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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

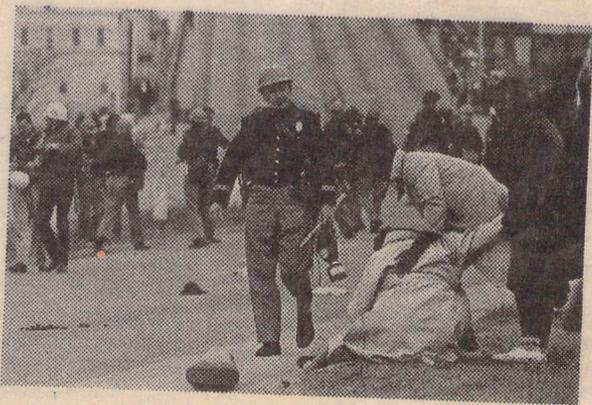
By RICK BRAGG

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 Hu-
wai, a leading Karachi bank-
whose journey to work reflects
the special hazards that face resi-
dents 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 shopkeep-
ers to roll corrugated shutters over
their windows. Within moments,
what had been a busy shopping dis-
trict became as still as a morgue.

As the violence has increased, the
30,000-man Karachi police force has
virtually abandoned law enforce-
ment, settling for establishing heav-
ily manned traffic checkpoints that
give only rudimentary scrutiny. Few
in Karachi were surprised when they
read that a police detachment com-
mander 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, appar-
ently because he feared being killed
himself.

Many in Karachi despair not only
for Karachi but for Pakistan, believ-
ing 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 Ameri-
cans' death certificates, Dr. Fazle
Rahim, said the violence was a def-
iance 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 vio-
lence is growing worse. 1

INQUIRY EXPANDS IN MEXICO

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

SOLVING THE COCAINE PROBLEM

Gabriel García Márquez, a writer
and Nobel Prize winner, proposes a
new solution for the eternal prob-
lem 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 Pal-
estinian 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 ex-
ploded 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 cen-
sure China over its rights record. 5

Russia agrees with the I.M.F. on a
\$6.4 billion loan. 5

The U.S. is suspending the last of its
military aid to Guatemala. 3

Liverpool Journal: Big Brother is
definitely watching. 4

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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 Secre-
tary, 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 be-
fore a Republican Congress. 1

APOLOGY FOR A DOOMED IDEAL

On the 30th anniversary of the Sel-
ma march, George Wallace, one-
time nemesis of the civil rights
movement, offered words of concili-
ation 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 Feb-
ruary, as the unemployment rate
matched a four-year low, dropping
three-tenths of a point to 5.4 percent.
Financial traders rushed exuber-
antly 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 play-
er for the Black Bears of the Uni- 6

*"May your message be
heard. May your lessons
never be forgotten. May our
history be always remem-
bered."*

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 stor-
ing nuclear waste on their land. 6

TESTIMONY ON SIMPSON'S BRONCO

A detective testified about a puz-
zling array of items found in O. J.
Simpson's Bronco, including a shov-
el 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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