

**Cloudy, Showers**  
Partly cloudy through Tuesday, with scattered afternoon showers. (More weather on Page 2A)

# 37 Perish as Flash Fire Sweeps Through Berrydale Prison Camp

## Inmates Fight; 8 Escape

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**BERRYDALE** — A fight between a Negro and a white prisoner at State Road Prison Camp 12 Sunday night erupted into a flash fire that took the lives of 37 and hospitalized six others.

Only eight of the 51 prisoners in the narrow wood frame building escaped unscathed. They didn't attempt to flee, authorities said, and were taken to the Santa Rosa County Jail at Milton.

Names of the dead were not immediately known.

The road camp is located 20 miles north of Milton on State Road 4 and 16 miles east of Century.

One of the guards, Coker Nelson, told The Pensacola Journal first newsmen at the scene that those guards on duty were hurrying to get their guns to investigate the outbreak in the holding

compound when the fire started.

The camp had only recently been integrated and Pasco Rowells, a highway department foreman, said there had been racial disturbances prior to Sunday night's holocaust.

Rowells said that another fight broke out between a Negro and a white prisoner at 9:30 p.m. and that a gas line had been broken. A fluorescent lightbulb was smashed and the spark ignited the gas.

Eye witnesses said the entire building was destroyed in less than 10 minutes.

Thirty-five of the bodies were recovered from the ruins and the bodies of the two other victims were found on the grass outside the destruction.

The six injured men were taken to the Century hospital and one later was transferred to Baptist Hospital at Pensacola.

Guards said they responded quickly to the alarm but Sheriff's Deputy Jesse Cobb said many of the prisoners panicked. He reported he believed the toll

would have been less except for the panic.

The building is of wood and the doors were locked but guards said the prisoners were not confined in any other manner.

Cobb said that some of the prisoners already were in their bunks while others were in showers or lounging in the building. Doors to the building were locked.

The fight that touched off the riot was, according to guards, initiated by Joseph Wynder, a Negro, and a man identified only by the name of "Ard" who was believed to be from Escambia County.

Asst. Warden G. E. Mayne Jr., said both died in the fire.

One guard, A. O. Lovett, was injured in attempting to release the prisoners but was released after treatment at the Century hospital.

Fire departments from Milton, Jay, East Milton, Bagdad, Brewton, Ala., Skyline Heights and Whiting Field sent units to fight the blaze but the building was

completely destroyed. The Florida Forestry Service also sent equipment and men to the scene.

All funeral homes in the area sent units as did two Milton ambulance services. The bodies of the victims were taken to a temporary morgue at the Santa Rosa County Home at Milton where attempts were being made early Monday to identify the bodies.

Officials at Whiting Field said they had sent casualty litter bags to the scene at the request of authorities at the fire scene.

One of the prisoners, Gerold Milligan, told officers the fire swept the whole top of the building.

"The whole room was wrapped up in flames," he said.

"They began to pass out,"

Milligan said as he crawled, holding his nose, under beds to the locked door.

He said a guard unlocked the door just as he got to it. Milligan escaped with only his hair singed.

A Navy investigator who went to the scene with military firefighters said, "the entire barracks building was ablaze completely when he got there. The roof already had fallen in."

One of the first arrivals at the scene said that the bodies were two and three feet deep in the showers. He said it appeared the prisoners tried to escape by turning the shower water on themselves.

Rescue workers described the smell of the burnt bodies as "horrible."



### Miss Universe Takes Her Walk

**MIAMI BEACH** — Sylvia Hitchcock, Miss USA in the Miss Universe contest who won the top title on Miami Beach, takes her traditional walk after receiving her crown.

(Pensacola Journal-AP Wirephoto)



### Eddie Barker

WITH PLENTY of free time to read anything I liked I found an old Farmer's Almanac and while the outdated year prevented me from using the farming signs I did enjoy the joke section.

"For 20 years," the man at the bar said, "my wife and I were ecstatically happy."

