

Negroes Slated To Die For Rape Of White Girls

LA GRANGE, Ga. (AP)—Three Negro men have been sentenced to die in the electric chair for the multiple rape of two young white women during a night of terror near this west Georgia city.

An all-male jury, including one Negro, convicted the Negroes Tuesday night after deliberating nearly five hours.

The jury did not recommend mercy and Superior Court Judge Samuel J. Boykin sentenced the three to be electrocuted at Reidsville State Prison Oct. 2.

Attorneys for the Negroes said the verdict would be appealed. The appeal must be filed within 30 days.

The verdict was read in a tense courtroom closely guarded by State Patrolmen and Georgia Bureau of Investigation agents. The first three rows were cleared and spectators warned against any outbursts.

The three young defendants, George Alford Jr., 18, of Dayton, Ohio; Clifford Johnson, 22, and Brannon Epps, 24, both of La Grange, accepted the sentence with the same stoical expressions

they had maintained throughout the two-day trial.

They had nothing to say when then judge offered them an opportunity to speak before passing sentence. He ordered them held in a safe place until they were taken to the state prison.

There was no immediate indication whether the three court-appointed defense attorneys planned an appeal.

Solicitor General (Prosecutor) Wright Liptford said a second indictment returned in the case would be dropped.

All three Negroes were charged with raping a 20-year-old married woman during the early morning hours of Aug. 1. Epps and Alford also were charged with raping the woman's 18-year-old cousin.

Georgia law prohibits publication of their names.

Liptford asked the death penalty so girls "would have the right to walk the streets of La Grange without being brutally ravished and raped."

He charged that the Negroes raped the women after taking them first from their white escorts and later from three Negroes who tried to help them.

The two women testified they were forced to submit. Both told of hours of terror during which the trio raped them several times.

The older girl, who was married for the third time six months ago, broke down during sharp cross examination and was sobbing when she left the witness stand.

The younger girl, a cousin from West Hollywood, Fla., testified she was thrown down in the back of a pickup truck after her clothing had been taken from her. Ripped undergarments were introduced as evidence.

The three Negroes in the pickup truck finally forced their car off the road, the women said. One of the Negroes brandished a knife and made them get in the pickup.

The defendants each made unsworn statements. Under Georgia law, they could make any statement they desired and not be cross-examined.

Each Negro acknowledged having intercourse with the older girl and two of them said they had intercourse with the younger girl.

Epps said he had known the older girl for years and had had sexual relations with her previously for money. He said he paid her \$5 or the night of the alleged rape and that no force was used.

Johnson told much the same story and Alford said "they offered us their bodies for money. We are not guilty of rape."

Both girls returned to the stand and denied that they had known the defendants before the incident.

The prosecutor said Epps' statement that he and the older woman had gone together previously was a "damnable lie." He added that if such had been the case authorities would have run her out of town.



THE KING of beasts, Caesar, was in tranquil mood when the Herald and News photographer, Otto Ellis, arrived. The majestic animal is one of four male and six female lions performing under command of Prince El Kigordo during the Polack Brothers Circus at the fairgrounds tonight. Pasha, a 9 months old tiger, has just been acquired but is not ready to join the act. Prince El Kigordo was injured last May and hospitalized with many lacerations and severed arteries when he was attacked by his star performer. He returned to the big cage as soon as his injuries permitted.

Youth Arrested As Thief; Tells Of Nightly Escapades

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP)—Horace Rideout suspected that his home was being broken into at night. Three times in three weeks, he said, there were things missing when he and his wife woke up.

On Monday night, the 32-year-old mason's helper shut off his lights early and sat, silently, in his bedroom. At midnight, the burglar appeared.

Rideout saw a thin arm reach for the unlocked bedroom window and push it open. A small boy crawled in.

Amazed, Rideout scuffled with the child and caught him. The boy managed to cut the man slightly with a letter opener.

At the police station Tuesday, the boy told a story of breaking

into 11 homes and businesses in the past year. Police said the boy, a Negro, whose name they withheld, is eight years old.

He took \$35 and some jewelry in three visits to the Rideout home, police said. He got the letter opener at a school building. He specialized in homes, but once broke into an amusement center, they said.

The police asked the boy why he did it.

The child explained that he, like most other eight-year-olds, had an appetite for candy and toys. So, when his parents tucked him into bed at night in his tenement home, he wouldn't go to sleep.

He would wait until his parents retired, then sneak out of doors and into the night to visit the unguarded houses in the neighborhood.

He took small items, and small amounts of money, police said. He used just about all of the money to buy candy and toys.

Earl Beaten; Plans Rally

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Frustrated Gov. Earl K. Long today planned to "carry my fight to the people" after a rebellious Legislature killed his special session before it was an hour old.

Long, trying to rally forces after a stunning and swift defeat, had his sights set on a downtown New Orleans rally tonight — home grounds of his political foe, Mayor DeLesseps Morrison, one of his opponents in the December Democratic gubernatorial primary.

The governor had little or nothing to say to newsmen after he shuffled from the Legislature ash-en faced, behind him the echoes of lawmakers applauding their adjournment victory.

But his cronies brushed aside the sudden end as an act of defiance. They contended that Long, now cast in an underdog role, would make political hay out of the incident.

"This will mean 100,000 votes for the governor," said Lt. Gov. Lether Frazier.

