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LOUISVILLE, Ky.---The Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, civil-rights leader, has asked President Johnson to send federal voting registrars, and troops if necessary, to every county in Mississippi. Such registrars are already stationed in a number of the counties.

Mr. Shuttlesworth made the request in a message to Johnson just before leaving to join other civil-rights leaders in the march to Jackson in the wake of the shooting of James Meredith.

The President was urged "to register all Negroes eligible to vote as a moral atonement for the past sins of Mississippi and the nation. Such immediate registration would also deter further injustice."

Mr. Shuttlesworth is president of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), a Louisville-based civil-rights organization which works throughout the South to enlist whites in the freedom movement.

He is also secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and is president of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR), Birmingham.

"We believe that many citizens now feel a moral obligation to continue the Voting Rights March so long as Mississippi means murder, terror, violence, and death for Negroes and civil-rights workers," Mr. Shuttlesworth told the President.

The militant minister, who now lives in Cincinnati, was among the Negro leaders who took part in the White House Conference on Civil Rights last week.

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