

RIDERS FOUND GUILTY, JAILED

Held Pending Decision on Paying Fines

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(Times-Picayune Staff Correspondent)
JACKSON, Miss. — Twenty-seven "freedom riders" were convicted here Friday of breaching the peace and were placed in jail pending a decision on whether they will serve sentences in a Mississippi jail rather than pay fines.

Judge James L. Spencer in municipal court Friday sentenced the group—25 Negroes and two white men—to pay \$200 fines and gave them suspended sentences of six months.

If the group defying Southern segregation laws fails to pay the fines they will be required to work out the fines on the county farm at a rate of \$3 a day.

Negro attorney Jack Young, representing the group, conferred with them following their conviction and later emerged without reaching a decision on whether they will pay the fine or file an appeal, or merely refused to pay the fine.

He indicated to police Friday night, however, that at least two or three of the riders may seek their release Saturday and file appeals under bond.

Meanwhile, Friday night a protest rally at a Negro Masonic lodge drew only 125 participants as the "freedom riders," who were expected to be the chief attraction, failed to appear. Police reported no disorders around the location of the rally.

'AVOWED PURPOSE'

Conviction of the group, which had moved into Mississippi Wednesday from a violent reception given two similar groups, came after a trial which lasted two hours and five minutes.

Among "freedom riders" convicted Friday were the following from Louisiana:

Jerome Smith, 22, of New Orleans, a former student at Southern university; Doris Jean Castle, 19, of New Orleans; Julian Aaron, 20, of New Orleans, a student at Southern university; Jean Catherine Thompson, 19, of New Orleans; and David J. Dennis, 20, of Shreveport, a Dillard university student.

Judge Spencer announced his decision after declaring that the mixed group of bus riders had come into the state with the "avowed purpose of enflaming the public and the results of what an enflamed people will do."

He said they were not seeking a judicial determination of the state's segregation laws but were attempting to "enflame the people to fight it out among themselves."

All 27 were tried under a 1960 anti-riot and breach of the peace statute which had been aimed at sit-in demonstrations.

Spencer said the law was similar to laws in other states for maintaining the peace. "We must bear in mind what we have today is not a test of any segregation laws or the rights

N. O. Traffic Box Score

(By Metropolitan New Orleans Safety Council, police department and traffic court.)

24-Hour Period ending Friday, 5 p. m.

	Number	Total
Traffic court cases	364	
Cases fined	250	\$4,846
Cases jailed	26	280 Days
Licenses suspended	16	500 Days
Total accidents	76	
Injury accidents	4	
Damage accidents	72	

of these defendants to sit in any particular place or eat in any place."

WITHDRAWS CHARGE

City Prosecuting Attorney J. A. Travis Jr., asked at the outset of the trial that the 27 not be given the maximum sentence of four months in jail, and that whatever jail term assessed by the court be suspended.

He also withdrew a second charge against them for refusing to obey a police officer.

The freedom riders were arrested seconds after they hopped off busses here and walked into a white waiting room of the Trailways bus terminal.

State highway patrolmen and National Guardsmen had given the two buses bearing the "riders" close protection from their arrival in the state 16 miles east of Meridian to Jackson.

A squad of National Guardsmen was put on the buses when they reached Mississippi, and rode with them into Jackson, where some 40 city police surrounded the bus terminal to prevent any violence.

Special city Prosecutor Robert M. Nichols Jr. argued that "one of the prime responsibilities of a democracy which we've heard so much about here today is the keeping of the peace. We will have no democracy unless the peace is maintained."

Wiley Branton, Pine Bluff, Ark., attorney who came in to assist Young in defense of the group, said a police officer "in the exercise of his duty... has to have a just cause" to make an arrest for breach of the peace.

'RIGHT TO TRAVEL'

He said police officers are under oath to uphold the constitution of the United States, "and under the constitution and interpretations by the supreme court, any one has the right to travel without racial segregation."

"For all purposes, they were under arrest from the time they left Montgomery," Young said. Testimony of three witnesses put on by the defense, he said, "showed that the bus company did not control the bus, the National Guard controlled the bus."

Only one witness, Capt. J. L. Ray, who was in charge of a police detail at the bus terminal when the riders arrived in two bus loads Wednesday, testified for the prosecution.

