

U.S. Signs 85 Negroes As Voters

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WASHINGTON—Federal registrars sent to oversee Negro voter registration in three Georgia counties Monday listed only 85 persons during their first day of operation, it was reported.

A spokesman for the U.S. Civil Service Commission, which administers the operation, said only 84 voters were signed up in Screven County, one in Terrell and none in Lee.

By contrast, three Shreveport, La., registration offices also under their first day of federal supervision Monday showed listings of 49, 81 and 193 voters respectively, the CSC said.

Spokesmen here said they supposed the Georgia totals were low because many eligible voters were not yet aware of the opportunities provided through longer registration hours.

The registrars, the first sent to Georgia counties under the 1965 Voting Rights Act, were assigned after the Justice department announced it had received complaints of discrimination.

The federal supervisors are stationed in Dawson, Leesburg and Sylvania. No indication has been given as to how long they will remain there.

Recent voter registration drives conducted by the Southern regional council resulted in 49 new voters in Terrell County and another 177 in Lee.

Daily totals are not made available until the following day.