Smoke Bomb, Water Halt Racial Row

By United Press International

Police fired a smoke bomb and firemen sprayed high-pressure water hoses Tuesday to break up crowds of Negroes and whites during a racial demonstration at Somerville, Tenn.

Authorities took action after a group of white teen-agers blocked the path of Negro "freedom marchers," grabbed some of the Negroes' banners and threw them in a garbage can.

The smoke bomb exploded about 10 feet from the crowds which dispersed before the powerful hoses could drench them.

It was the third day of demonstrations for the west Tennessee city, located in rolling cotton country about 40 miles northwest of Memphis.

At Baton Rouge, La., six policemen scuffled with about 50 Negroes who forced their way into a public swimming pool and a police captain received minor injuries. Five Negroes were arrested.

New York police arrested 139 men, women and children during anti - discrimination demonstrations at two construction sites Tuesday. Negro leader Martin Luther King Jr. promised increased integration pressure in the nation's largest city.

A desegregation agreement supervised by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy was signed by white and Negro leaders from Cambridge, Md., Tuesday to climax 19 months of racial strife in the Chesapeake Bay fishing community.

Other developments included:

New York — A "summit" meeting of top Negro leaders from throughout the nation urged President Kennedy Tuesday to meet with them during a march to Washington on Aug. 28 in support of civil rights legislation.

Charleston S.C. — Aground 60 businessmen accepted a six-point program of downtown desegregation Tuesday. Negro leaders indicated they would decide at a meeting tonight whether to continue racial demonstrations.

Birmingham Ala. — City council unanimously repealed all segregation ordinances which city attorney J. M. Breckenridge said had been ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Oxford, Miss.—The Army said Tuesday that the last of around 30,000 troops sent here last fall to force the admission of Negro student James H. Meredith into the University of Mississippi would be removed by Thursday. The Army said the move was warranted by "present conditions" at the university.

Los Angeles—Aaron Henry, president of the Mississippi chapter of the NAACP, said at a news conference Tuesday he would favor boycotting sponsors of television shows which depict Negroes in menial roles. He said, however, there had been some improvement in the casting of Negroes during the past year.

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GRACEFUL LINES of both girl and plane meld here as Cheryl McMullen poses for her contest picture in the Miss Skyways contest being staged as part of the Roseburg Air Show. The show is scheduled this Saturday and Sunday. Miss McMullen, 17, will be a senior at Roseburg High School this fall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMullen of Roseburg. Serving as master of ceremonies in the beauty contest will be Dick Booth.

Railroads Under More Pressure To Postpone Work Rule Changes

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The nation's railroads were under increasing pressure today to postpone work rules changes that could trigger a nationwide rail strike at midnight Monday.

Congressional leaders, backed by AFL-CIO President George Meany, appealed to the railroads to delay the showdown so Congress would have more time to act on legislation to settle the dispute.

Chief management spokesman J. E. Wolfe said Tuesday night that "as it stands now, our promulgation of work rule changes will be made effective at 12:01 am. Tuesday, July 30." The rail unions have announced they will strike if the rule changes are made.

The House Commerce Committee called Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz to testify at the opening of hearings on President Kennedy's proposal to shunt the dispute to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Schedules Testimony

The Senate Commerce Committee, which heard Wirtz Tuesday on the bill, scheduled testimony today from Wolfe and Daniel Loomis, president of the Association of American Railroads.

The railroads endorsed the President's plan Tuesday by a unanimous vote, but Wolfe said that only enactment of the proposed legislation could head off work rules changes Tuesday.

Chairman Oren Harris, D-Ark., of the House Commerce Committee said Congress could not complete action on the measure by the management deadline. And it shouldn't have to, he added.

Harris told a reporter that Congress should be given enough time to act carefully on a matter that he described as "so sensitive, so delicate and so important."

He said that he hoped all parties involved in the dispute would "act reasonably to keep the status quo."

Similar appeals were voiced Tuesday by House Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, Mont., and House Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck, Ind.

Meany, in a letter to the congressional leaders of both parties, suggested that the House and Senate adopt a resolution urging the railroads and rail unions to maintain present working conditions for 30 days.