Ray admitted under questioning that he "wouldn't have arrested them if they had gone into the colored waiting room" at the bus terminal.

He said he placed the mixed

group under arrest when he ordered them to move on and they made no move to carry out the order.

Rev. C. T. Vivian, a Negro Baptist minister from Chattanooga, said the Nashville organization had launched the desegregation bus rides to "find by non-violent means a way to rid the nation of its social evils."

The two white freedom riders were permitted to sit among the Negro defendants after an objection was raised by attorney Branton that the two white men were separated from the other defendants in the courtroom at the beginning.

TEXANS CHOOSE SENATOR TODAY

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Texas' strange and often unpredictable politics arrives at another milestone Saturday when voters pick a senator from two conservative candidates.

Opponents are William A. Blakley, a Democrat who currently is senator by interim appointment, and John G. Tower, a Republican. They ran one-two in a preliminary special Senate election April 4 which saw 71 candidates on the ballot.

Tower led that race with 31.5 per cent of the vote. Blakley received 18 per cent. Four other well-known figures split most of the remainder.

The surprise of the April 4 preliminary was that two conservatives reached the runoff.

All major Democratic leaders back Blakley, although some of the liberal wing do so grudgingly. This leads some political observers to believe Blakley will swamp Tower in this predominantly Democratic state.

Others are not so sure. They point to Tower's 327,303 votes on April 4, compared to Blakley's 199,818 and the wide gap Blakley will need to close.

A vote approaching one million is expected.

PICNIC FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS PLANNED

Our Lady Star of the Sea Co-operative will stage a picnic for the school's students Monday in City Park.

Graduation will be Friday at 8:30 a. m. Mass. Following this, the co-operative will have a breakfast for the graduates and their parents in the school cafeteria.



—Photo by The Times-Picayune.
JOHN P. ISCHE

Leaders Named by Library Club

Dramatic readings and election of officers featured a dinner meeting of the New Orleans Library Club at the Southern Yacht Club.

John P. Ische was elected president to succeed Mrs. Alfonso Sabadie.

Other officers elected were Miss Ruth Scheuermann, vice-president; Jimmy H. Hoover, treasurer, and Miss Agnes Metzler, secretary.

Leo C. Zinser, chairman of the department of speech at Loyola university, presented a program of dramatic readings.

RATTERMAN

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now until I have talked to my attorney who is out of town."

Judge Joseph Rolf last Saturday in police court threw out charges against Ratterman of breach of the peace, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Ratterman, reform candidate for sheriff, contended he was drugged and framed.

Dismissal of the charges at request of the prosecution came after unheeded testimony by a photographer, Thomas Winthorpe, who said a man connected with the Tropicana night club wanted him to be ready to take a picture of a man and woman in a room under strange circumstances.

Paisley was identified in the trial as operator of a packaging business in Medina and a close personal friend as well as a business associate of Ratterman. Ratterman is on the board of Paisley's firm.

RECALLS DINNER, DRINKS

Ratterman, onetime pro football player, testified Paisley had been with him for dinner and some drinks in Cincinnati the night of the arrest.

He said they sought out Carinci, who had talked with Paisley in April urging a meeting with Ratterman and indicating he wanted to get out of Newport and start a restaurant somewhere else.

Paisley did not take the stand during last week's trials.

The strip-tease dancer, Juanita Jean Hodges, 26, Houston, Tex., was arrested by the raiders and charged with engaging in prostitution. Carinci also was arrested and charged with breach of the peace.

Judge Rolf continued both their cases until June 7.

24 WITNESSES HEARD

The grand jury had taken a one-week recess in order to probe the Ratterman case, and the indictments came on the panel's last day of sessions.

The indictment came after 24 witnesses testified to circumstances surrounding the Ratterman arrest.

Witnesses who went before the jury included the three detectives who made the May 9 raid; the police desk sergeant; four employees of Cincinnati drinking spots; Charles E. Lester, the Newport attorney who was named by photographer Winthorpe as a contact man in the strange photo assignment; Edward Anthony Buccieri, also called Marty, identified by Winthorpe as the man who told him about the photo job; Hodges and another strip-tease dancer, Bonnie Greene, 22, Houston, Tex.; plus Ratterman, Paisley and Carinci. Their testimony was not revealed.

