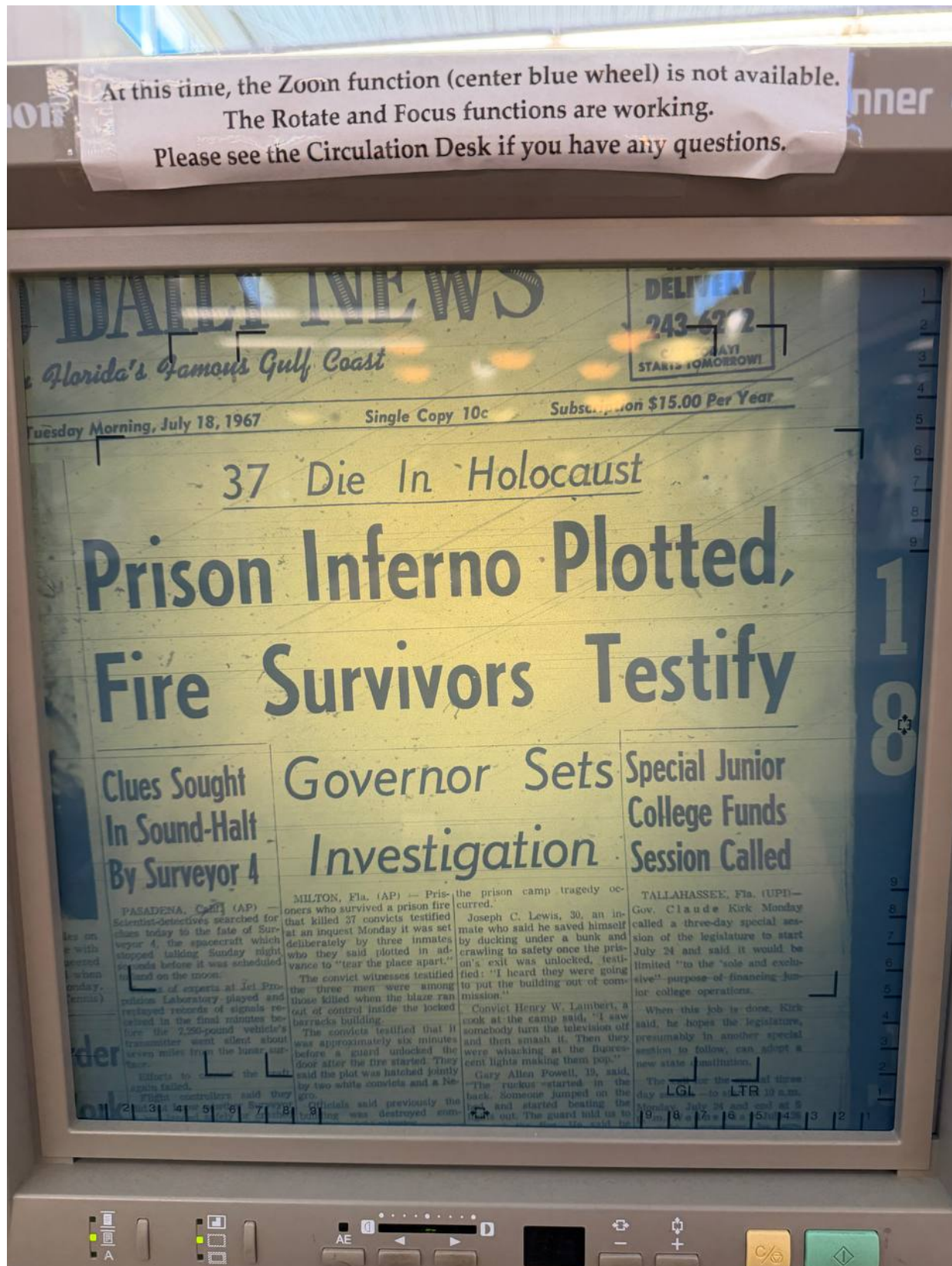


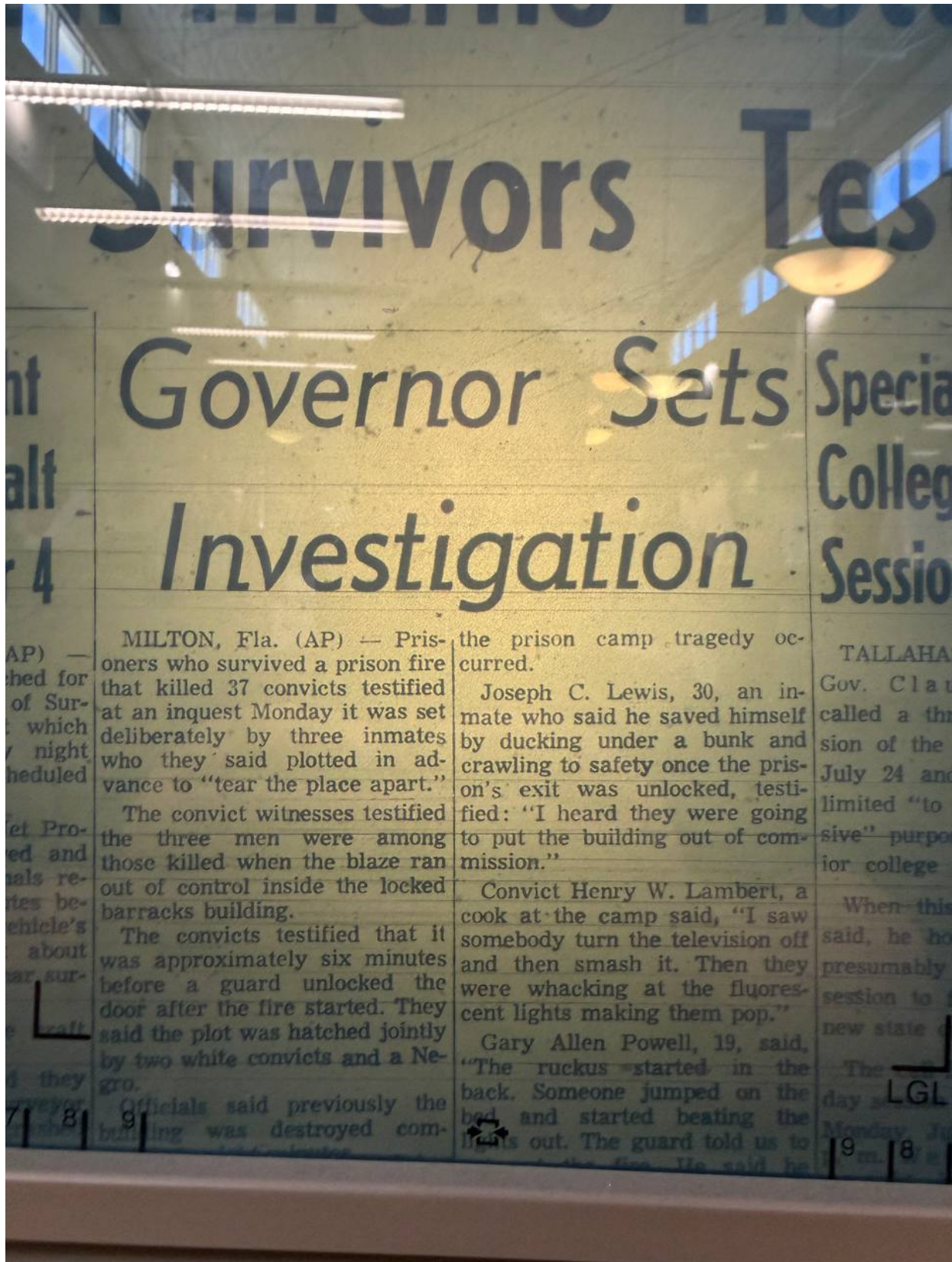
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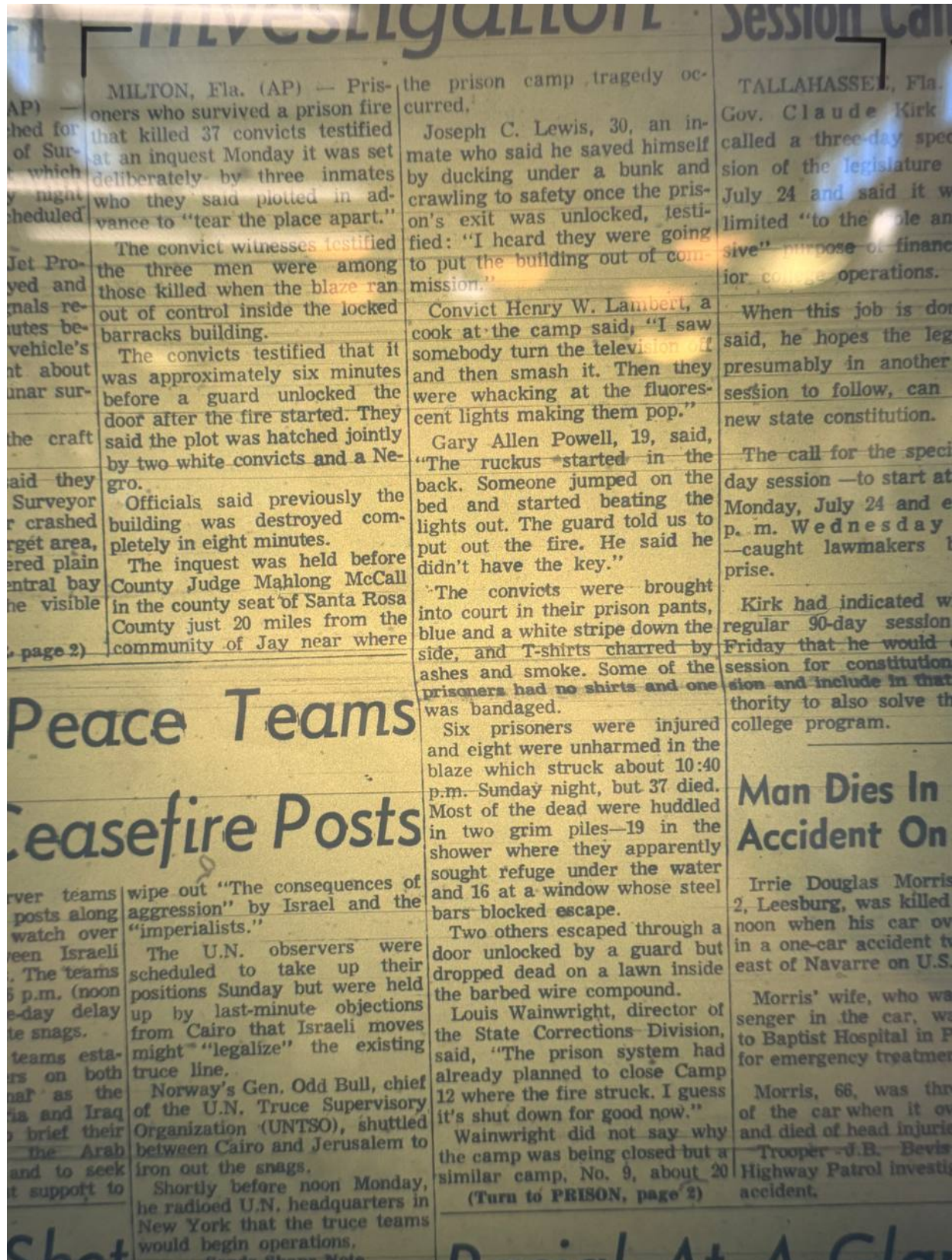
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Gary Allen Powell, 19, said,
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bed and started beating the
lights out. The guard told us to
put out the fire. He said he
didn't have the key."

"The convicts were brought
into court in their prison pants,
blue and a white stripe down the
side, and T-shirts charred by
ashes and smoke. Some of the
prisoners had no shirts and one
was bandaged.

Six prisoners were injured
and eight were unharmed in the
blaze which struck about 10:40
p.m. Sunday night, but 37 died.
Most of the dead were huddled
in two grim piles—19 in the
shower where they apparently
sought refuge under the water
and 16 at a window whose steel
bars blocked escape.

Two others escaped through a
door unlocked by a guard but
dropped dead on a lawn inside
the barbed wire compound.

