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Negro Prisoner Seized by Mob; Lynching Feared

Mississippi Town Scene of Abduction

Poplarville, Miss. —UPI— A lynch mob of masked men seized a young negro charged with raping a white woman from the unguarded Pearl River county jail early yesterday, whipped him with pistol butts and dragged the screaming captive away.

Authorities feared the slim, 23-year-old Negro, Mack Charles Parker, was slain. But his fate was unknown.

About 10 white men — all of them masked and wearing gloves — broke into the jail about 12:30 a.m. They found a key to the upstairs cellblock and opened Parker's cell. Screaming for help, he was clubbed until he bled, then dragged feet first down the stairs. An automobile carried him away.

FBI agents took charge of the investigation. Between 20 and 30 agents huddled in the office of County Attorney William Stewart, a block from the jail, with R. L. Bachman, special agent at New Orleans, their supervisor. Bachman would not discuss the investigation with newsmen.

The FBI questioned the other prisoners in the jail one by one. The prisoners told newsmen that noise on the floor below their cells indicated there were other with the mob. They said there were at least two to five automobiles outside.

Despite the violence, there seemed to be the usual Saturday night activity in this small town. Scores of persons came downtown, most of them to sit on benches and wait for something to happen.

It was the first lynching in the south in several years, and touched off international reaction. There were suggestions in Congress that the incident would give impetus to a drive for stronger civil rights legislation.

By definition, a lynching is the inflicting of punishment by mob violence, without due process of law. Mississippi leads the nation in number of lynchings, most of them against Negroes.

A posse of up to 100 law enforcement officers including six units of state highway patrolmen and state police acting on orders of Gov. J. P. Coleman sought to follow the lynch trail.

The abduction of Parker occurred on a night of festivity in Poplarville. A gay springtime dance was in progress at nearby Pearl River Junior college, and the lynch-ers drove away in four or five cars unnoticed by townspeople on the streets. Attendees at a nearby hospital gave the alarm.

Coal Plant Burns; Kentucky Guard Ready for Action

Hazard, Ky. —UPI— A \$500 thousand fire believed set by arsonists destroyed the Ashby Coal co. plant near Combs, Ky., early yesterday, as battle-ready National Guard troops sent by Gov. A. B. Chandler moved into the strike-bound coal fields.

A tower of black smoke from the burning tangle greeted a convoy of incoming guardsmen as they crossed a Kentucky river bridge several hundred yards away. Other guard troops arrived here Friday night but had not been sent to the mines.

Kentucky Adjutant General J. B. Williams said after a conference yesterday with battalion commanders that the guard units would remain "generally concentrated in a highly mobile" and would be sent to trouble spots only when requested by state police.

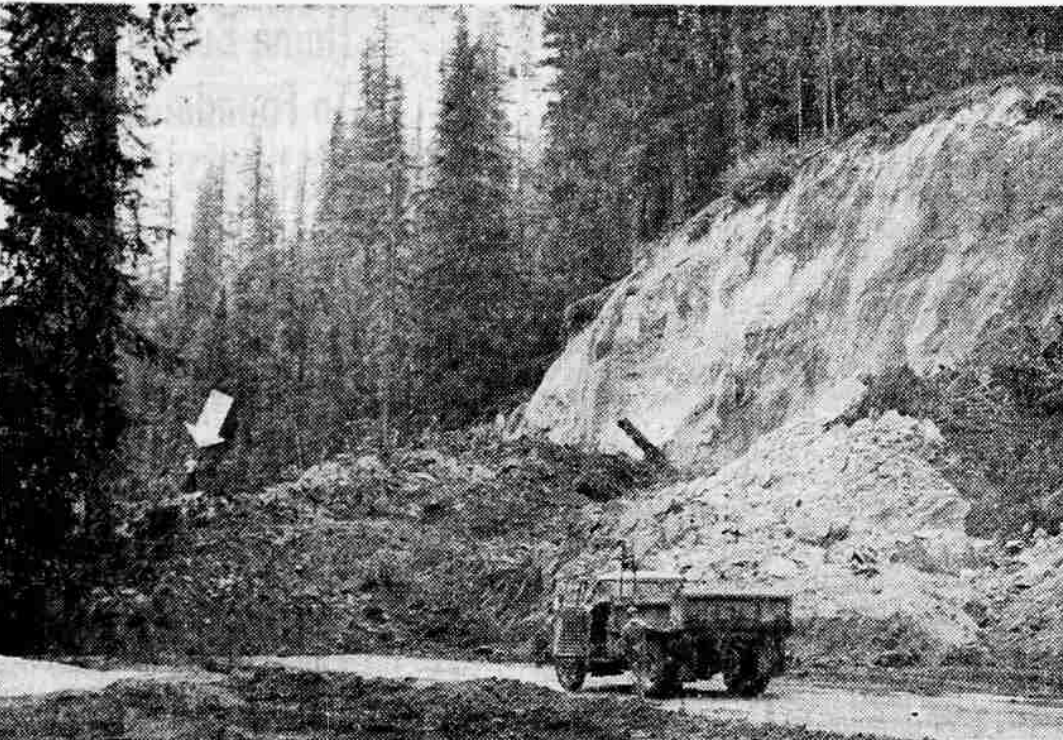
The 48-day-old United Mine Workers union contract renewal strike already has resulted in two slayings and hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage.