After the trial, Carinci and Buccieri told newsmen they had had nothing to do with any drugging or framing of Ratterman.

They said Buccieri had talked to photographer Winthorpe about taking over the concession at the Tropicana for photographing patrons in the dining room.

Cave-in Traps Two in Toronto

TORONTO (AP)—Two men were trapped under tons of rubble Friday night in the collapse of a section of Toronto's new East-West subway system under construction near midtown Bloor street.

Others working near the cave-in escaped or were rescued.

A section of the ferro-concrete wall of the subway trench crashed into the excavation about 9 p. m. (EDT).

Dozens of rescue workers labored under floodlights to reach the trapped men. Acetylene torches were used to cut away the reinforcing metal in the shattered ferro-concrete that lay in a heap at the bottom of the excavation.

There was no immediate sign of the two missing men and rescue workers were uncertain of their exact location.

MISSILE LABOR PEACE AGREED

Vows of No Strikes, No Lockouts Key

By NORMAN WALKER
WASHINGTON (AP)—The government came up Friday with a labor peace plan for missile and space bases and officials said they are sure it will work.

The plan involves a firm no-strike pledge from labor unions and a no-lockout pledge from manufacturers and contractors—along with a new 11-man Missile Sites Labor Commission designated to settle all disputes.

President Kennedy expressed confidence to Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg, who arranged the new peace plan, that it will enable fast and economical completion of the nation's multi-billion-dollar space projects.

Goldberg agreed at a news conference there is nothing in the law, nor in an executive order issued by the President establishing the new commission, to compel disputants to abide by the new group's decisions.

The labor secretary said however he is confident the no-strike, no-lockout pledges will be kept.

Goldberg will head the missile-space labor peace commission, with William E. Simkin, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, serving as co-chairman.

Three top representatives each from the public, labor unions and management round out the commission. The public is represented by labor experts David L. Cole, David H. Stowe and John T. Dunlop.

The union men are AFL-CIO President George Meany, Walter P. Reuther, head of the AFL-CIO Industrial Unions Department, and C. J. Haggerty, president of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department.

Representing management are Edgar F. Kaiser, president of Kaiser Industries, Inc., Douglas Dorman, vice president of Martin Aircraft, and James D. Marshall, executive director of the Associated General Contractors of America.

The commission will have local labor-management—public subgroups at each site to spot and head off any developing labor troubles. Goldberg made it clear part of the commission's job is to eliminate unwarranted payments of overtime such as were detailed in recent Senate hearings.

The commission will have authority to settle any disputes over wages, and more particularly the interunion jurisdictional disputes that have caused most of the base labor troubles.

Assassination Attempt Fails

NEW DELHI (UPI)—Sanjiva Reddy, president of the ruling Congress party, narrowly escaped death Friday when colleagues wrested a dagger from the hands of a would-be murderer.

Officials said the political assassination attempt occurred in Durgapur, 100 miles west of Calcutta, as Reddy stepped from a train compartment. Other members of the Congress party leaped to his defense and disarmed the attacker before anyone was injured, it was reported here.

Five Convicted in Montgomery

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Five white men were convicted in City Court Friday on charges growing out of last Saturday's violence which erupted when a group of integrationists arrived at a bus station here.

They included Usco Wright, 39, of Deatsville, convicted of assaulting Jim Atkins of WBRC-TV at Birmingham. Wright was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to 10 days in jail.

Public Safety Director Floyd Mann said he saw Atkins on the ground and Wright, along with several other white men, were "all over him like maggots."

Others convicted were Henry Stanley, 23, Montgomery, assault and battery, 30 days in jail; Larry Pounders, 18, failure to obey an officer, \$100 fine; James and Charles Garner, loitering and disorderly conduct, \$10 fine each.

All but the Garner brothers were released under bond pending appeal to Circuit Court.

Miss. Man, 20, Is Fatally Shot

LUCEDALE, Miss. (UPI)—George county Deputy Sheriff James Smith said Friday he accidentally shot and killed a 20-year-old man after he caught him at a whisky still.

Smith said he had been watching the still for several days and when Melvin Ira Stringfellow, 20, and his father approached it Friday, he ordered them under arrest.