Louis Wainwright, director of
the State Corrections Division,
said, "The prison system had
already planned to close Camp
12 where the fire struck. I guess
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Wainwright did not say why
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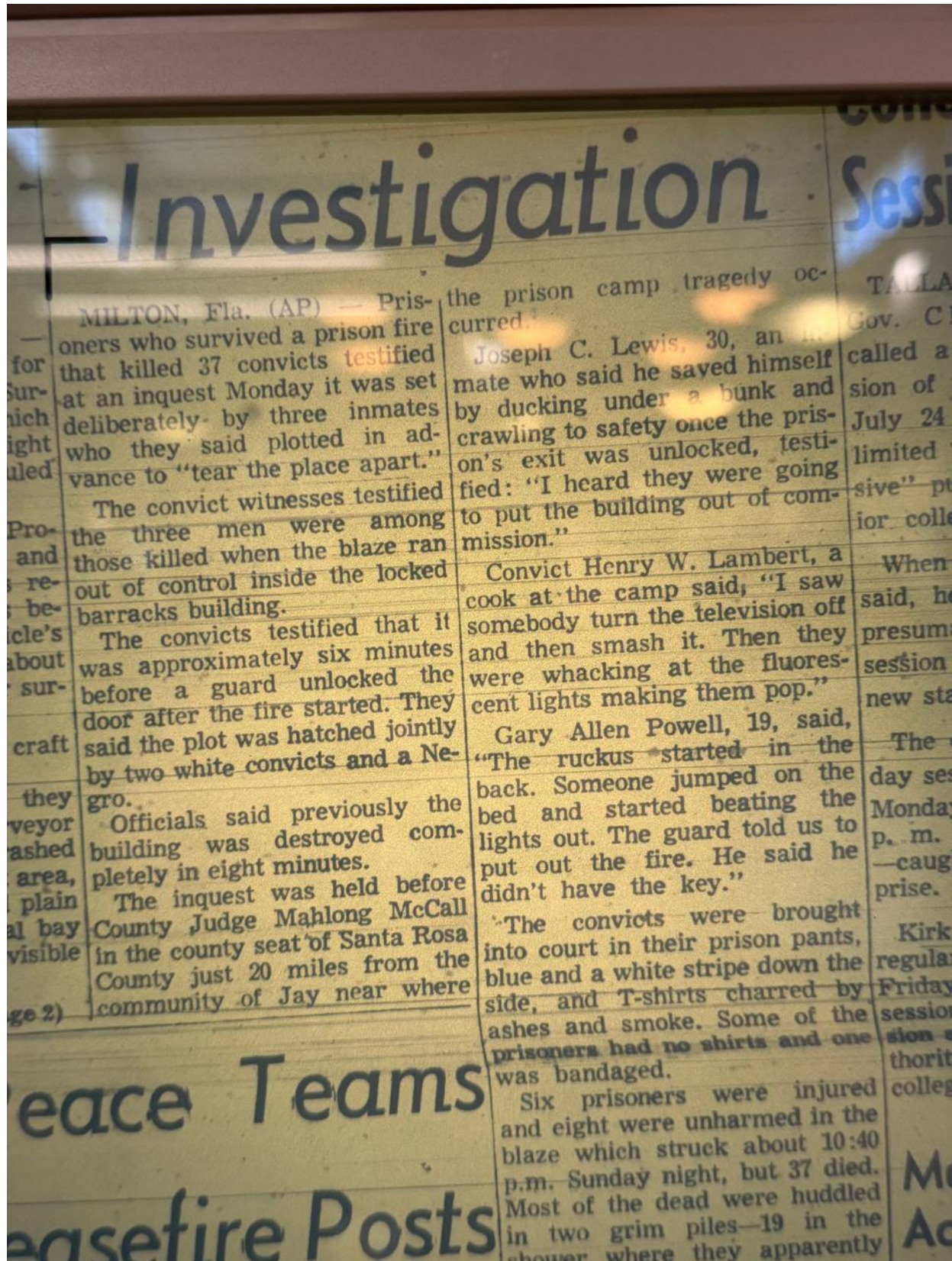
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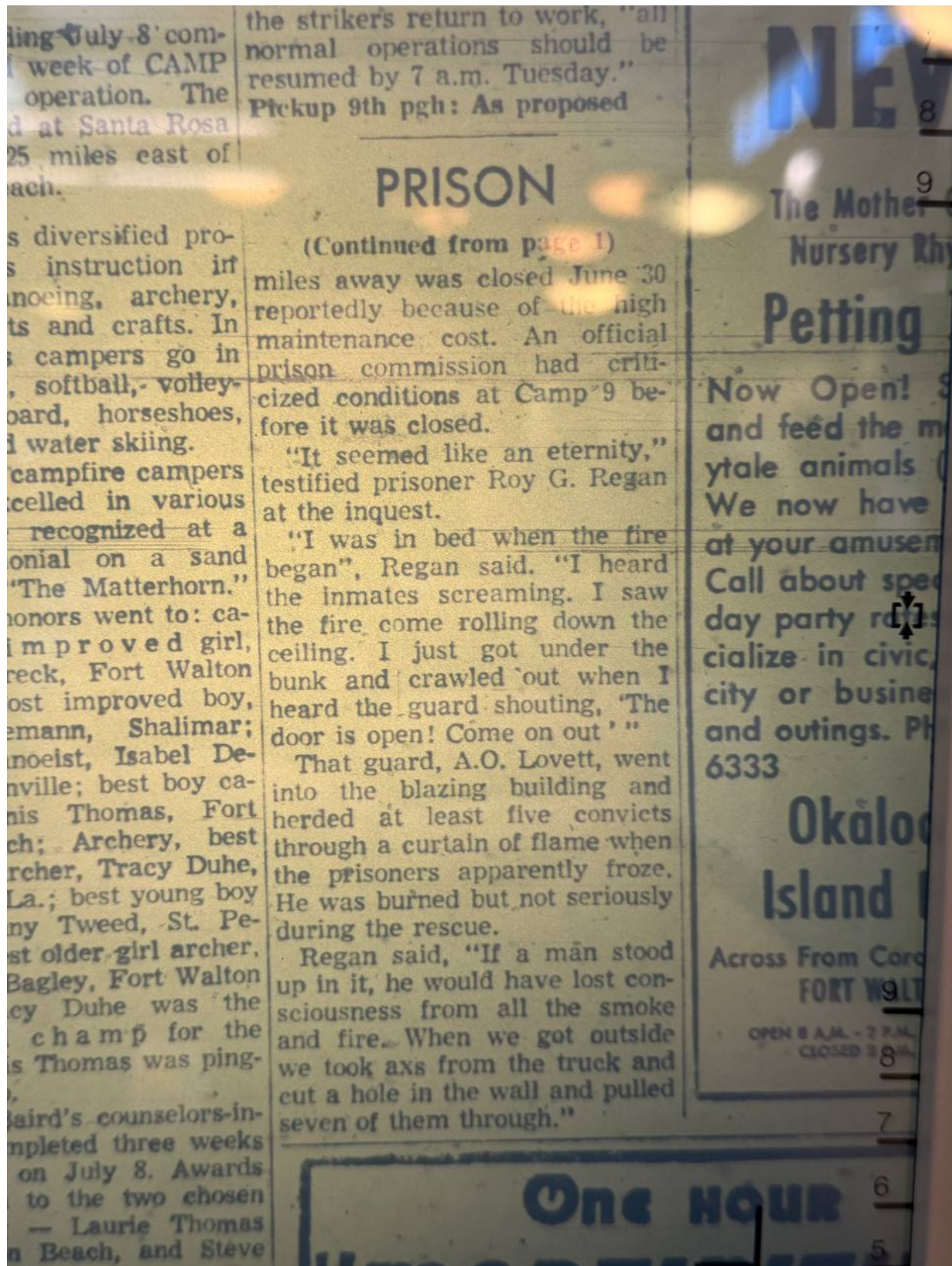
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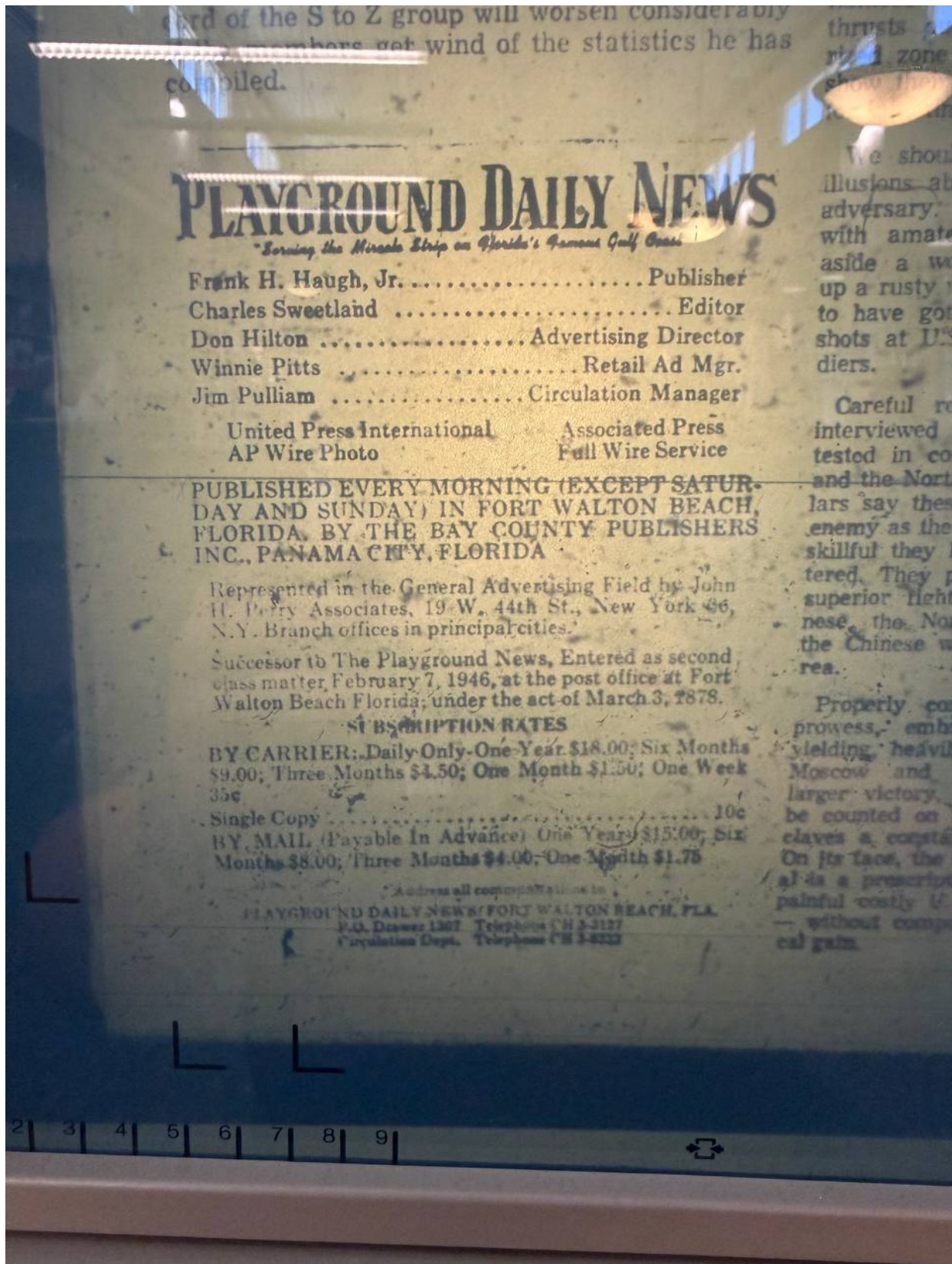
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MILTON, Fla. (AP) — Convicts under shotgun guard have testified that three cellmates deliberately set the prison fire that burned 37 inmates to death.