Frazier, who presides over the Senate, was unsuccessful in holding back an adjournment stampede, after news got to the Senate of the House's vote to quit.

Display Set On Mummies

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Next month, for the first time in nearly 30 years, Egyptians will be able to see the mummies of some of their land's ancient rulers.

Beginning Sept. 1, Cairo Museum will open to the public the chamber containing mummies of Egyptian pharaohs. The room was closed to the public in the early 1930s on the ground that it was undignified to display bodies of past rulers in a museum.

In the intervening period, only important scholars and dignitaries have set eyes on the mummies, some of them 50 centuries old.

The chamber contains about 30 mummies. The best preserved is that of Ramses II discovered in 1886 and dating back 3,000 years. Other famous mummies at the museum are those of Cheops, the pharaoh who built the Great Pyramid, and that of Pharaoh Amenophis and Tut-Ankh-Amen.

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Dance Slated For Monday

Lloyd Price and his 13-piece rock 'n' roll orchestra are slated for a dance and show at the Klamath Falls Auditorium Monday, August 17.

Price, a top name, is famous for his recent hits, "Personality," currently rated the number one rock 'n' roll song in the nation, and "Stagger Lee," number one for a time last year.

The latter has been named by Cash Box Magazine the recording most programmed last year.

Baldy Evans, promoter of a series of rock 'n' roll dances in Klamath Falls, says Price and his crew are rated by promoters everywhere as the greatest crowd-pleasing attraction in the rock 'n' roll field.

Dick Clark, master of ceremonies of "American Bandstand," a popular nationally-televised rock 'n' roll show, has picked Price and his orchestra to headline Clark's rock 'n' roll show that will tour the country this fall.

STEERING EARLY
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Police cited Aubrey Price, 39, for permitting an unauthorized person to drive. Price was charged with letting his 13-year-old son drive a huge road grader and tractor.

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Ex-Con Held As Robber Eyed As Possible Killer

ISLIP, N.Y. (AP)—A husky, crew-cut construction worker was in jail on a robbery charge today, but authorities apparently have been unable to connect him with three recent murders on Long Island.

He was, however, the "prime suspect at the moment," Suffolk County Dist. Atty. John P. Cohalan said Tuesday.

The man, Francis H. Bloeth, 27, an ex-convict, lives in a two-room attic apartment near here with his wife and baby daughter.

Cohalan said Bloeth was picked up Monday night on a tip from a former burglar who said he had sold Bloeth a .32-caliber revolver in June and a .32-caliber automatic later. Police say the first two murders were committed with a .32-caliber revolver and the third with a .32-caliber automatic.

Bloeth's home and car were searched, but police say no gun was found.

The three slayings, which took place in the first eight days of this month in a 30-mile area on this eastern section of Long Island, netted less than \$400. Two men and a woman were killed in three separate robberies.

All three killings followed a pattern. The victims worked alone, at restaurants, and the holdups

were around midnight. Bloeth took a lie detector test in Manhattan Tuesday at his own request, but authorities said the results would not be made public. Bloeth claimed the test cleared him. "I didn't do it, the machine said I was right," he told reporters.

He is accused of a tavern hold-up near here last month. Cohalan said Bloeth admitted the holdup, but Bloeth told reporters he didn't do it.

Cohalan said the man in the tavern holdup held a gun to the head of bartender Joseph Principe and pulled the trigger four times. Each time there was a harmless click.

"Do you want to try for five?" asked the gunman, and the bartender quickly handed over his money—only \$60.

Bloeth's wife, Jane, 25, a former waitress in a Greenwich Village restaurant in New York City, said she knew about Bloeth's record—he was first in trouble when he was 15—when she married him two years ago.

As for the killings, she said "I feel he's not guilty. He can't be, not of that."

She was questioned Tuesday, and later received reporters in her \$65-a-month apartment in a one-family house in a residential neighborhood.

A slender, dark-haired woman, she said "he couldn't have done those things and treated me and the baby with the tenderness he showed her husband, who made \$150 a week as a construction oiler, had no debts.

Bloeth was sent to prison for auto theft. His first arrest as a juvenile delinquent was for burglary.

TESTS SLATED

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)—The Air Force is starting tests to see if a 16 1/2-ton vertical takeoff airplane will fly.

The X18, the nation's largest experimental vertiplane, was transported here from Moffett Air Force Base after completing 90 per cent of its ground tests.

Actual flight tests won't begin until late fall. Hiller Aircraft Corp. of Palo Alto, Calif., developed the plane.

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Lad's Life Saved By Dad

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—A desperate father dug frantically with his bare hands for almost an hour Monday to free his 4-year-old son, trapped by a ditch cave-in.

"The boy was screaming something awful," the father Ira Curtis said later. When the screams stopped, tension rose.

"He must be gone, he couldn't have lasted that long," a youth said quietly.

But finally Curtis, with the help of other rescuers, got young Billy out—alive. He was taken to a hospital, where an examination showed he had only a few bumps and bruises.

Three boys were playing in a ditch near Billy's home when the walls suddenly caved in. Billy's older brother, Donald, 9, was buried chest deep, and a neighbor boy, Marvin Connett, 8, was buried up to his neck.

Donald managed to free himself and ran for his father.

Police and fire departments were called.

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