"Then what happened?" said the bartender.

"We met."

BUM: "Will you give me a dime for a cup of coffee?"

Citizen: "I don't give money to people on the street."

Bum: "What do you want me to do—open an office?"

I LIKE silly stories and one of the best is about the man who answered the doorbell and found an old friend standing outside with a large and muddy dog. He invited the friend in, and the dog also accepted.

The friends talked about old times and the host was dismayed to see the dog track up the rug and finally hop on the settee and take a nap.

When the friend departed, the host said: "Aren't you forgetting your dog?"

"That's not my dog," the friend said. "I thought he was yours."

TWO SPINSTERS were sitting at home reading. One said: "Here's an article telling about a woman who just buried her third husband. Had him cremated."

"That's life for you," the other one said. "Some of us can't get one. Others have husbands to burn."

I GO ALONG with this one: "Nothing is more irritating than not being invited to a party you wouldn't be caught dead at."

An old cook book had a recipe for holding a husband. "Be careful in your selection. Do not choose too young. When once selected, give your entire thoughts to preparation for domestic use."

"Some insist on keeping them in a pickle, others are constantly getting them in hot water."

"This makes them sour, hard to get along with and sometimes bitter. Poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience, well sweetened with kisses."

"Wrap them in a mantle of charity. Keep warm with a steady fire of domestic devotion and serve with peaches and cream, thus prepared, they will keep for years."

This is as entertaining as their joke about the two corpses who loved in vein. Or the one about the fight manager consoling his lacerated heavy weight: "Remember, if he was any good, he wouldn't be fighting you."

I RECALL the Farmers Almanac from childhood days. It has been going the rounds of farms and towns since 1816, always with a little smile, a chuckle, a word of advice, a proverb or two.

Best of all I like the joke about the rumpot who was asked to have a drink. "I only refused a drink once in my life," he said, "and that was when I misunderstood the question."

### Eglin Drops Explosive 'Mini' Devices

By **BILL TAYLOR**  
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**FORT WALTON BEACH** — Combined Air Force, Army and Okaloosa County search parties combined a 900-square-mile area in three counties Sunday for 6,000 explosive "mini-mines" that were accidentally dropped into the Choctawhatchee Bay during the weekend.

An Air Force spokesman said the devices—being tested here as a warning use in Vietnam

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### FBI Nabs 2 Armed Fugitives