Among those who died were the three accused of setting the blaze.

As the formal inquest into the Sunday night fire at State Prison Road Camp 12 at Jay, Fla., started in Santa Rosa County Courthouse, 22 bodies sacked in olive drab body bags lay outside the old county jail awaiting positive identification.

The coroner's inquest will decide if criminal negligence or homicide was involved in the tragedy.

On the table before County Judge Mahlon McCall Monday were the prison files of all 51 men who had been in the locked and barred barracks at Camp 12. Of the 51, eight were in the county jail unharmed, six were in hospitals with burns and 37 had perished.

The convicts testified that it was about six minutes after the fire started before guard A.O. Lovett unlocked the "cage door" and a solid w door to let them flee.

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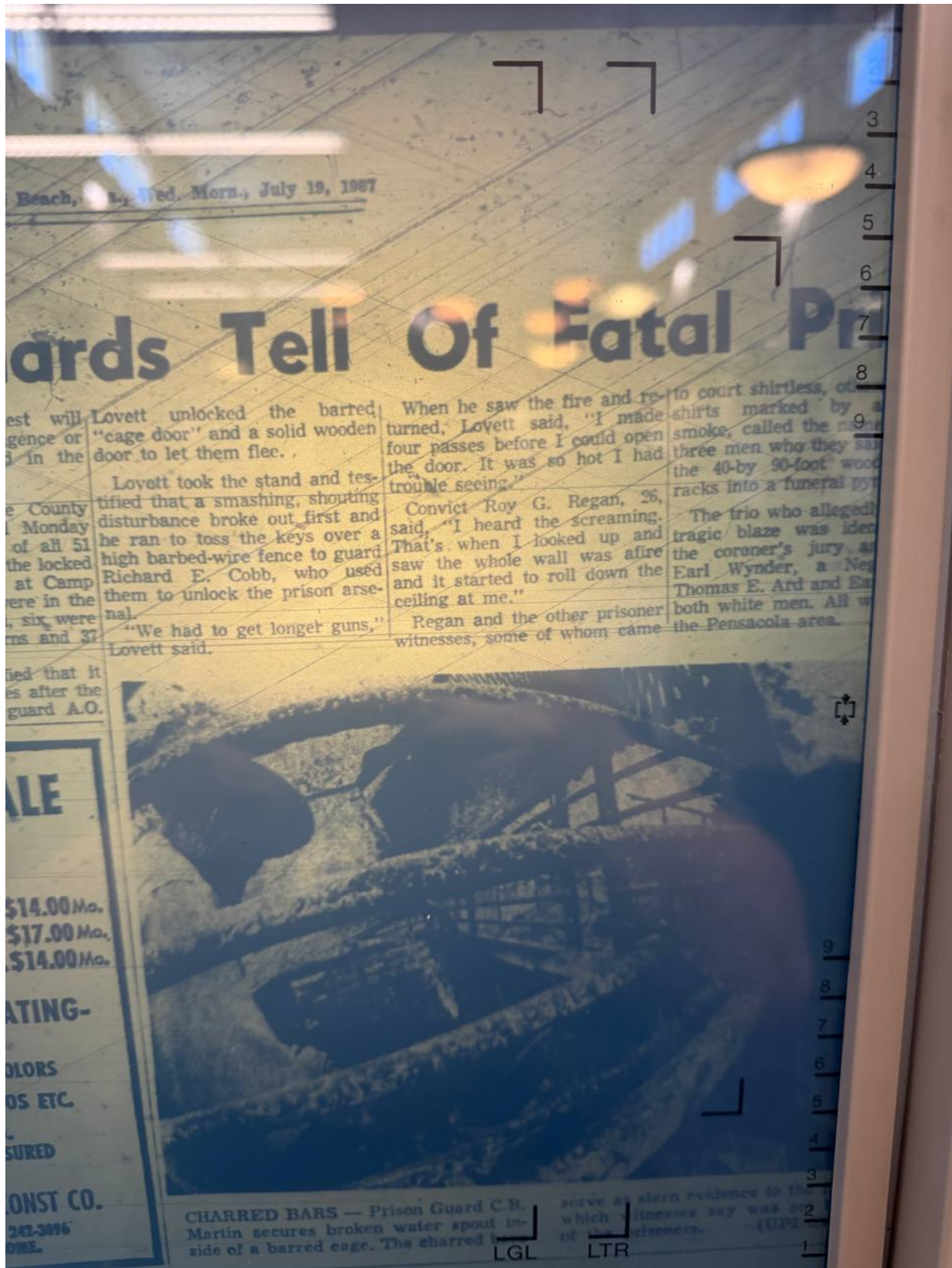
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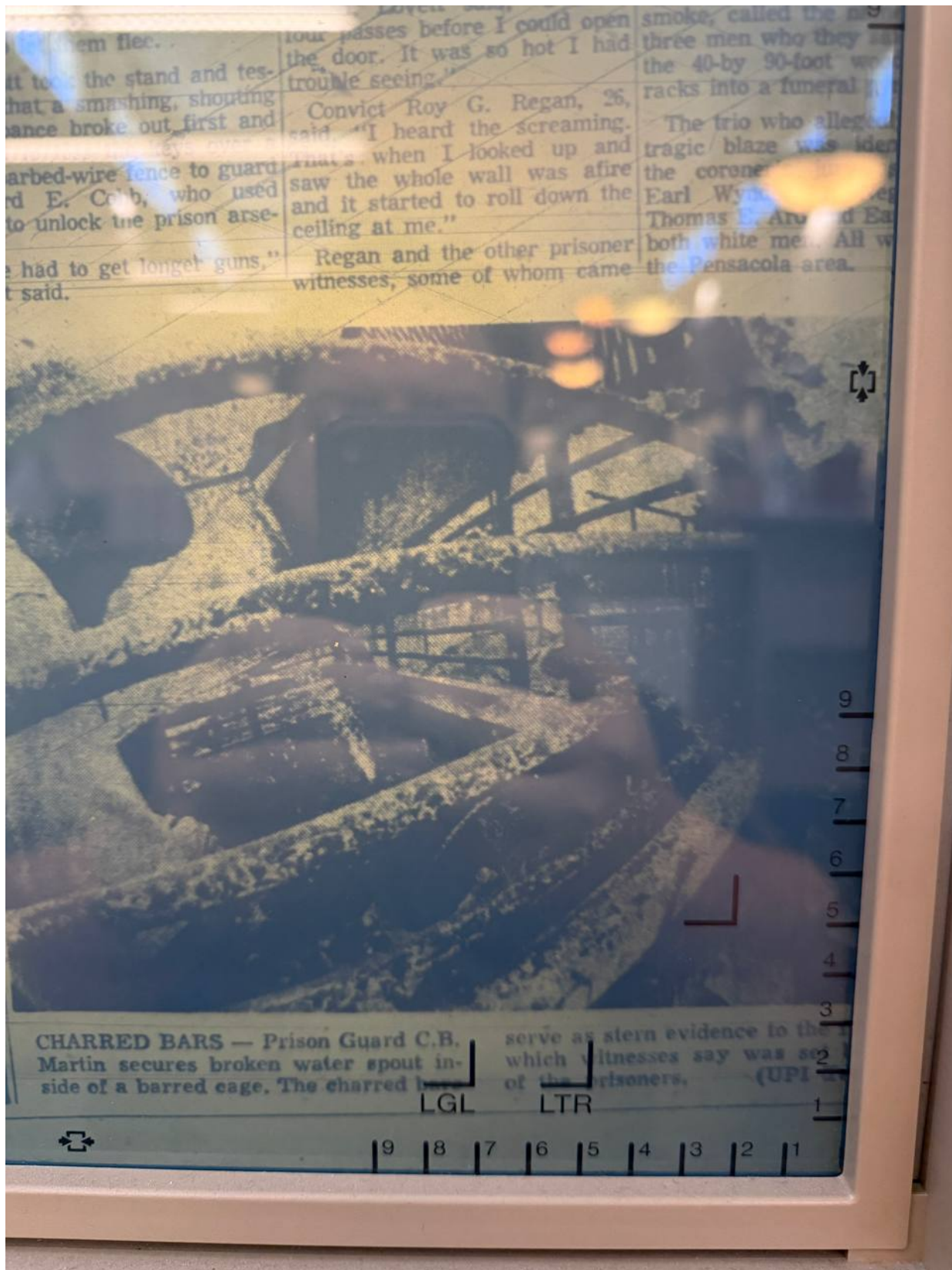
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"We had to get longer guns," Lovett said.

