

Editorial Excerpts Following "Bloody Sunday"

"The nation and the civilized world stand appalled before the photograph of club-swinging policemen beating defenseless marchers to the ground. There is no excuse for this kind of oppression. Wallace showed his usual bad judgement in ordering it."

Post Standard, Syracuse

"If they had marched uneventfully, it would not have made much difference whether they took the 50-mile trip or not But unwisely. There was police opposition. King's crowd didn't really want to get to Montgomery. They wanted an incident. They got it."

Chattanooga News-Free Press

"Since Alabama Governor George Wallace evidently feels that people in his state have no constitutional rights he is bound to respect, the President must use whatever force is necessary - marshals or troops - to enforce compliance with the Constitution."

Denver Post

"In this senseless conflict, both sides have certain rights. The Selma Negroes - those who are genuinely qualified, the children and tourists excluded - assuredly have a right to vote. And the law-abiding people of that area of every race, just as surely have a right to peace and tranquility. Both sides have wrongs on the ledger, too, but the wrongs of the Southern franchise laws will not be cured through the bloody provocations of Martin Luther King."

Richmond News Leader

"Congress . . . must promptly pass legislation that will put into federal hands the registration of voters that the Alabama authorities will continue to obstruct as long as they have any discretion."

Washington Post

"Just as the troubles in Birmingham brought about the Civil Rights act of 1964, (Selma) is almost certain to bring about the Civil Rights act of 1965."

New York Herald Tribune

"There is not now and was not last week any sound reason for Dr. King's 'march on Montgomery.' Its purpose was to gain national publicity-and financial support-for this professional crusader. It succeeded magnificently, thanks to the cooperation of Wallace and Clark The war . . . is already decided in favor of Negro voting rights. The pity is that the generals trafficking in human passions are inflicting upon the South and the nation the wounds of senseless conflict."

Tampa Tribune

The Wallace Story, Bill Jones