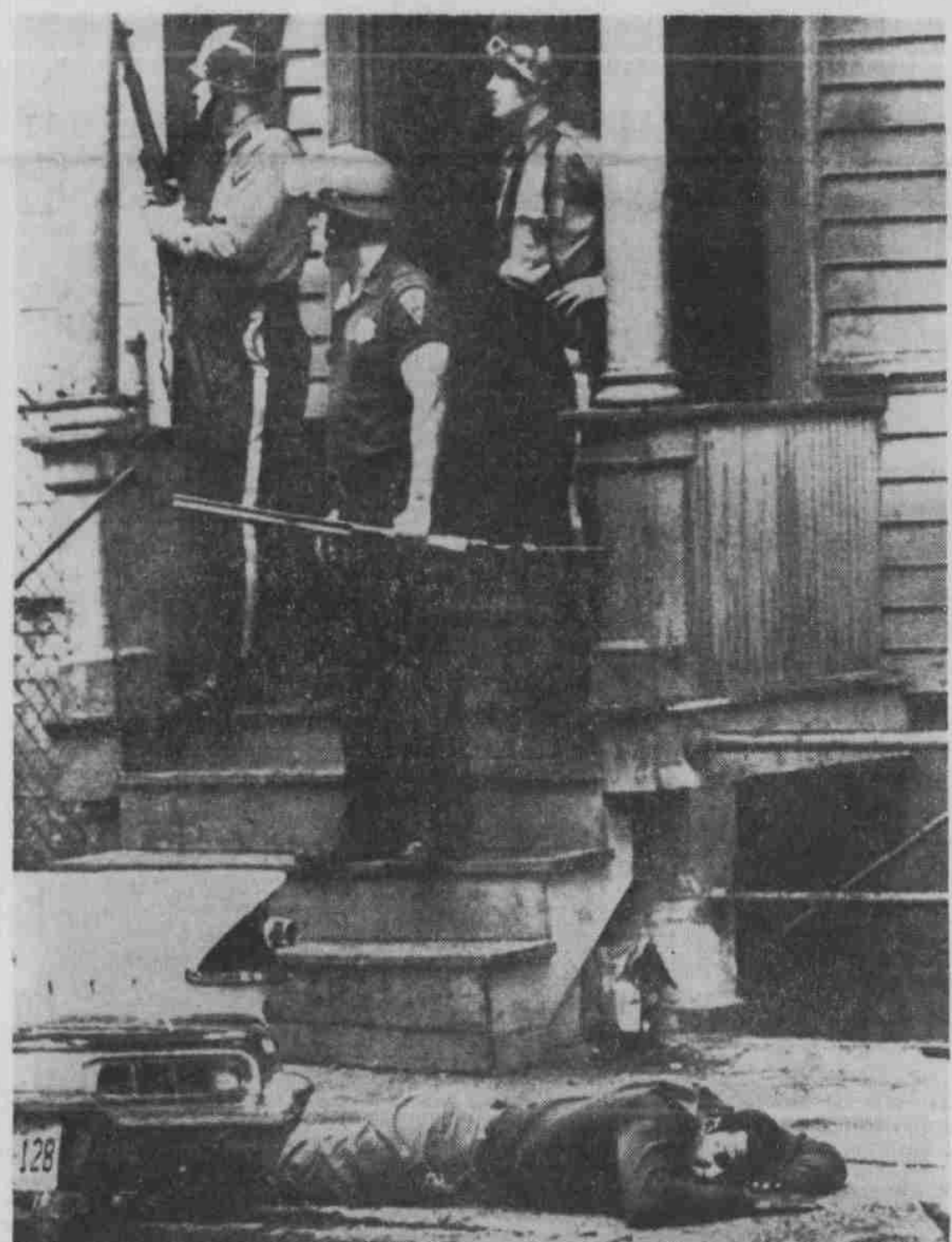
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### Forced to Lie Down

**NEWARK, N.J.** — A Negro man is forced to lie on the pavement as Newark and State Police, background, stand on the porch of a home in Newark Sunday. A few moments later they removed a body of a man from the building in an area where sniper fire had been erupting.

(Pensacola Journal-AP Wirephoto)

By United Press International

Shopcraft workers went on a coast-to-coast rail strike Sunday that hobbled the movement of military hardware to Vietnam and brought a presidential call for emergency legislation within 24 hours.

The walkout of members of the International Brotherhood of Machinists, climax a seven-month negotiations battle for higher wages, threatened to tie up 95 per cent of the nation's rail system and idle 700,000 rail employees.

The walkout was signalled by the appearance of pickets in twos and threes around midnight Saturday. The creeping paralysis spread, moving roughly from West to

East. In state after state, city after city, hardly a train moved.

The worst was expected Monday, when myriad thousands of city dwellers try to get to work without their commuter trains. New York City and Chicago were among the metropolises that expected to have little, if any, train transport moving in or out by Monday's rush hour.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara told an emergency White House meeting of congressional leaders and cabinet members that the strike had an "immediate effect" on movement of ammunition and heavy equipment headed for Vietnam.

An administration source said "defense goods just aren't moving." He said troops can travel by bus or air, but as for tanks, weapons carriers and other heavy military hardware, "there is no other way to move them" than by rail.

President Johnson told the Senators and Congressmen it was up to them to rush through legislation that would bring the rail workers back on the job before the strike damages national security.