When he saw the fire and returned, Lovett said, "I made four passes before I could open the door. It was so hot I had trouble seeing."

Convict Roy G. Regan, 26, said, "I heard the screaming. That's when I looked up and saw the whole wall was afire and it started to roll down the ceiling at me."

Regan and the other prisoner witnesses, some of whom came to court shirtless, others with T-shirts marked by ash and smoke, called the names of the three men who they said turned the 40-by 90-foot wooden bars racks into a funeral pyre.

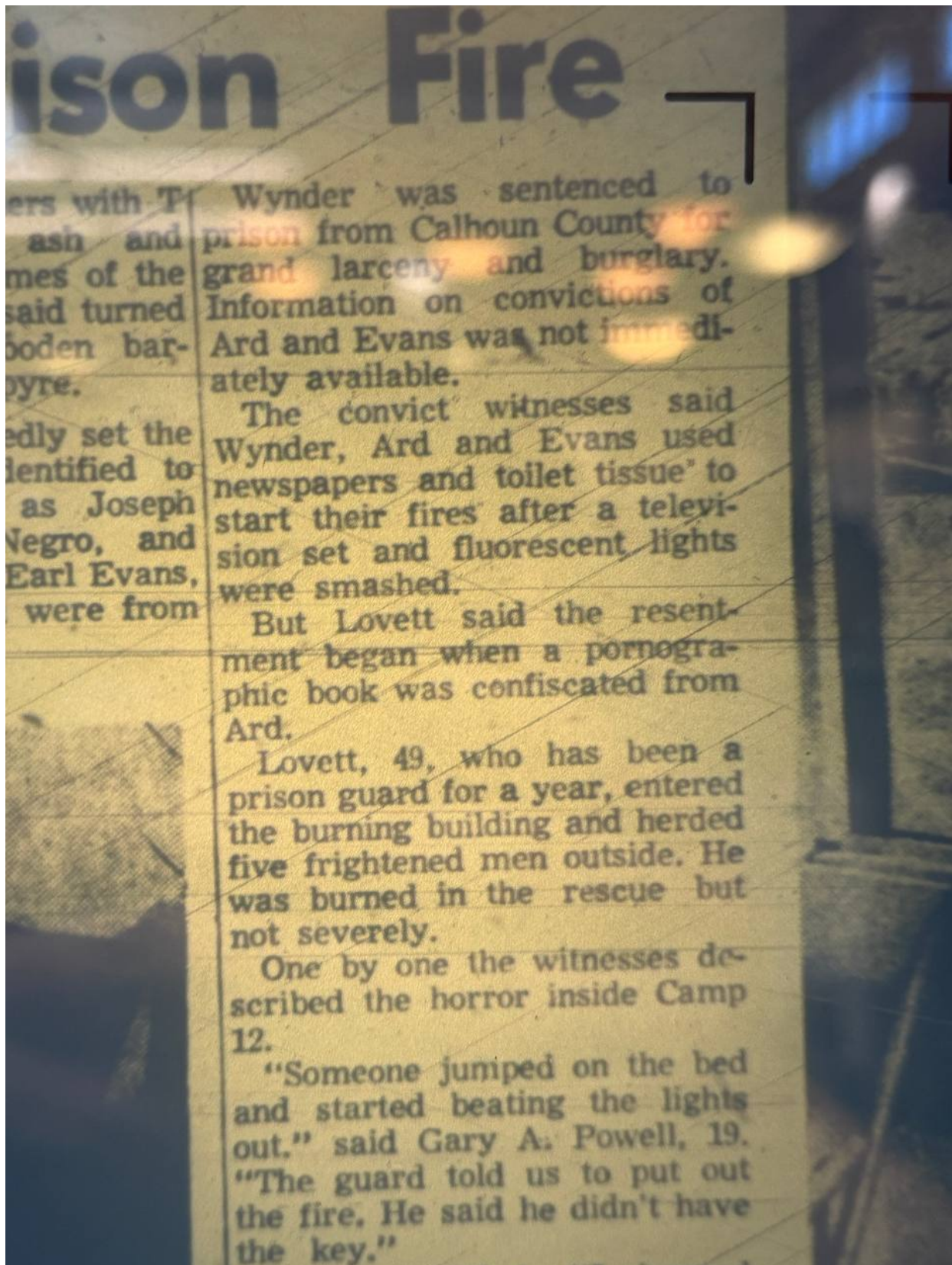
The trio who allegedly set a tragic blaze was identified to the coroner's jury as Joseph Earl Wynder, a Negro, and Thomas E. Ard and Earl Evans, both white men. All were from the Pensacola area.



CHARRED BARS — Prison Guard C.B. Martin secures broken water spout inside of a barred cage. The charred bars serve as stern evidence to the flash fire which witnesses say was set by three of the prisoners. (UPI Telephoto)

