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GOVERNOR ROSS BARNETT
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AS I AM SURE YOU AWARE, JAMES TRAVIS, A VOTER REGISTRATION WORKER, WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED LAST NIGHT BY GUNFIRE IN LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. MR. TRAVIS AND TWO OTHER MEN, ONE A STAFF MEMBER OF THIS OFFICE, WERE ATTACKED WHILE PEACEABLY DRIVING IN THEIR CAR ON A U.S. HIGHWAY. THIS IS BUT THE LATEST OF THESE VICIOUS ASSAULTS AGAINST REGISTRATION WORKERS AND APPLICANTS IN MISSISSIPPI. THIS CANNOT LONGER BE TOLERATED. WE ARE ACCORDINGLY TODAY ANNOUNCING A CONCENTRATED, SATURATION CAMPAIGN TO REGISTER EVERY QUALIFIED NEGRO OF LEFLORE COUNTY.

Demand Federal Protection Following Attempted Killing

Five national civil rights organizations have announced the start of a crash program to register every qualified Leflore County Negro who wants to vote. Gov. Ross Barnett and Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy were sent telegrams informing them of the stepped-up campaign and asking protection for voter registration workers.

Wiley A. Branton, Director of the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council, made the announcement March 1—one day after James Travis was shot outside Greenwood.

'Gives Me Renewed Desire,' Says Travis Following Shooting

"In no way will the shooting deter me from my activities in trying to bring about democracy in Mississippi." These were the words of James Travis, 20, a voter registration worker who was shot in the neck and shoulder by three white men last Thursday night. They shot from a passing car while

"The state of Mississippi has repeatedly thrown down a gauntlet at the feet of would-be Negro voters, not only by the discriminatory practices of the registrars, but also by economic pressures, threats, coercion, physical violence, and death to Negroes seeking the right to vote," he said.

Testing Ground

"The time has come for us to pick up the gauntlet. Leflore County, Miss., has elected it-

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