However, he said, the pair and another man turned to leave. When they did, Smith said, his finger slipped off the safety and the .12-gauge shotgun fired killing Melvin Stringfellow.

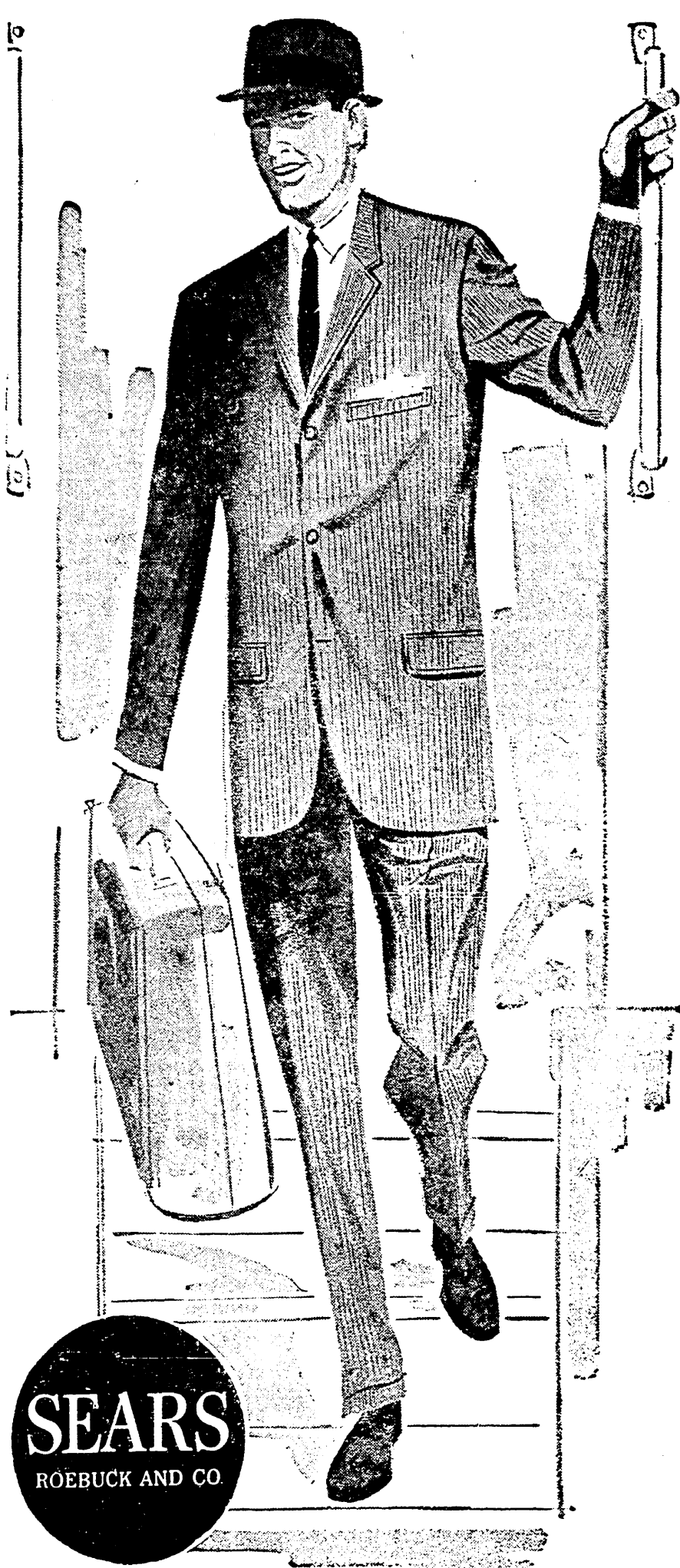
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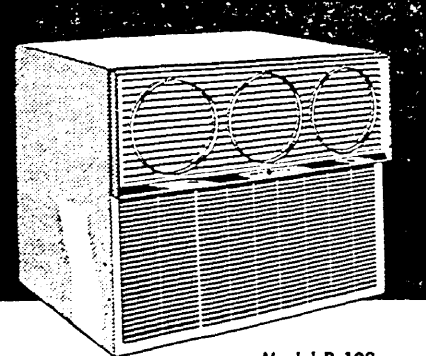
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