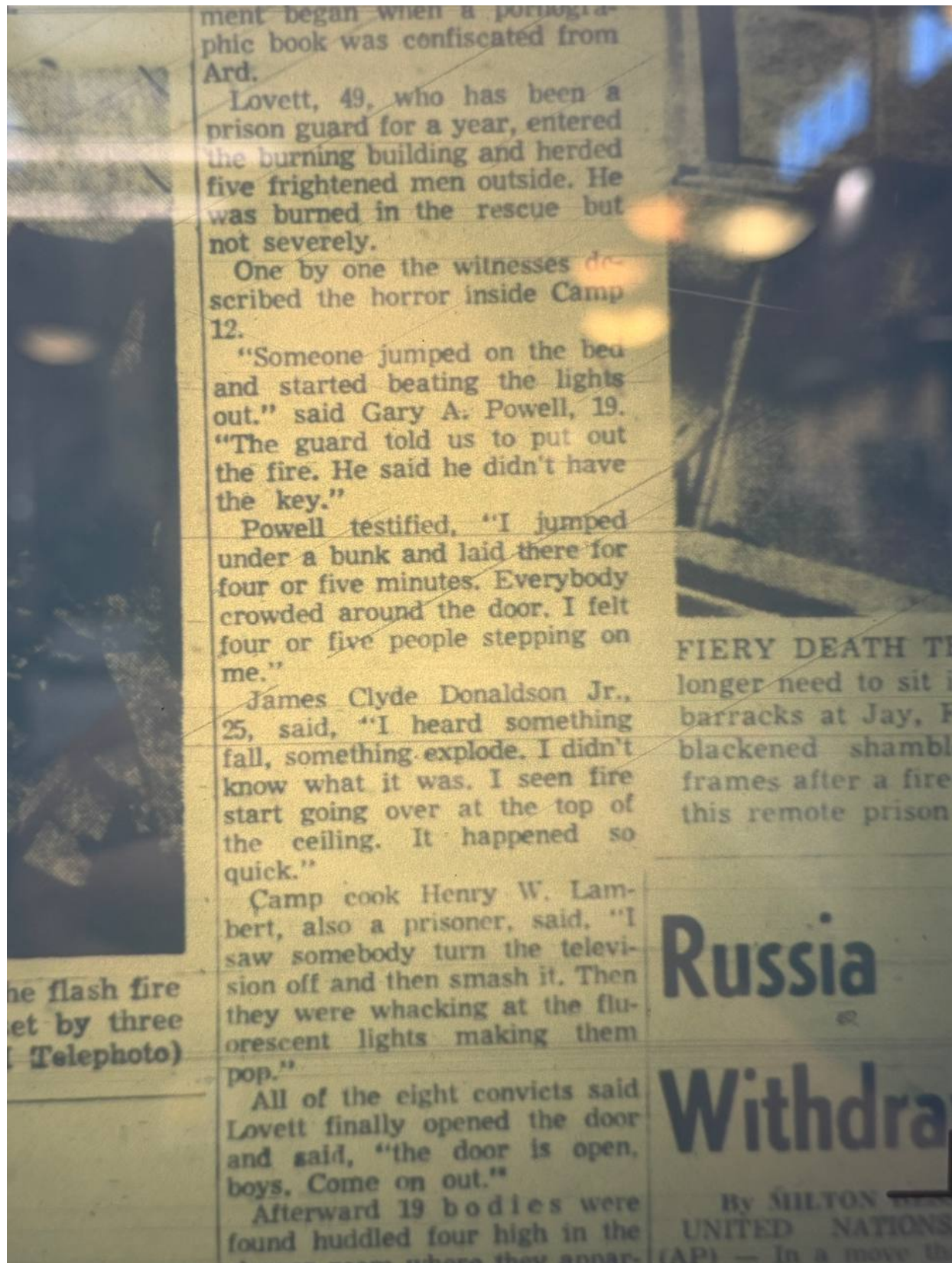
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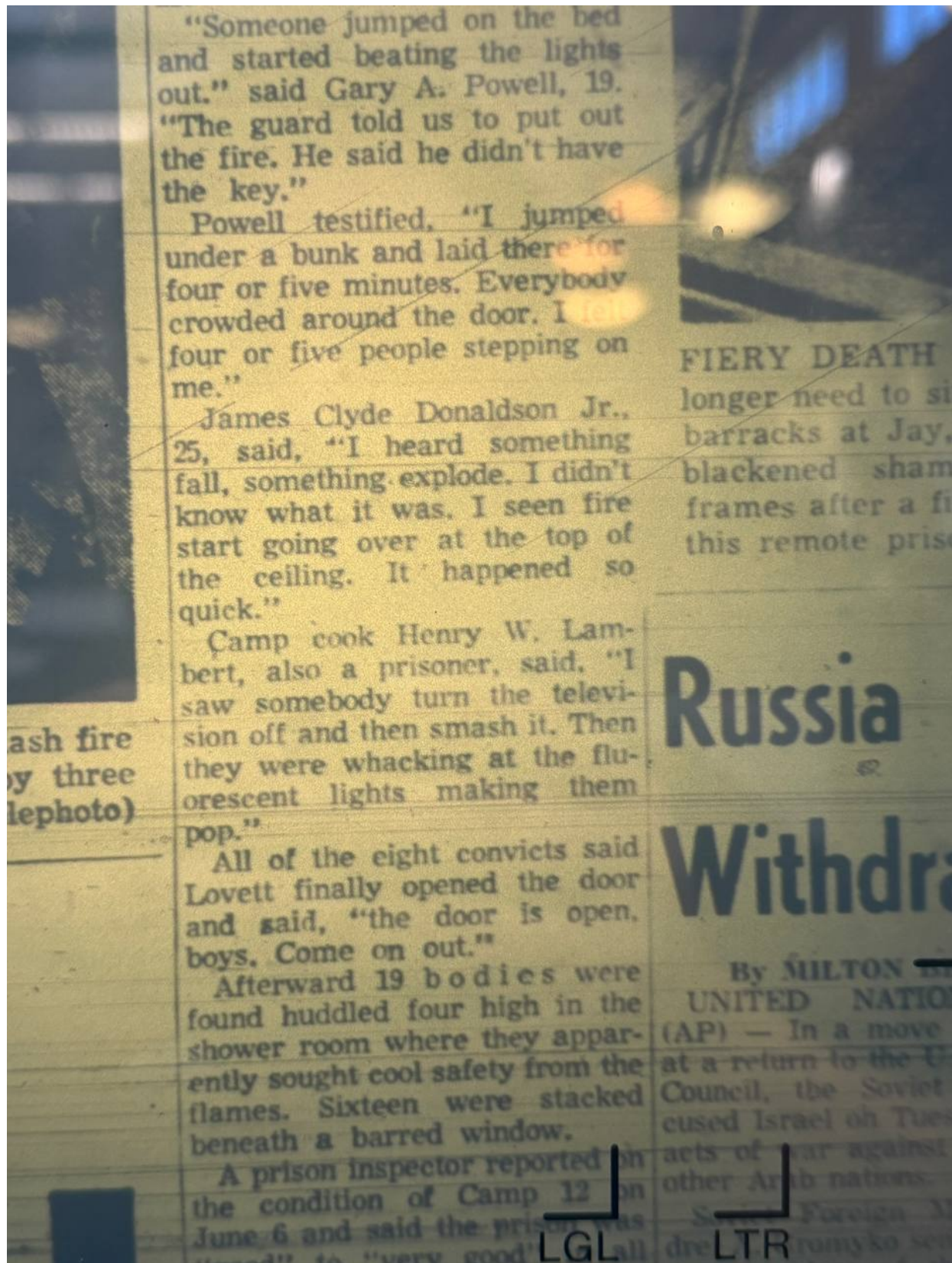
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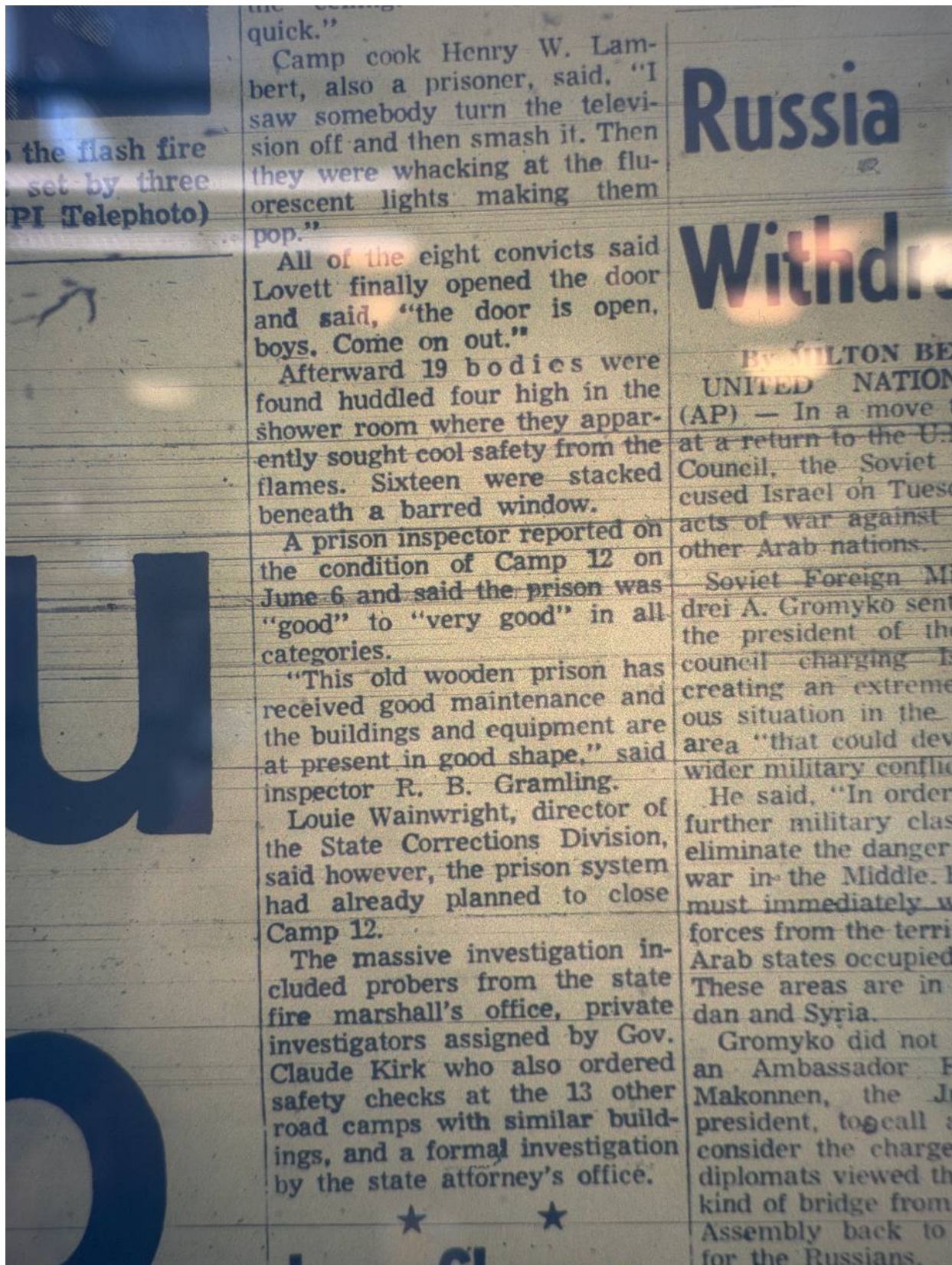
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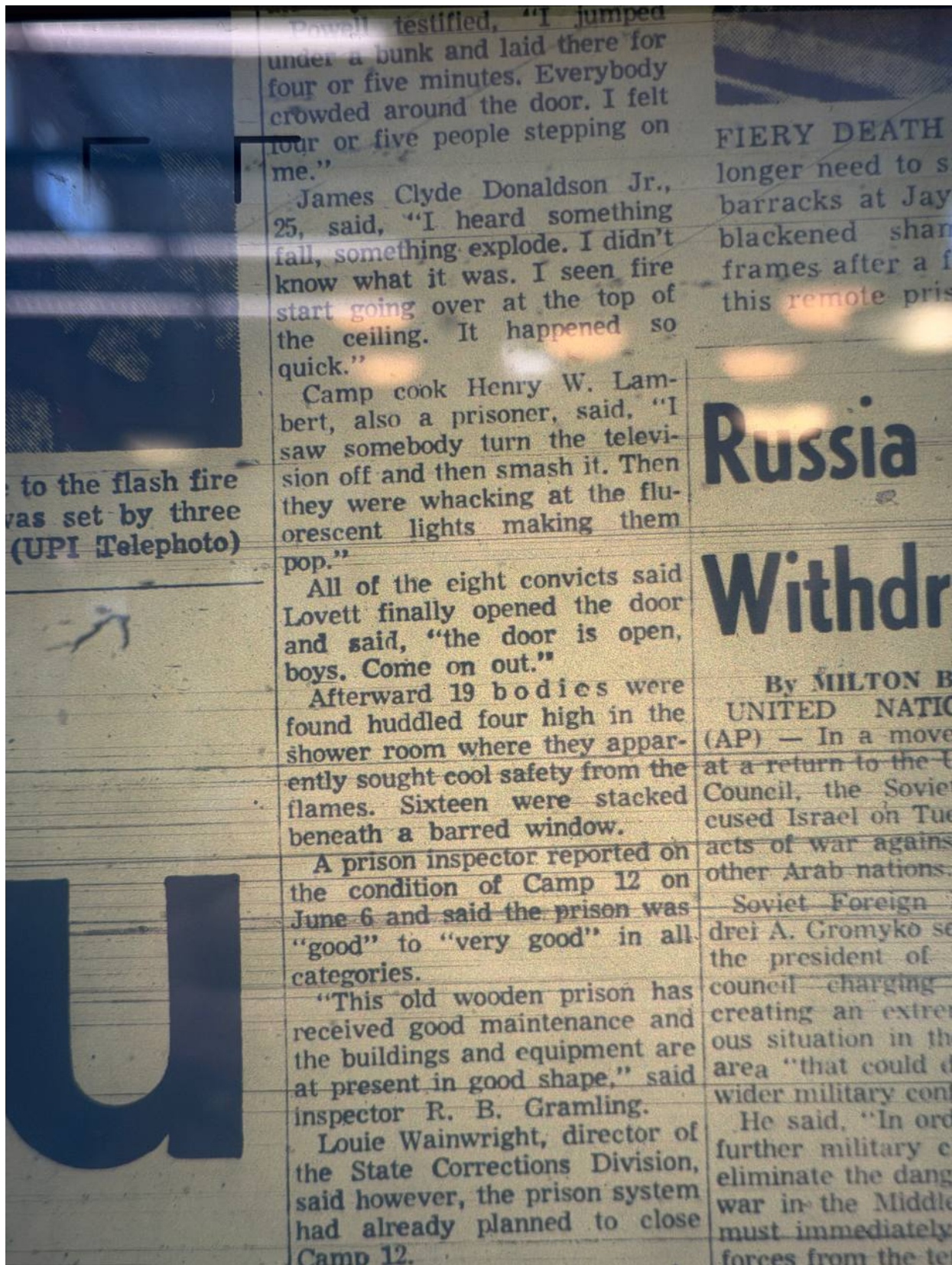
