

Mississippi shotgun blast wounds 5 Negroes Monday

By United Press International
Five Negroes leaving a voter registration campaign meeting were wounded by shotgun fire Monday night at Canton, Miss.

Police Chief Dan Thompson said the men were not hurt seriously. He said an investigation of the incident was under way. The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) has been conducting an intensive voter registration drive among Negroes recently in the town about 25 miles north of Jackson, Miss.

Federal Judge John N. Butzner ruled at Richmond, Va., Monday that the U.S. government has the right to bring school desegregation suits in Prince George County, Va., because the county accepted federal funds to educate children from military bases.

The ruling is expected to have an effect on other segregated school systems near military establishments which get federal aid to defray educational costs.

At Mobile, Ala., Federal Judge Daniel H. Thomas ordered the Mobile County School Board to present a desegregation plan that would begin in September, 1964. It was the first integration edict below the college level in Alabama.

Nearly 1,000 Negroes and whites demonstrated through the streets of Los Angeles Monday against alleged de facto segregation in the schools. Their leaders claimed only partial success on their demands after attending a school board meeting. They were divided on whether more demonstrations would be necessary.

About 500 Negroes gathered in front of police headquarters at Savannah, Ga., Monday night to protest the jailing earlier in the day of more than 50 demonstrators. The group dispersed peacefully after hearing its leader, Hosea Williams, criticize Savannah's segregation customs.

There were these other developments:
Gadsden, Ala.: Circuit Judge A. B. Cunningham is expected to rule today on a petition seeking the release of 250 Negroes jailed for racial demonstrations. The Negroes were to have been tried Monday on charges of violating a state no-demonstrations injunction.

tion but trial was delayed pending action on the petition.

Raleigh, N.C.: Gov. Terry Sanford meets with more than 100 Negro and white leaders today to discuss ways to ease racial tension in North Carolina.

New York: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, told a national educational television audience that the Negro cannot afford "the luxury of slow movement" in his drive for equal rights. On the same program, Black Muslim leader Malcolm X warned that "you're going to have a racial explosion, and a racial explosion is more dangerous than an atomic explosion." He said the only solution was the "complete separation" of the races.

Danville, Va.: A state judge told a federal judge Monday he issued an injunction against racial demonstrations here because "things were beginning to get rough." Federal Judge Thomas J. Michie is hearing a request by Negroes that the injunction be overthrown.

Israel always in state of readiness, can mobilize its armed forces in 48 hours

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JERUSALEM (UPI)—Israel is so small that usually only the largest scale maps print its name within its own borders. It has an area of only 8,000 square miles, about the size of the state of New Jersey.

There are 2,250 million people in Israel of whom some 2 million are Jews, representing about one-sixth of all the Jews in the world. The rest of the population consists of 150,000 Moslem Arabs, 50,000 Christian Arabs and a separate Arabic-speaking religious sect, the Druses, whose 20,000 adherents are concentrated in a few villages in the north.

The state of Israel was created officially by a United Nations assembly resolution in 1947 which assigned it about one-fifth of the former mandated territory of Palestine. The remainder belongs to the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan.

Soon after its creation Israel found itself in conflict with its Arab neighbors. This state of war technically exists even today. Thus Israel has the Mediterranean at its back and facing it along its entire 591 miles of land border are its Arab opponents—Lebanon and Syria on the north, Jordan on the east and Egypt on the south.

As a result Israel is always in a state of readiness. It can mobilize the nation within 48 hours and it has one of the few armies in the world in which women actually train for duties in the combat zone. This necessity to be on guard has its repercussions in

agriculture where some of the collective farms or "kibbutzim" have their own defense forces.

Workers in the fields may have their weapons within easy reach.

Israel is a tiny country but it does not lack variety. It is only four hours by automobile from the green, fertile Sharon coastal plain between the two largest cities, Tel Aviv and Haifa, to the desolate and barren wilderness of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the surface of the earth (1290 feet below sea-level).

There are only two seasons a year in Israel—winter and summer. All the rain falls in the winter, between October and April. The north is wetter than the south (40 inches of rain in upper Galilee down to one inch in a year at Eilat on the Red Sea).

Most of Israel's Jews are immigrants. They have come from more than 50 different countries but they are divided roughly into two ethnic categories, Ashkenazim and Sephardim.

The Ashkenazim are descended of those Jews who settled in Spain and Portugal after the destruction of the second temple in 70 A.D. The Spanish Inquisition in 1492 dispersed most of them to North Africa, Southeast Europe and Asia Minor.

The Sephardim are descended from the exiles who settled in Northern and Eastern Europe. The term includes Jews living in North and South America, South Africa and Western Europe.

Many of the immigrants have been transformed into farmers.

But the great majority of them have been absorbed into the country's growing industrial economy. In 1961, 77 per cent of the population lived in cities and towns and the trend is growing. Israel is second only to Great Britain as the most urbanized nation in the world.

Israel has a high standard of living as these things are rated in the Middle East. Three out of five homes have gas ranges, nine out of ten a radio and every other family owns a refrigerator. Exports cover only one-third of Israel's national consumption and expenditures. The balance is made up of gifts and loans from Jews abroad, German reparations and foreign capital investments.

Her main exports are citrus fruits, cement, diamonds, eggs, plywood, phosphates, tires, wine, medicinal preparations, household utensils and cotton goods. An important hidden export is her growing tourist trade. Israel's chief customers are Britain, which is the leading purchaser of her citrus fruit, western Europe, the Scandinavian countries and the United States.

Israel is a parliamentary republic with a one-house, 120-man legislature. Just about any adult can vote, even convicts and inmates of mental hospitals. Because of proportional representation no party has ever enjoyed an absolute majority. Premier Ben Gurion's Mapai Labor party, the largest single party, has ruled a succession of coalition governments since 1948.

Method found to cut cobalt production time

CHICAGO (UPI) — A leading scientific institution said today one of its scientists has developed a way to cut the production time of cobalt 60—a vital radioactive element in cancer treatment and potential source of space power—from five years to three months.

The announcement was made by Armour Research Foundation (ARF) of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

The ARF would not say what significance the discovery would have in connection with the so-called "cobalt bomb."

In the past there has been a waiting list for high specific activity cobalt, said Dr. Paul Y. Feng, the Armour physicist who developed the new technique under a contract with the division of isotopes development of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Cobalt 60 "is rich in highly penetrating gamma rays, hence it is a potent cancer-fighter," Feng said. It also is "a growing aid to industry for such applications as radiography in the inspection of materials located where bulky X-ray machines are unable to reach," he said.

It has required an average of five years to produce cobalt 60 in the few high-powered reactors available in the United States, Canada, some European nations, and the Communist bloc. The yield begins 20 times sooner in the new process, Feng said.

The new technique will also permit the economical production of cobalt 60 in the many low-powered nuclear reactors in the world, including those in underdeveloped nations, he said. It has been economically impractical to produce cobalt 60 in these reactors.

LOST OR DISCARDED
SOUTHERN, England (UPI)—Officials of the local lost and found office are wondering what to do with the item found on a street Monday. It was a white, one-tier wedding cake.



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