

Firecrackers Start Bullet-Bottle Battle

NEW YORK (AP)—Three men and bottles were hurled out of windows at the officer. Brick walls were chipped and automobiles were gashed. Fully 2,000 persons were attracted to the battle scene, but only one was injured. Police said he was the man who started the shooting.

'LEAVE 'EM ALONE'

Plainclothes Patrolman William Linder and Lawrence Ervin spotted the youths exploding firecrackers shortly before noon. Ervin set off around the block to see if he could find the source of the fireworks, illegal within the city, while Linder questioned the boys.

Three men drove up and one shouted to Linder: "Why don't you mind your business and leave these boys alone?"

Linder said when he identified himself as a police officer, the spokesman in the automobile emerged with a beer bottle, smashed it on the police car, and lunged at the patrolman with the jagged glass.

The officer ducked away and drew his revolver. The attacker also produced a pistol and the two men started shooting at each other from behind automobiles.

Another man in the automobile opened fire on the policeman. Beer bottles were hurled at the officer from the windows of several nearby buildings.

BOYS DISAPPEAR

When the man who started the argument, later identified as Austin Allyn, 20, finally made a dash for a nearby house, Linder fired and struck Allyn in the groin.

Meantime, the firing had attracted Patrolman Ervin and two radio patrol cars and the battle ended.

Allyn and his companions, identified as Oliver Swindell, 30, and James Eckston, 20, were booked on charges of felonious assault and illegal possession of weapons.

The boys whose firecrackers started the argument disappeared during the battle.

Rhee Cabinet Back on Job

SEOUL (AP)—South Korea's cabinet turmoil stirred in new confusion Tuesday when Prime Minister Puyun Yung Tai and his entire state council retracted the resignations sent to President Syngman Rhee within the past 24 hours.

The latest development was announced at a Liberal Party caucus by National Assembly chairman Lee Ki Pung.

He told newsmen the bloc resignation of the cabinet following Friday's non-confidence vote would create "an unhealthy political vacuum."

The retraction came after a meeting of Rhee, Lee and Puyun quit Monday night after arguing that the Assembly's non-confidence vote was unconstitutional.

It was believed that Puyun sharply disagreed with Rhee, who Monday bowed partially to the Assembly's decision and named a new commerce and industry minister to replace Park Hi Yun.

Homemade Fireworks Fatal to Maine Boy

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP)—A 13-year-old boy setting off homemade fireworks with chemicals in a piece of pipe was killed Monday when the mixture exploded and the pipe ripped a hole in his abdomen.

Sale or use of fireworks is banned in Maine.

The boy was David Colby.

Officials are trying to learn where the youngster obtained the chemicals.

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AIR FORCE COLONEL HELD — Col. Robert Orr (right), 36-year-old Air Force officer from Arlington, Va., is returned to jail by deputy sheriff Grant Frehner after questioning at Las Vegas, Nevada. He was arrested on a burglary charge in a hotel bar after a guest told officers he found Orr in his room posing as a plumber.

Benson Plugs Flexible Props

WARSAW, Ind. (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson told a Farmers Day audience Tuesday that farmers, already caught in a cost-price squeeze, are being hurt further by high support prices.

He cited specifically the rigid support on the nation's basic food grains, corn, and the encouragement of wheat and cotton production beyond the country's demands.

"Artificially high supports for the basic commodities in the face of declining demands," Benson said, "have resulted in continued production at levels far above current market demands. The result is back-breaking surpluses of crops such as wheat and cotton and the necessity for more stringent production controls than most farmers wish to live with, year in and year out."

Benson said he has recommended that eight million acres of wheat, planted under stimulus of World War II crop needs and maintained under high price supports, be returned to grass. He said it costs about \$700,000 a day to store the present surplus.

He explained that under the administration's plan of flexible price supports a farmer could study market prices and determine for himself which crops would be profitable for him.

This alternative is far preferable, Benson said, than having the government, under a rigid support program, tell the farmer what to grow.

"If farmers kept supplies within manageable proportions," the secretary said, "allowing for normal carryovers, the level of price support would always be at or near 90 per cent under the flexible system."

Socialists Issue Conditional Pardon

PARIS (AP)—The French Socialist party has decided to forgive balking members who opposed the European Defense Community, provided they toe the line henceforth. But there was little indication the rebels would change their stand.

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Scientists Rap Security Plan

Oppenheimer Case Cited in Statement

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federation of American Scientists, criticizing the handling of the Oppenheimer case, called on President Eisenhower Monday to appoint a board to re-assess the government's security program.

"Whether the security of the United States has gained or lost will depend upon the degree to which the lessons of the Oppenheimer case are appreciated by officials and the public," the federation's executive committee said in a statement released by Ernest C. Pollard, Yale physicist and vice chairman of the federation.

'HANDFUL OF INCIDENTS'

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who pioneered work on the atomic bomb, was declared a security risk last week by the Atomic Energy Commission and his connections with the commission were terminated.

The scientists' statement said: "The majority's case against Oppenheimer based itself on a handful of incidents, relating in large part to events of over 10 years ago, taken out of the context of a distinguished career and a record of brilliant, loyal service to the nation almost unmatched in its importance."

"Yet the allegations of 'defects in his character' and 'his Communist associations' growing out of these incidents were considered controlling."

Asserting the effects of the case cannot yet "even be estimated," the statement said:

RUN ITS COURSE

"Procedurally, the Oppenheimer case appears to have run its full course. But the verdict which circumstances dictated has not moved the doubts and apprehensions widely held by many thoughtful citizens who have examined the issues in this case."

"A program which, in the quest for 100 per cent security, unnecessarily rejects the services of men of great talent ceases to serve its function properly."

"We call upon President Eisenhower to appoint a board of responsible citizens of various backgrounds, including scientists, to reassess the present security program."

"The negative aspects of 'security by exclusion' must be put in perspective against the positive aspects of 'security by achievement'."

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National Guardsmen Watch Oklahomans Cast Ballots

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Temperatures as hot as the primary campaigning—in the 100-degree range—baked Oklahoma voters Tuesday as they balloted in an election that forced Gov. Johnston Murray to assign national guardsmen and plainclothes officers to some counties.

An estimated 500,000 votes were predicted. Early reports said that the voting was heavy in Oklahoma County but light in Tulsa County—the state's two biggest counties.

Democratic and Republican primaries are being held for the U. S. Senate, governor, Congress, state and local races.

National guardsmen turned out in five eastern counties — Sequoyah, Adair, Cherokee, LeFlore, and Pittsburgh — to carry out Murray's orders to assure an honest election.

Murray ordered martial law for the five counties after charges were filed against 10 persons last week for voting irregularities.

Sen. Robert S. Kerr's bid for a second term has produced the hottest race of the campaign. Opposing him is former Gov. Roy J. Turner, who has criticized Kerr's attendance record in the Senate and expansion of his oil company interests in foreign nations.

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