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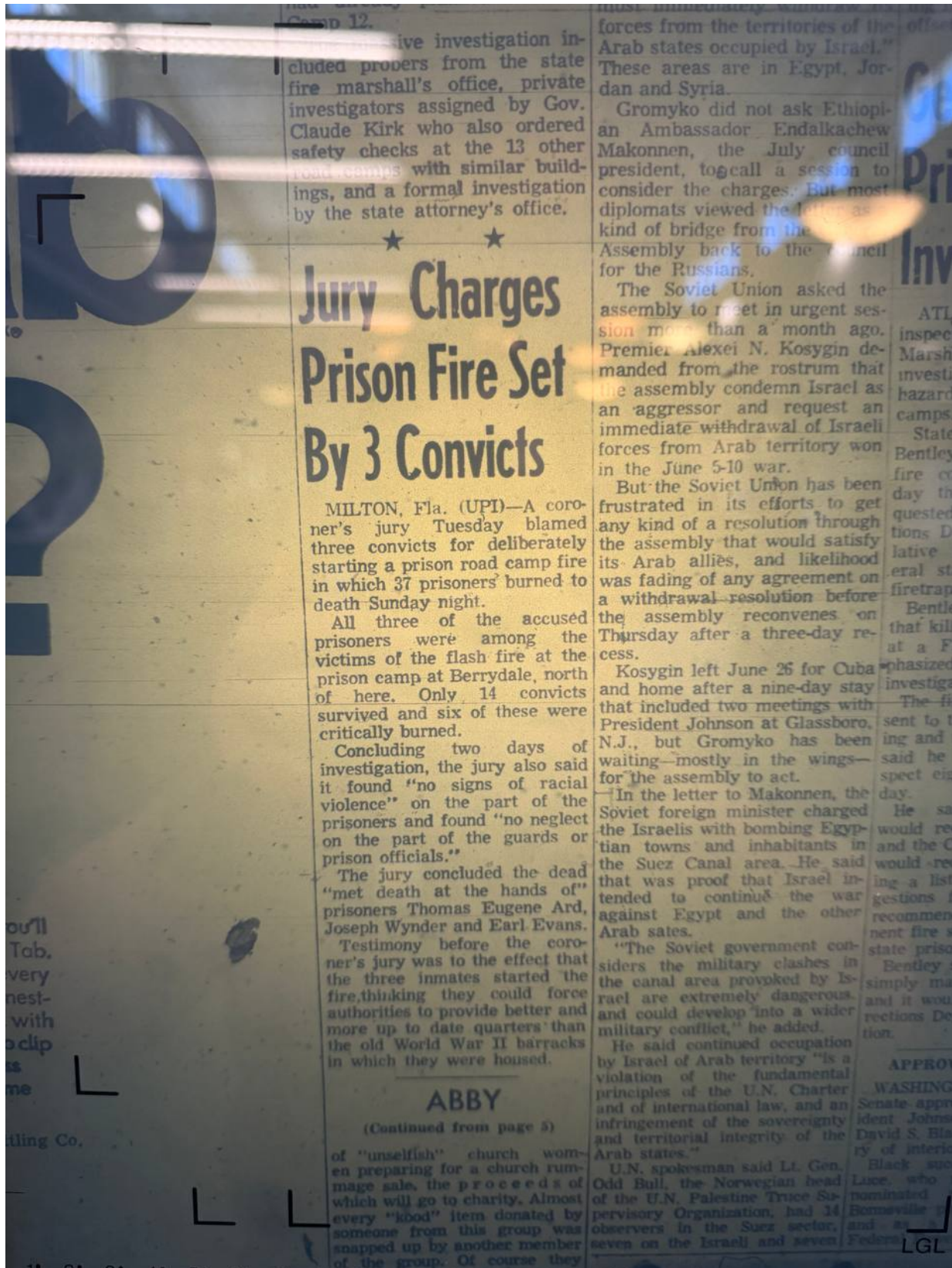
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an Ambassador Endalkach Makonnen, the July court president, to call a session to consider the charges. But most diplomats viewed the letter as a kind of bridge from the General Assembly back to the court for the Russians.

