OXFORD, MISS. Sept. 29 -- Two hundred armed Alabama "volunteers" were expected here tonight said reports that an estimated 400 U.S. paratroopers have arrived at a naval base near Memphis as a controversial attempt to enrol negro James Meredith in the all-white University of Mississippi approached what may be the showdown stage.

The volunteers, citizens for preservation of democracy, left mobile this afternoon for the Ole Miss campus, already hard hit by a racial when-of-war between the state and federal governments.

Word of the volunteers and paratroopers was received here several hours after former Louisiana state senator, w.r. Rainch said that some 10,000 Louisiana are "anxious to organize a voluntary peace march to Oxford to join Gov. Barnett." 

Rainch arrived on campus about 10:15 a.m., read a prepared statement and then left.

In the statement, Rainch said, l.p. davis jr., of new orleans, l.a. west of Monroe and himself conferred Friday night with Barnett in Jackson but were told that outside groups would not be invited into Mississippi at this time.

An hour before Rainch drove up, the Negro executive editor of the New York Amsterdam News was denied permission to come on campus and cover the Meredith story.

"this is a university, not a municipality and we have a small police force and it's a tense situation. We don't want to hurt anyone's feelings," said Pat smith, news director of Ole Miss who rejected the news credentials of James Hicks.

A news conference held by Smith in front of a negro house where he is staying on Oxford was later broken up by the police chief and two policemen with said there is a possibility Smith will be cited for an intention to incite.

Clouds of impending trouble piled up around this small college town this afternoon, and groups of residents gathered on downtown street corners for about two hours waiting for the arrival of the Arizona volunteers.

The paratroopers reportedly arrived at Millington, some 100 miles from Oxford, to bolster a force of over 400 U.S. marshals and a 110-man detachment of Army combat engineers already known to be at the base.

Sailors told "merchandise that the paratroopers came in about 11 a.m. on three transport-type helicopters from Ft. Campbell, Ky., home of the famed 101st Airborne Division which was used in little rock in 1957.

They then were loaded aboard buses and taken to an undisclosed...