

2nd Home Bombed, Birmingham to Add Police to Keep Order

Boy Slightly Hurt As Blast Blows Out Wall

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Racial feeling erupted into fresh violence in Alabama on New Year's Eve.

Police said the home of a Negro family which moved into a white neighborhood in East Birmingham was damaged by a dynamite explosion on the second in the area in a week.

Detective C. H. Pitts said Arthur Lee Flowers, 12, suffered a cut hand in the blast which blew out a wall of the house occupied by O. S. Flowers and his family. No other injuries were reported.

The home of the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, Negro leader of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, was damaged by a dynamite blast Christmas night. Two of his children and a visitor suffered minor injuries, but he himself was unhurt.

The organization has played an active part in a campaign against bus segregation laws in Montgomery. Twenty-two Negroes were arrested last week but there have been few violations the past few days pending a court test.

Another shot was fired into a Montgomery city bus yesterday but no one was injured. It was the fifth time a bus had been hit by shots since the buses were integrated under federal court order 11 days ago.

Police Commissioner Clude Sellers said last night that the city of Montgomery would hire 20 additional policemen Wednesday to help maintain order. There are about 140 patrolmen and detectives available for use outside the police station and the jail at present.

Night bus runs were suspended during the long New Year's weekend after a Negro woman passenger, Mrs. Rosa Jordan, 22, was shot in both legs Friday night.

At Washington Eisenhower conferred with Republican leaders yesterday and Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said afterwards the President had announced his intention to press for civil rights legislation.

The last session of Congress shelved an administration program calling for a special civil rights division in the Justice Department, new power for federal officials to get injunctions against denial of voting rights, and a system to permit easier access to the federal courts for persons claiming to have been deprived of their civil rights. The program also called for creation of a civil rights commission.

Attempts to press such a program in the new Congress may be met by filibustering on the part of Southerners in an effort to head off federal civil rights legislation.

Other segregation developments at year's end included:

Richmond, Va. — The fourth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld unanimously desegregation decrees affecting school districts in Arlington and Charlottesville, Va. The decision that may bring an early test of new state legislation designed to block classroom mixing of the races.

Tallahassee, Fla. — The Tallahassee White Citizens Council called on Gov. Leroy Collins to seize control of the city bus line under emergency powers granted him by the recent Florida Legislature. The action came after two teams of six Negroes rode integrated on the buses as part of a campaign by Negroes to win the right to occupy seats of their own choosing.

Baton Rouge, La. — The National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), outlawed since March, began to comply with a Louisiana law requiring membership lists be filed with the secretary of state. The New Orleans branch of the NAACP filed a list of 354 individuals and two clubs as members.

Fugitive Caught



MILWAUKEE—James A. Van Ryzin, 22, Appleton, relaxes in a chair at police headquarters after his arrest at a bus depot Saturday night. Van Ryzin has been sought since October on a Washington state murder warrant and a federal warrant alleging unlawful flight. (AP Wirephoto)

Boise Teeners Hurt as Rocket Fuel Explodes

BOISE, Idaho (UP) — Seven teen-agers were hospitalized here Monday when the rocket fuel they were mixing at the home of one of the youngsters exploded, burning their hands and faces.

Police Patrolman Mayron Gilbert said the youngsters, all members of the Boise Rocket Research Society, were preparing the fuel for the two-stage rocket which they planned to launch from a site on the mountain home desert today.

The explosion occurred at the home of Joseph A. Bennett, Bennett's son, Jack, 12, was one of the injured.

Gilbert said damage to the house did not appear extensive.

Hospitalized with burns were young Bennett; David and James Underhill, 15 and 17; Dean Milled, 15; Joseph Yabraes, 16; William Nutt, 15; David Upham, 15, and Linda Moulton, 14.

Miss Moulton, daughter of Idaho Aeronautics Director Chet Moulton, was released from the hospital for treatment by a private physician.

Jack Oberbillig, 20, president of the Society, said the rocket which was to be launched Monday was a "small experimental type" which was expected to rise to 300 or 400 feet. He said the fuel was a solid material similar to black powder.

1957 Signaled By Fireworks On Pikes Peak

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., UP — Bursting fireworks over the summit of 14,110-foot Pikes Peak at midnight signaled the advent of 1957.

The display, touched off by the Ad-A-Man Club, was visible for miles in the clear night air. It was the first time in several years that clouds have not shrouded the annual display by the hardy mountain climbers.

The red, blue, green and other colors of bursting rockets and bombs were seen clearly by residents of Colorado Springs at the foot of the famous peak.

Included in the 20-member Ad-A-Man party was 14-year-old Ric Rickus, son of Roy Rickus of Denver. Others reported he helped break trail through the three to five foot deep snowdrifts on the higher slopes.

Guests in the party included John Phelps of New Haven, Conn., a member of the Yale University faculty.

The Ad-A-Man Club derives the name from the addition of one new member each year. He is initiated at the summit house after the climb up the peak.

Oberbillig said the society was made up almost entirely of teenagers. He was not present when the explosion occurred.

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