The Soviet Union asked the assembly to meet in urgent session more than a month ago. Premier Alexei N. Kosygin commanded from the podium that the assembly condemn Israel as an aggressor and request immediate withdrawal of Israel forces from Arab territory within the June 5-10 war.

But the Soviet Union has been frustrated in its efforts to get any kind of a resolution through the assembly that would satisfy its Arab allies, and likelihood was fading of any agreement on a withdrawal resolution before the assembly reconvenes Thursday after a three-day recess.

Kosygin left June 26 for Cuba and home after a nine-day stay that included two meetings with President Johnson at Glassboro, N.J., but Gromyko has been waiting—mostly in the wings—for the assembly to act.

In the letter to Makonnen, the Soviet foreign minister charged the Israelis with bombing Egyptian towns and inhabitants in the Suez Canal area. He said that was proof that Israel intended to continue the war against Egypt and the other Arab states.

"The Soviet government considers the military clashes in the canal area provoked by Israel are extremely dangerous and could develop into a wide military conflict," he added.

He said continued occupation by Israel of Arab territory "is a violation of the fundamental principles of the U.N. Charter and of international law, and an infringement of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Arab states."

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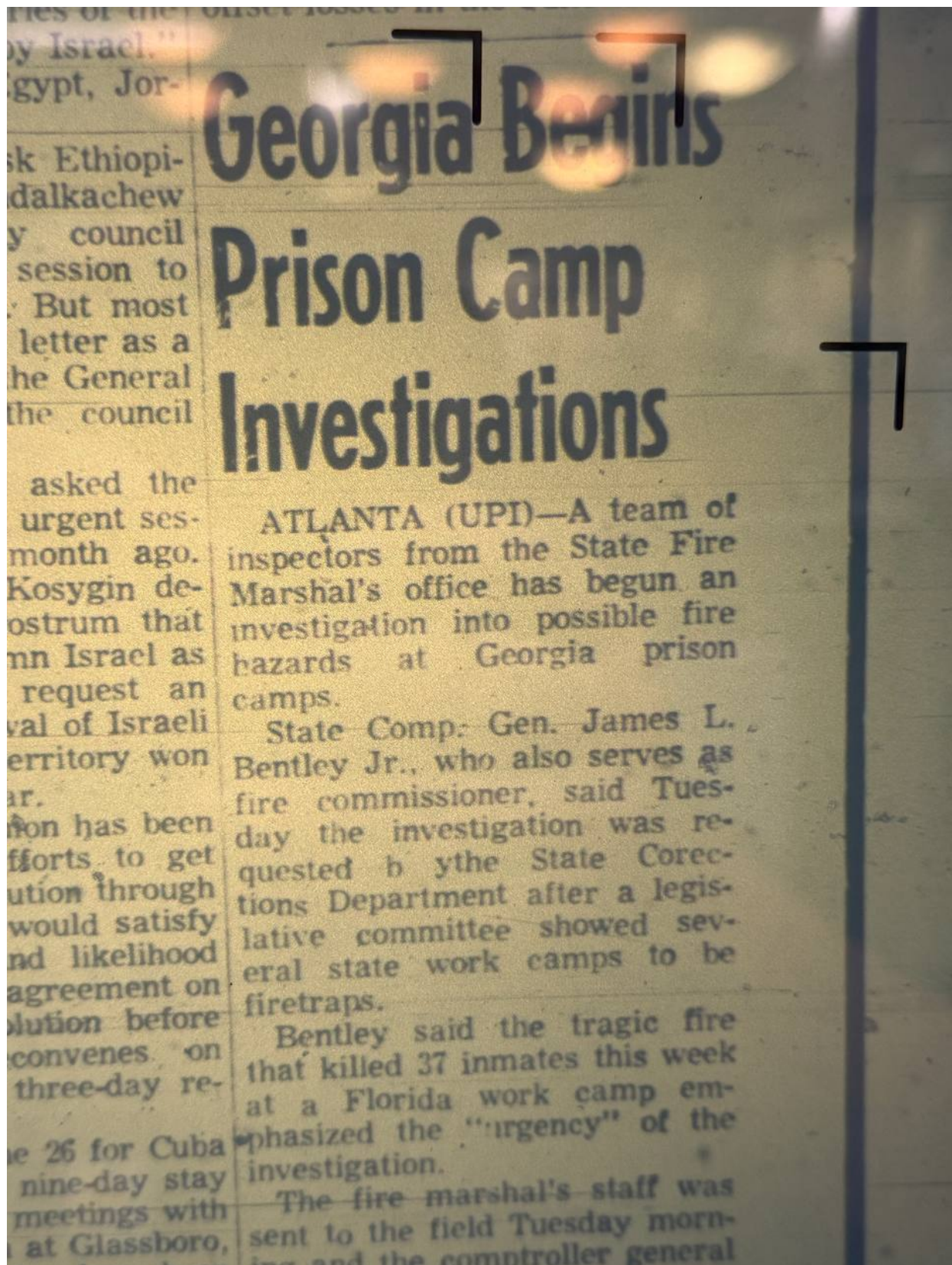
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