The AFL-CIO president said Congress could not complete action on the railroad measure by Tuesday and its consideration "of this vital subject should take place free from the pressures and strains that would be engendered by a shutdown."

ISSUES INJUNCTION

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A district judge Tuesday issued a temporary injunction holding up construction of a proposed new Soviet Union Embassy-Chancery in a Washington residential district.

Judge John Sirica set Oct. 1 as the date for arguing the case. Residents of the area oppose the proposed Russian building on grounds the area is residential.

New Stamp Honors Famous Aviatrix

ATCHISON, Kan. (UPI) — A first-issue air mail stamp went on sale here today to commemorate the aerial feats of famed aviatrix Amelia Earhart and the 66th anniversary of her birthdate in this northeast Kansas town.

Postmaster Gen. J. Edward Day came to town for the occasion, along with Sen. Frank Carlson and Reps. William Avery and Bob Dole, Kansas Republicans. A military band from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., boomed out martial tunes.

Atchison Postmaster John E. Smith predicted 750,000 of the commemorative stamps would be sold. He said it would be the largest single sale of air mail stamps on record.

Folks in Atchison, all 13,000 of them, enjoy seeing the name of their hometown on Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway cars. They brag about having the only alcohol distillery in the state. But Atchisonians are most proud of Amelia Earhart.

A stadium and the city airport named for her. A monument to Miss Earhart's aerial accomplishments was erected in 1958. Today, a plaque at the public library was to be unveiled in her honor.

Miss Earhart, known as the "First Lady of Aviation," disappeared with her co-pilot, Fred Noonan, on a globe-circling flight. They vanished somewhere near a Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean on July 2, 1937.

The smiling aviatrix with the tousled blonde hair was the first woman to fly the Atlantic solo, the first to fly an autogyro and the first to fly from Hawaii to California.

Governors Reach Compromise On Civil Rights

MIAMI BEACH (UPI)—Democratic and Republican governors all shouted victory claims today in appraising the outcome of the partisan civil rights contest which kept the annual governors' conference boiling for three days.

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, who led the outnumbered Republicans in their campaign, claimed a victory because the final product was similar to the proposal he submitted a month ago.

But it was a Democratic proposal which was approved Tuesday by a 38 to 3 vote with only three Southerners dissenting. Three Dixie governors were recorded for it and five were absent.

There was little doubt, however, that the heat generated by Rockefeller had resulted in approval of the compromise plan instructing the conference executive committee to give "top priority" to civil rights in the coming year. It also appeared to have warmed his presidential hopes considerably.

Meeting Ends Today

The 55th annual governors' meeting ends today after two more business sessions which may cause an anti-climactic argument over more Republican civil rights proposals. These were reported coming in a minority report from the Public Welfare Committee in the form of demands that federal aid be withheld from states permitting racial discrimination in state-federal programs.

Election of a new chairman was also on today's agenda with the job going to a Republican under the traditional rotation between the parties. Gov. Robert E. Smylie of Idaho was understood to be the probable choice.

After Tuesday's round of roll call votes revolving around the civil rights issue, the governors adjourned for their black-tie state dinner at which Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was the principal speaker.

Appeals To Governors

He appealed to the governors to help find a nonpartisan solution to the civil rights issue and said there could be no Democratic or Republican answer, no White House or state house answer "but only a responsible, all-American answer."

Johnson said the foremost challenge facing the nation was inequality for Negroes. The only interruption for applause came when he said it was "wrong that tax-paying, arms-bearing, vote-casting Americans" should not have equal access to hotels, restaurants, schools and jobs.

He said the civil rights issue needs to be tackled now because there are "favoring winds" blowing in the United States, both in foreign and domestic affairs."

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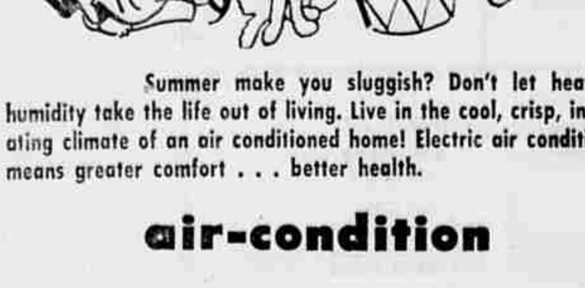

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