State Police Detective Walter E. Woods said yesterday's tangle burning apparently was arson as an empty five-gallon gasoline can was found on nearby railroad tracks.

The tangle was the site of mass picketing Friday which led the governor to send in two thousand guardsmen.



ON SLIDE — C. F. Galbreath, state highway department employee from Chemult, looks over an earth slide on Highway 230, the Diamond lake highway, Saturday. Tons of earth slid across the highway about 8 a.m. Saturday, after the highway had been opened for about 24 hours. It had been closed all winter because of snow. The picture above is looking north. Galbreath said the highway department would start moving in equipment to clear the slide today. Large trees and boulders were taken with the earth. The slide occurred in a construction area where the department was widening highway cut-throughs in an attempt to avoid such slides, according to reports.



EARTH SLIDE — This view gives an idea of the extent of the earth slide which blocked Highway 230 about 8 1/2 miles north of the Highway 62 junction Saturday morning. The picture was taken on the north side looking south. Several fishermen from the Medford area had to travel around Crater Lake National park to return from Diamond lake because of the slide. State

police said they thought it would be closed until early next week, and estimated about 1,000 cubic yards of material would have to be removed before one-way traffic is resumed. The arrow points to C. F. Galbreath, state highway department employee from Chemult. Barriers were installed at each end of the highway slide area.

County's Budget Committee Passes Preliminary Outlays

Thirteen preliminary departmental budgets were passed by the Jackson county budget committee by the end of Friday's session.

The committee is tentatively scheduled to meet again on April 29 and May 8 to conclude its business.

Budgets approved so far are: circuit courts, \$36,930.40 (salaries of bailiff and secretary excepted); district court, \$11,990.19; justice court, Ashland district, \$8,398 (secretary's salary excepted); justice court, Gold Hill, \$2,540; sheriff's office, \$159,142; county clerk, \$74,613.45; election department, \$29,460; treasurer, \$11,515; and county court and commissioners, \$25,534 with the exception of the county judge's salary.

Other major items accepted were court house expense, \$38,688.20; care of poor not at county farm, \$336,873 (tentative); county farm home, \$119,461.56, with total of supplies changed from \$17,500 to \$16,110; county compensation, \$360; Jackson County Red Cross, \$1,500; indigent veterans, \$2,000; coroner, \$1,200; mosquito control, \$500; surveyor, \$10,116; fruit inspection, \$1,675; county agent, \$23,645 (tentative); veterans service officer, \$9,523; board of equalization, \$400; and civil defense fund, \$7,548.

The one change in the county court budget is the salary of the county judge, which had been set at \$6,204 but has been reduced to \$6,092 at the judges own suggestion.

In the sheriff's budget, the budget committee declined to allow for addition of three new criminal deputies to the staff. However, a raise in salaries was granted totalling \$13,232 and another deputy was permitted in the tax division at an additional cost of \$4,452. Purchase of five new cars was allowed, also, at a total cost of \$13,000. To help pay for this capital expenditure, \$8,000 was removed from travel expenses allowed. A tentative plan calls for replacing all personal cars now used

by the deputies with county cars. The sheriff's budget total of \$159,142 is an increase of \$30,756 over the current year's total of \$128,386. The county clerk's budget total of \$74,613.45 is approximately \$1,484.25 less than the previous year since no new

equipment had to be purchased. The election department's budget was accepted as presented at a total of \$29,460, slightly less than the \$31,031. The election department's budget reduction is due to the same reason as the county clerk's office.

The county treasurer's budget allowance of \$11,515 is slightly less than \$11,995.60 for the current year. Marked as an exception is the salary of the chief deputy-administrative assistant at \$4,452 compared to the previous salary of \$4,236.

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Castro Defends Mass Executions

Boston —UPI— Premier Fidel Castro, answering criticism of the mass executions in Cuba, said last night the United States would have "punished them worse than we have."

"The world did not know that thousands of persons were tortured, killed and assassinated by the Cuban dictatorship," Castro said in an address to 10,000 persons at an outdoor Harvard law school forum. The speech, the only scheduled one of his overnight visit to Boston, was given at Dillon field house adjacent to Harvard stadium.

"You did not know of this. Now you know and now you know that we punish our war criminals. We have no censorship now. We don't hide anything," Castro said.

"We are sure that you would punish by death your war criminals. You would have punished them worse than we have."

"There were thousands involved in the dictatorship (of ousted President Fulgencio Batista). We have punished only a few," Castro said.