The congressional leaders responded with a promise to break the legislative logjam that had led to the strike. They predicted some version of an administration formula for labor peace on the rails stalled up to now in a House-Senate conference committee, would be ready for Mr. Johnson's signature Monday night.

By nightfall Sunday, the Association of American Railroads said strikes were under way against 27 railroads and the number was growing. The

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### Sniper Fire Continues In Newark

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** — Isolated snipers sprayed shots in Newark's looted and fire-bombed Negro neighborhoods Sunday as thousands of scared residents went to church to pray for a peaceful end to bloody summer violence.

Twenty-two have been killed. More than 1,100 have been hurt. Property damage is counted in

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#### Today's Chuckle

A lot of trouble in this world is caused by combining a narrow mind with a wide mouth.

### Man Is Killed As Car Crashes

A passenger in a small sports car was killed and the driver was injured Sunday night when the vehicle went out of control, overturned and then struck a utility pole.

Dead on arrival at the Naval Air Station Hospital was Chief Petty Officer James L. Gossett, 39, 36 Redwood Circle. He was an instructor in the officer training school at Corry Field.

Hospitalized with fractures, lacerations and bruises was Chief Officer Freddie A. Holladay, 33, 1 Horn St. He is an instructor at Sauley Field. Deputy Sheriff Harold Young said Navy authorities told him they believed Holladay's condition was not serious.

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#### Expensive Cut

Before you turn your nose up at a \$2 hound dog and plop down from 1 to 1.5 C's for that French poodle, pay attention here.

The hair on those dignified little rascals grows at the approximate rate of early summer weeds. And as the hair on your own head, it grows just as long as you'll let it.

If a poodle is to function as an elite social symbol it must be clipped at least once every six weeks—at \$5-\$15.

However, they do make wonderful pets. And they rarely ever howl at the moon.

**ARTHUR COBB**

### As U.N. Cease-fire Takes Effect

## Guns Are Silent Along Troubled Suez

By **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Egyptian and Israeli guns along the Suez Canal remained silent Sunday under a U.N. cease-fire that took effect after two days of savage air battles and artillery duels. Israeli newspapers linked the fighting with Israel's struggle for rights to free shipping in the canal.

In Cairo, the Egyptian government said the fighting on Saturday killed 24 civilians and wounded 98. It said 26 persons were killed and 36 were wounded in fighting Friday — some of them civilians.

The Israelis reported eight soldiers killed and 42 wounded in the two days of clashes.

U.N. truce supervisors under Lt. Gen. Odd Bull of Norway set up headquarters in a hotel at Ismailia on the Egyptian side of the canal. Observers will take up positions on both sides of the 104-mile waterway to watch for any cease-fire violations.

Egyptians and Israelis have fought for three weekends in a row along the canal, breaching the U.N. cease-fire that ended the six-day Middle East war on June 10. The new cease-fire was worked out by both sides Saturday night through the United Nations in New York.

In an editorial commenting on the fighting, the Israeli newspaper Haaretz said: "Israel must

make it clear to the world that Israeli ships will henceforth ply the Suez Canal."

Israel has been barred from using the canal since it was nationalized by Egypt in 1956.

"Egypt is breaking international law by blocking the canal so as to force maritime powers to make Israel withdraw from the eastern bank," Haaretz said. "One of Israel's conditions for peace is free passage through the canal, and by staying on the eastern bank we achieve the strongest possible bargaining point."

In the June war, Israeli forces drove across the Sinai Desert to the eastern bank of the canal.

The newspaper Maariv said: "The Egyptians sought desperately to alter the situation at the canal before the U.N. observers started working."

Egypt contends Israel started the weekend fighting to gain an advantage before the U.N. supervisors took up their posts. A spokesman claiming this Friday did not elaborate.

Israel claims it shot down six Soviet-built Egyptian planes, five MIGs and one Suchoi fighter-bomber.

In Tel Aviv, an army spokesman said the pilot of the Suchoi was captured. He identified him as Lt. Murtada el-Azim Arifai.

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