

ABERNATHY PLANS A 'MASSIVE' MARCH

'Caravans' of Poor People
From Across Nation Will
Go to Capital in May

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ATLANTA, April 21 — The Poor People's Campaign, which had been planned by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has been expanded to make it "the most massive and militant non-violent movement in history," Dr. King's successor said here today.

In an effort to insure national support for the campaign, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy said that it would be preceded by rallies and marches in cities and towns across the country.

Mr. Abernathy is Dr. King's successor as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

In the Deep South, Mr. Abernathy said that a wagon train with mule-drawn carts would proceed from state to state, picking up the poor and taking them to Washington. He said that the wagon train would pass through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia.

And in the North and Midwest, Mr. Abernathy said that there would be mass rallies in Boston and Chicago that would send off caravans from those

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points to the nation's capital. Along the way, these groups will stop for rallies and be joined by other persons for the trek to Washington.

In addition to the wagon train, a bus caravan will also move through the South.

The Poor People's Campaign begins officially on Monday, April 29, when Mr. Abernathy and a delegation of 100 visit Washington to make demands on Government officials and Congressional leaders.

If Congress fails to act on the proposals that this group makes, then the build-up for the campaign will begin in Memphis with a mass meeting on Wednesday, May 1.

The groups departing from various sections of the country are expected to begin converging on Washington by the middle of May. The major demonstrations are scheduled to get underway in the nation's capital on Monday, May 20.

Ten days later, on May 30, a massive nationwide march on Washington is scheduled. This march is to be similar to the one conducted in August, 1963, when Dr. King, who was assassinated April 4, delivered his now famous "I have a dream" speech.

Although the demands that the conference plans to make on Congress are not yet known, Mr. Abernathy has said that he wants jobs for all Americans who are employable and a guaranteed annual income for those who cannot work.

Here is the schedule of the

Washington campaign that was released by Mr. Abernathy today:

Monday, April 29—Mr. Abernathy and a delegation of 100 persons, including poor people and national leaders, present demands to Government officials and Congressional leaders.

Wednesday, May 1—Mass meeting in Memphis.

Thursday, May 2—Mr. Abernathy to dedicate memorial at Lorraine Motel where Dr. King was assassinated and then lead mass march out of Memphis toward Marks, Miss.

Saturday, May 4—Memphis marchers arrive in Marks, Miss., site of "some of the most extreme poverty in the United States." A mass meeting in Marks that evening.

Sunday, May 5—The first of three major caravans to Washington begins outside Jackson, Miss. Also, poor people from across Mississippi start Southern leg of campaign by walking to Jackson for mass meeting.

Monday, May 6—Mr. Abernathy leads Southern leg of march from Jackson, Miss. (This caravan, along with others from the Midwest and Northeast, will march part way in cities and states along the route toward Washington and will move part way in buses, cars, wagons and other vehicles.)

Tuesday, May 7—Mr. Abernathy leads the start of a wagon train, including mule drawn carts, from Marks, Miss. This caravan will proceed through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, picking up additional poor people on the way and arriving in Washington in about 25 days.

Tuesday, May 7—About 1,000 marchers leave Marks

in a bus caravan to Washington with overnight stops and rallies planned for Nashville and Knoxville, Tenn., and Danville, Va.

Wednesday, May 8—Mr. Abernathy will speak at a mass meeting in Chicago, launching the Midwestern caravan.

Thursday, May 9—Mr. Abernathy will speak at a mass meeting in Boston, starting the Northeastern caravan, which will move down the East Coast to Washington.

Sunday, May 12—The marchers who went from Memphis to Marks arrive in Washington.

Monday, May 13—Those who have arrived in Washington begin building a shanty town that will be known as "The City of Hope." The city will house the demonstrators and also have educational and cultural programs while the campaign in Washington is being carried out.

Thursday, May 16—Midwestern caravan to arrive in Washington.

Friday, May 17—Northeastern caravan to arrive in Washington.

Saturday, May 18—Southern caravan to arrive in Washington.

Monday, May 20—Major demonstration to begin in Washington.

Thursday, May 30—A massive march on Washington with participants from all sections of the country.

Danish Protesters Dispersed

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, April 21 (AP)—Club-swinging policemen dispersed more than 100 youths demonstrating tonight in front of the United States Embassy against "the American war in Vietnam." Five were arrested.