at different times and follows different routes.

In less affluent areas, the terrors are greater. "I get very panicky whenever I see a speeding car or a rickshaw," said Afaq Ahmad, a 54-year-old editor at The Daily News, who approached two Westerners walking the streets of Nazimabad, one of the most violent areas, and urged them to take sanctuary in his home. Unknown to the Westerners, three people had just been killed a short walk away, causing shopkeepers to roll corrugated shutters over their windows. Within moments, what had been a busy shopping district became as still as a morgue.

As the violence has increased, the 30,000-man Karachi police force has virtually abandoned law enforcement, settling for establishing heavily manned traffic checkpoints that give only rudimentary scrutiny. Few in Karachi were surprised when they read that a police detachment commander in the area where the two Americans were slain, Ghulam Ghaus, was arrested for negligence on Thursday after a policeman on traffic light duty reported that Mr. Ghaus, arriving moments after the attack, refused to chase the yellow taxi in which the killers fled, apparently because he feared being killed himself.

Many in Karachi despair not only for Karachi but for Pakistan, believing that the bloodletting strikes at the heart of the principle of Muslim brotherhood on which Pakistan was founded. At the Aga Khan Hospital, the surgeon who signed the Americans' death certificates, Dr. Fazle Rahim, said the violence was a defiance of everything the country was meant to represent.

"In the Holy Koran, there are words to the effect that God cannot help those who are determined to self-destruct," the 45-year-old doctor said.

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PAKISTAN'S WORSENING VIOLENCE

At least 11 people died in an attack on a Karachi mosque. The assault, two days after the slaying of two Americans, intensifies a feeling that the city's ethnic and religious violence is growing worse. 1

INQUIRY EXPANDS IN MEXICO

Mexican officials say a former Deputy Attorney General charged with trying to thwart an investigation into the slaying of his own brother also appears to have embezzled Government funds. 3

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Gabriel García Márquez, a writer and Nobel Prize winner, proposes a new solution for the eternal problem of Colombia's cocaine exports to the United States. 3

P.L.O. PLEDGE TO FIGHT TERRORISM

Yasir Arafat promised Secretary of

State Warren Christopher would do his best to prosecute Palestinian terrorists, but he blamed Israel for helping create the groups responsible for terrorism. 5

BOMB ATTACK IN ALGERIA

Hours after a new warning from Islamic militants, a car bomb exploded in Algiers near housing for police officers and their families, wounding at least 63 people. 5

CHINA CONCILIATORY ON RIGHTS

Beijing said it would continue its human rights dialogue with the U.S. despite "foolish" attempts to censure China over its rights record. 5

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SHIFT IN C.I.A. NOMINEES

Michael P. C. Carns withdrew as the President's choice for Director of Central Intelligence, and Mr. Clinton immediately chose John M. Deutch, the Deputy Defense Secretary, for the post. 1

DOOMED BY BACKGROUND CHECK

When the F.B.I. background report on General Carns reached the White House, everyone involved decided that the nominee might be dragging too much baggage into hearings before a Republican Congress. 1

APOLOGY FOR A DOOMED IDEAL

On the 30th anniversary of the Selma march, George Wallace, one-time nemesis of the civil rights movement, offered words of conciliation to those he had oppressed while Governor of Alabama. 1

JOBLESS RATE FALLS TO 5.4%

An unexpectedly large number of Americans found new jobs in February, as the unemployment rate matched a four-year low, dropping three-tenths of a point to 5.4 percent. Financial traders rushed exuberantly to buy American assets. 1

CIVIL-SUIT LIMITS PASS

In an effort to discourage lawsuits, the House easily passed a measure that would set standards and curtail damage awards in civil courts. 1

PRIDE OF MAINE, ON COURT OR OFF

The best athlete in the Maine is a home-bred female basketball player for the Black Bears of the Uni- 6

"May your message be heard. May your lessons never be forgotten. May our history be always remembered."

GEORGE C. WALLACE, addressing marchers in Montgomery, Ala. [9:1.]

"Seeing him say that he's sorry ain't gonna do me no good at all."

RUFUS VANABLE, a participant in the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights march who took part in its reenactment yesterday. [9:1.]

ro Apaches of New Mexico reversed their January decision against storing nuclear waste on their land. 6

TESTIMONY ON SIMPSON'S BRONCO

A detective testified about a puzzling array of items found in O. J. Simpson's Bronco, including a shovel and large plastic bag. 6

SENATE'S TURN WITH BUDGET AX

Republicans proposed abolishing four Cabinet agencies and cutting up to \$500 billion from the growth of entitlement programs. 8

MINISTERING TO THE WORLD

Religion Journal: In a three-part program the Rev. Billy Graham will try to tell one billion people, a fifth of the world, about Jesus. 9

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