

Georgia Begins Prison Camp Investigations

United Press International report

Playground Daily News, Wednesday morning, July 19, 1967, page 10 (identified by overlapping page photographs).

Source: photographs taken by Spencer Madrie of microfilm at the Fort Walton Beach library archives (user-provided provenance). Received through Telegram on September 26, 2026.

Source notes

Date identification revised after checking surrounding columns: photo 09 shows Wednesday morning, July 19, 1967; photo 08 shows page 10. The AP fire report continues through photo 19 into the top of photo 21. Photo 21 shows the jury story, its neighboring United Nations column, and part of the Georgia article at right. That same UN column and Georgia text overlap photos 24-25, establishing page continuity. The photographer confirms the photos were taken in discovery order, supporting July 19 or later independently; the physical overlap supports July 19 specifically. The Georgia clipping itself does not include a printed date/header. The typeset "b ythe" and duplicated/broken sentence are retained with editorial notes; they were not silently repaired. No missing wording is invented.

Reading transcription

Visually checked against the supplied photographs. Line-break hyphenation and spacing are normalized; brackets identify editorial flags. Historical wording, names and reported counts are retained. Source images govern if a transcription error remains.

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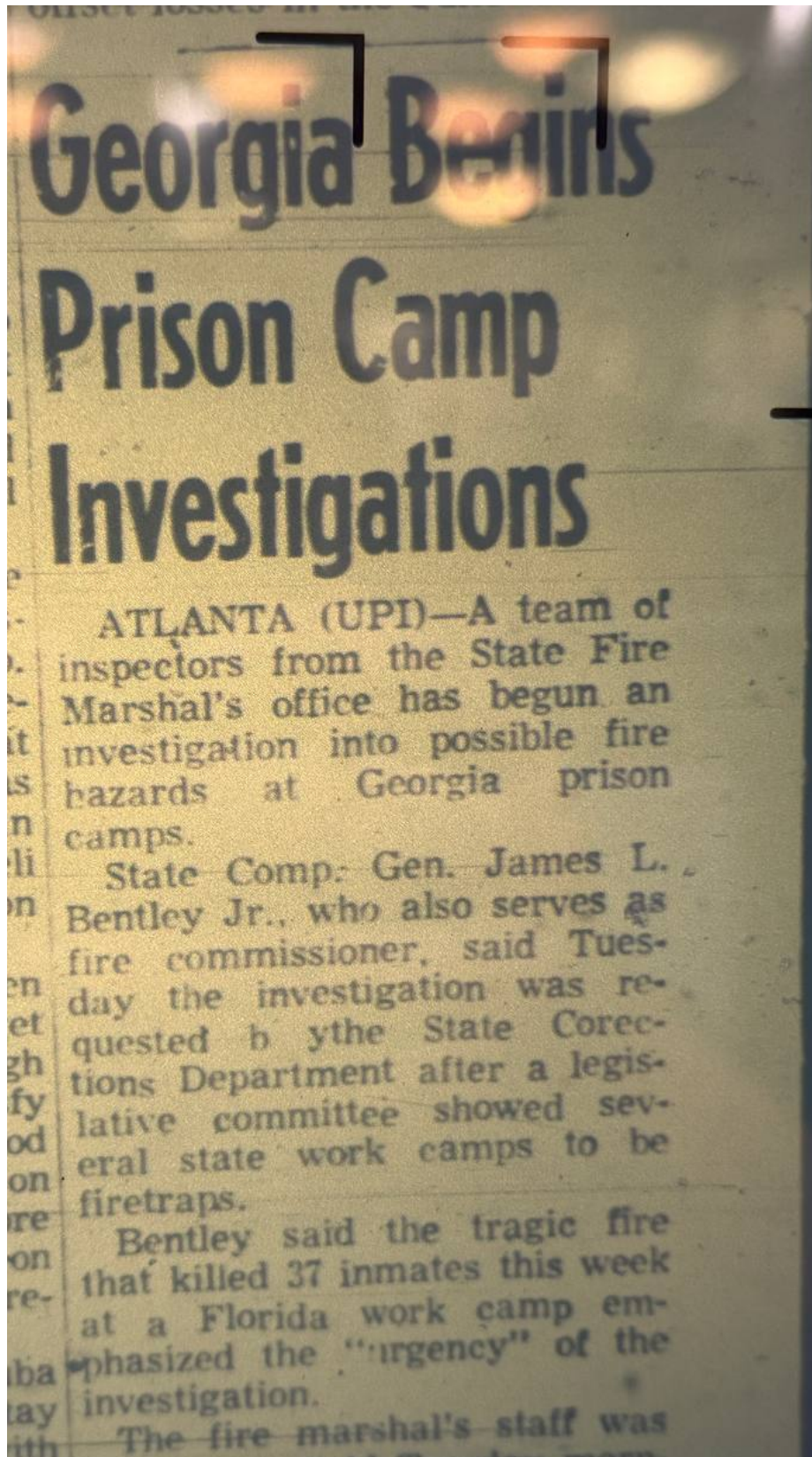
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He said the investigation would receive a report includ- [broken wording as printed] and the Corrections Department would receive a report including a list of deficiencies, suggestions for improvement and other recommendations for a permanent fire safety program in the state prison system.