Americans Lose Hour As DST Commences

Millions of clocks across the nation were turned ahead last night as Americans lost an hour of sleep to daylight saving time. The change — over came at 2 a.m. local time this morning, in all or part of 24 states — not including Oregon.

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Medical Program Medical programs in particular have been sharply cut, with no funds available in Jackson county for medical aid to dependent children, the disabled and to the blind. Old assistance probably

has sufficient funds for the remainder of the quarter, Pullman said. Some money is still available in the general assistance program but only in cases involving "life and limb," he added.

"One reason we are out of money in our medical programs is this," Pullman pointed out. "A person under the welfare program breaks a hip. She is in the hospital for 10 days less than three months at a total expense of \$2,700. Insurance pays for \$1,000 of it and welfare \$1,100. The patient pays the rest. A private patient is out in a month at a total cost of \$1,000. Both bills include both medical and hospital expenses."

"Meanwhile, one welfare patient is dying of cancer but no funds are available for her medical and hospital expenses," Pullman said. "Another patient is suffering an acute bladder condition. A child is suffering from acute appendicitis and the welfare department has no money to pay for their treatment and care."

The local welfare department is able to buy drugs only for those coming under old

age assistance. Local doctors, however, are doing a wonderful job in cooperating under this difficult situation, Pullman pointed out.

All in all, he said, the medical care program has been cut about 50 per cent. Other cuts include old age assistance, 5 per cent, nursing homes 10 per cent, hospital expenses 20 per cent after a five day stay and 25 per cent after 15 days, general assistance 10 per cent.

A good example of how it will affect the average patient is this, Pullman said—A welfare patient qualifying under aid to disabled has been getting \$100 a month for board and room. As of May 1 he will receive \$95. The commission is unable to buy drugs which are regarded necessary. No hospitalization or emergency treatment can be provided, even if the welfare patient should be acutely ill.

"There is no answer as to what can be done," Pullman said. There is no way of spending money not there. However, we are better off than many neighboring counties. Josephine county, for instance, has no money for drugs."

Fatal Heart Attack

Martin Owens Childers, 63, of Klamath Falls, suffered a fatal heart attack Saturday afternoon while fishing on Jenny Creek near Pinehurst, state police reported.

His fishing partner, Carl Tomlin, Klamath Falls, reported it to state police there. An officer was sent to investigate with a Jackson county deputy coroner. The body was taken to the Ward funeral home in Klamath Falls.

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Three Measures Cover Cigarettes, Income, Business

Salem —UPI— Three bills, representing a new tax package for Oregon, passed the House yesterday.

Fireworks were expected in the Senate, which has vowed to take a "hard look" at the program when it reconvenes Tuesday.

The key bill (HB 670) was the last to be passed by the House with only two representatives commenting on it —Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), chairman of the House Tax committee, who favored the bill and Rep. Douglas Heider (R-Salem), also a tax committee member, who opposed it.

Vote on the major income tax measure was 37-23. Barton carried the bill on the floor, explaining that it was "not a patch work but a comprehensive tax program for the state of Oregon."

Provided Rates He said the bill provided rates of from 2 per cent on the first thousand dollars of taxable income to 7 per cent on income above \$10,000. Present rates are from 3 per cent to 9.5 per cent.

However, the bill excludes exemptions for federal income tax and many other exemptions which will have the effect of raising most people's income taxes.

Hardest hit will be those in the brackets above \$4,000. The bill leaves personal exemptions and dependency credits at the present \$600 level. It permits medical deductions above 5 per cent of income with no upper limits, and deductions for education, charitable and religious contributions from 3 to 20 per cent of income.

Earlier in the day, the House passed and sent to the Senate two other bills to complete the package.

They were: A bill putting a 3 cents-a-pack tax on cigarettes and a 15 per cent tax on other tobacco products;

A bill taxing businesses 1 1/2 per cent on net business income and repealing inventories taxes above \$25,000 and including a reduction in capital gains.

The cigarette measure passed 57-20 and the business bill, 50-20.

Rebels Invading Coast of Panama, Source Discloses

Panama —UPI— A group of rebels landed at the tiny Panamanian village of Mandinga near a former U.S. fighter plane landing strip, a reliable source said last night.

Mandinga, on the Atlantic coast of this strategic country, serves as embarkation point for boats carrying tourists to the offshore island of San Blas.

Origin of the invasion, its exact size and the military equipment it carried were not disclosed.

Invasion-jittery Panama a some time ago alerted its National Guard for possible landings by rebels from Cuba or Costa Rica.

Top officials of Panama's National Guardia met with President Ernesto De La Guardia Jr. and his cabinet at the National Palace to discuss the situation.

A few hours after it was reported that Panama was willing to give Arias safe conduct out of the country in return for what was believed to be a large quantity of hidden rebel arms.

Los Angeles —UPI— Los Angeles is not alone in its smog problem — it just gets more publicity, according to Dr. Gordon V. Peffley of Portland.

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