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STATE READY TO DEAL WITH DEMONSTRATORS

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JACKSON, Miss., April 18. — Gov. Paul Johnson's
Highway Patrol-police power
authority is not the only re-
course to local authorities in
handling an anticipated mass
integrationist invasion and
planned demonstrations pro-
testing Mississippi's segrega-
tion practices and policies.
The activities are scheduled
this summer.

A "handy" reference of
laws dealing with all types
of unlawful demonstrations
under state statutes has been
mailed law enforcement of-
cicers by the Sovereignty
Commission, the state's seg-
regation watchdog agency.
It deals with everything from
obstructing public streets
to make false state-
ments claiming denials of
asserted constitutional
rights.

"It's what might be
called the "latest edition,"
as it contains statutes en-
acted at the current legisla-
tive session.
The five enactments of the
1964 biennial session of the
Legislature, all signed into
law by Governor Johnson,
include:
House Bill 64 — Authorize
municipalities to restrain
movements of individuals
or groups where law and
order is threatened and to
set curfews as to the
hours of movements of in-
dividuals or groups.

House Bill 546 — prohibit
the unlawful picketing of
all public buildings,
streets, sidewalks and
other places belonging to
the state, county or city.
The maximum penalty on
conviction is $500 and/or
six months in jail.

Senate Bill 1517 — Increase
penalties that may be as-
essed by municipal courts
from $100 and/or 30 days
in jail to $300 and/or 90
days in jail.

Senate Bill 1526 — Authorize
municipalities to "pool"
manpower, personnel,
equipment and materials
for prevention and allevia-
tion of riots or civil dis-
turbances.

OTHER STATUTES local
authorities may bring into
use in racial disorders listed
by director Johnston include
the following sections of the
state code:

Section 2087-5 — Congregate
and refuse to disperse
when so ordered by a law
enforcement officer, make
insulting remarks or use
physical acts to cause a
disturbance. Maximum
fine $200 and/or four
months in jail. If any per-
son is injured or killed as
a result of such disturb-
ance the maximum penalty
is ten years in prison.

Section 2087-7 — Prohibit any
person on the premises of
another, including restau-
rants, stores, hotels and
picture shows, to interfere
with customers or opera-
tion of the ventures.
Maximum fine $500 and/or
six months in jail.

Section 2089-5 — Disturb the
public peace or privacy
of others by loud or boister-
ous conduct or language.
Maximum fine $300 and/or
six months in jail.

Section 2155-4 — Make false
statements to Federal au-
thorities — courts, Depart-
ment of Justice, FBI, Civil
Rights Commission — as to
denial of constitutional
rights by the state or its
agents. Maximum fine
$1,000 and/or five years
in prison.

Section 2155-5 — Issue false
statement, affidavit or
complaint to Federal au-
thorities that the com-
plainant or other persons
have been or are about
to be deprived of constitu-
tional rights by any offi-
cials of the state or its
political subdivisions.
Maximum fine $1,000 and/or
five years in prison.

Section 2292-5 — Obstruct by
force or threats lawful
arrest. Maximum fine $500
and/or six months in jail.

Section 2155-6 — Make sworn
false statement to Federal
authorities as to denial
of constitutional rights by
the state or its agents with
intent to deceive or cause
an investigation. Maximum
fine $1,000 and/or five
years in prison.

Section 2296-5 — Wilful ob-
struction of public streets
etc or restraining traffic.
Maximum fine $500 and/or
six months in jail.

Section 2296-6 — Intentional
obstruction of public
streets etc by vehicular
traffic. Maximum fine $400
and/or four months in jail.

Section 2409-5 — Encourage
any other person to remain
on premises of another
when forbidden to do so.
Maximum fine $300 and/or
six months in jail.