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Source view - photo 24

Headline and opening paragraphs



Source view - photo 25

Overlapping continuation through article end

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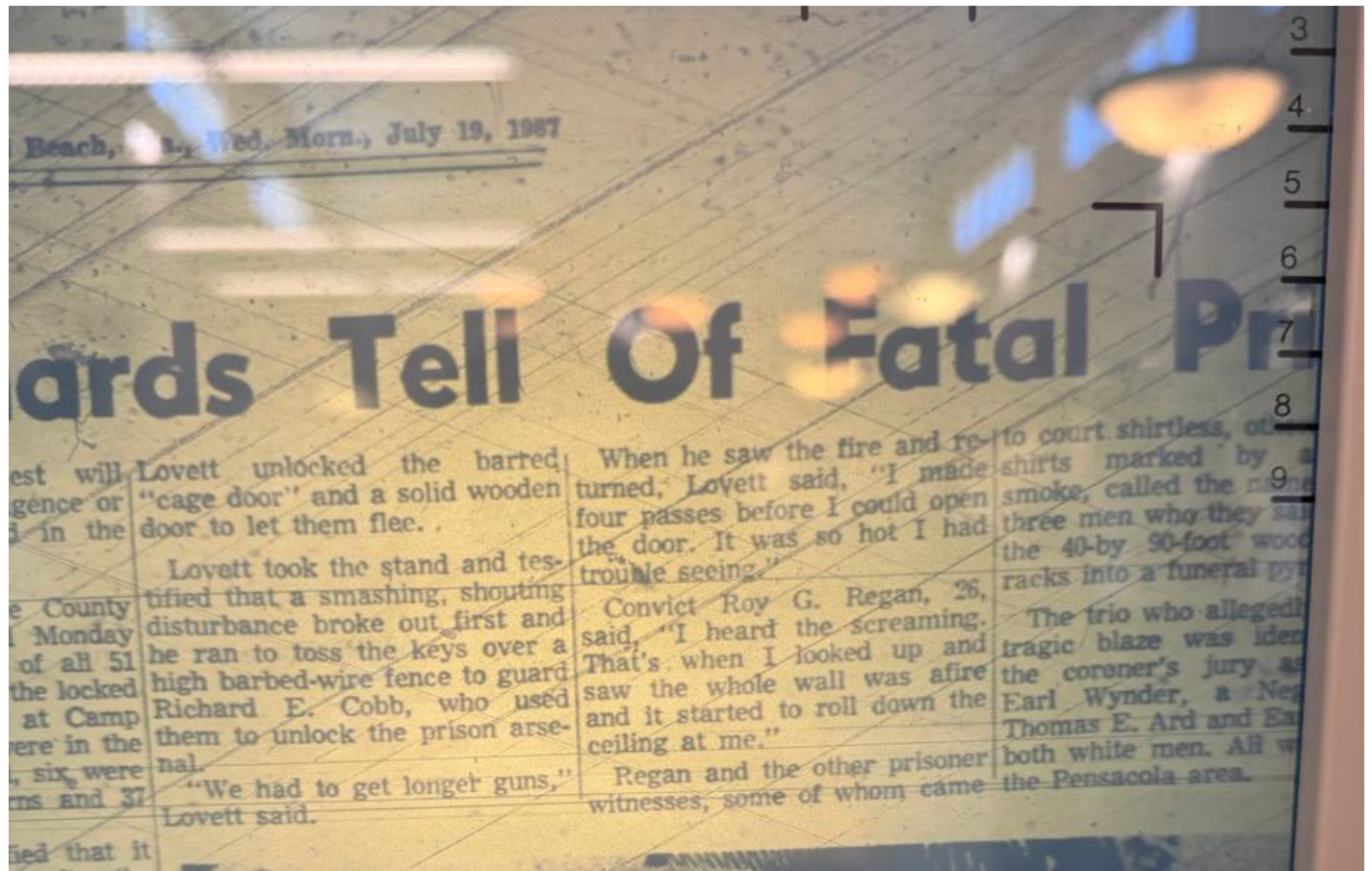
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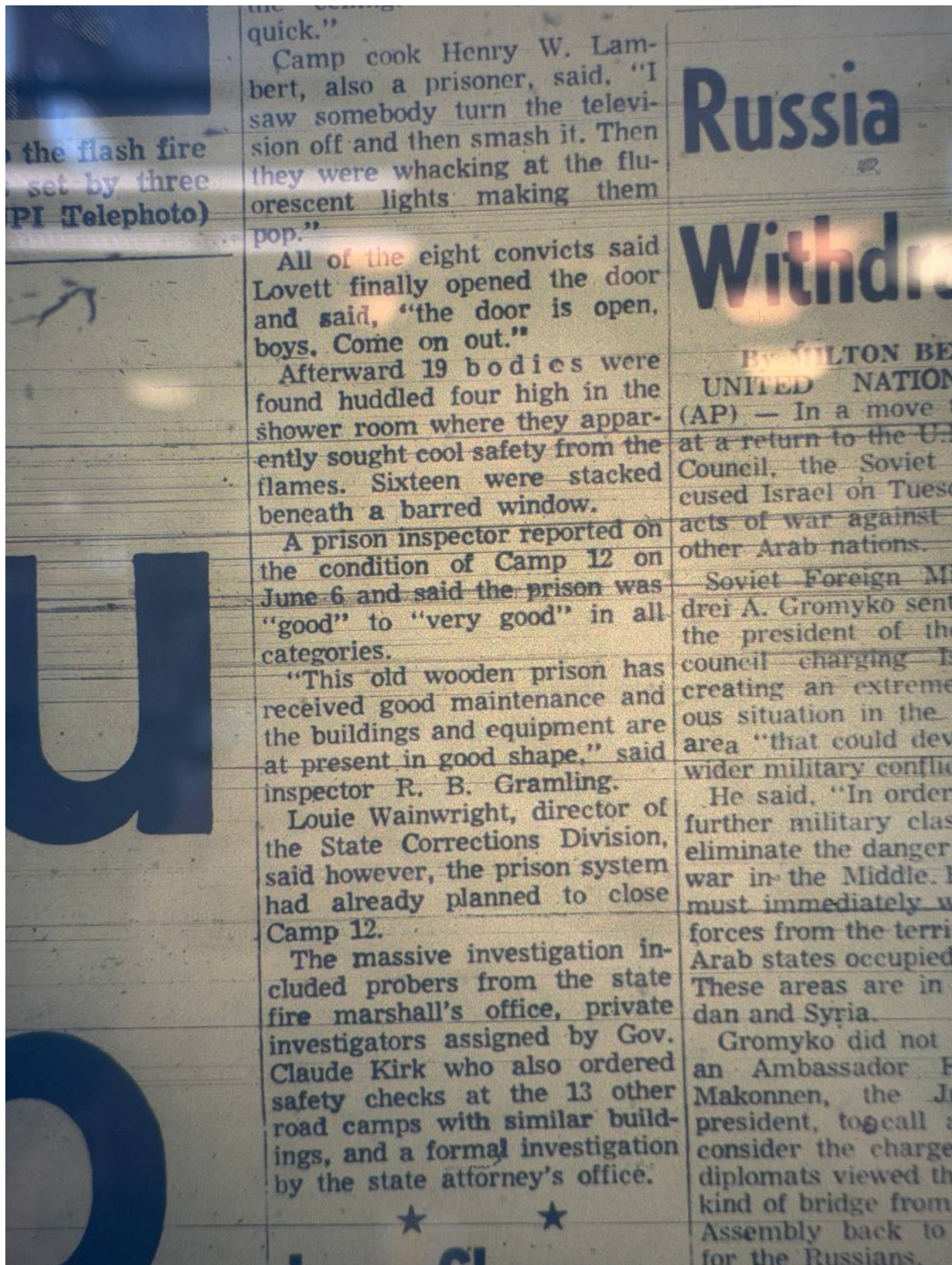
Source view - photo 09

Date evidence: Wednesday morning, July 19, 1967; AP fire article on the same page



Source view - photo 19

Page connection: AP fire article end and neighboring United Nations story



Source view - photo 21

Page connection: same AP ending, jury article, UN column and Georgia article fragment at right

