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Little Rock Action Due To Handful

EDITOR'S NOTE — From a pleasant, normal Southern city, Little Rock was transformed overnight. Nine Negro pupils, trying to enter high school, were the reason. Suddenly troops were in the streets, race fights erupted on lawns. This fourth of five articles describes the three days that shook the nation.

By RELMAN MORIN

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — On the morning of Sept. 24, a Monday, 99 per cent of the people of Little Rock were nowhere near a Central High School. You don't often begin a report by noting something that didn't happen. It's important in this case, however, because Sept. 24 was "Black Monday" in Little Rock, the day of the riots at the high school.

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That was the day when a relatively few people, about 400 in all, beat up Negroes and newspapermen, fought with police, raged in the streets, and screamed to the children inside the high school, "Come out! Don't stay in there with the niggers!"

IN THE SPACE of an hour, these few:
1. Brought shame and dis-

grace to a community of good people.
2. Fashioned a deadly propaganda weapon for the Communist in use against the United States in Asia and Africa, among the black, yellow and brown races this country wants as friends.

3. Rescued Gov. Orval Faubus, who had predicted violence, from what had appeared to be the role of a false prophet.

4. Figuratively tarred and feathered those people, on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line, who are patiently searching for the answers to the immense problems that sprang from the Supreme Court ruling that segregated schools are unconstitutional.

ONLY A HANDFUL are responsible for this and more. The rest of Little Rock was in its homes and offices and places of business as on any other day.

This is not to say that they approve integration. They don't. They overwhelmingly oppose integration and want no part of it.

But they also believe in obeying the law. And there is the dilemma. It is not easy to obey a command that swells your deepest sensibilities, nor readily comply with an order that you feel, in blood and fibre, is wrong.

Others shrug and say, "You can't fight the U. S. Government. Why try?" Still others, businessmen who are thinking of the future development of Arkansas, are anxious to regain the nation's respect.

Much of this sentiment came as a reaction to "Black Monday," and the two days that followed—three days that shook America.

Who were the people who gathered in front of Central High School that morning? There were some who were looking for Negroes and "Yankee reporters" to slug — provided the odds were right. Some were merely curious, waiting to see what would happen. And some were crusading for the fun of it.

FINALLY, there were the most franks of all, the most honest, the most vulgar. Apparently average housewives suddenly turned into harpies, screaming, crying, tearing their hair. They had a fine old emotional binge that morning.

They were the first to pass the wooden barricades and rush up to the policemen. The police kept control inside the barricades. But they did not to nothing about the beat-

ings that took place outside. First, the crowd attacked four Negro newspapermen. Later, they turned on white reporters and photographers. During all this, there were policemen close at hand.

Was the rioting organized? Did ringleaders come to the school with a plan?

THAT'S WHAT THE Federal Bureau of Investigation is tracking down now. Ever since "Black Monday," FBI agents have been interviewing spectators of the riots, showing photographs taken during the height of the violence, hunting evidence and identification.

They won't say whether they have any suspects or what charges may be brought. It is generally believed that another week or 10 days will see the courts in action.

At Knoxville, Tenn., last July, the Federal Government tried

the "Clinton 15" for conspiracy and an all-white jury convicted seven of them. Inciting to riot also is a serious charge and sometimes easier to prove in court than conspiracy.

That night, Little Rock was a nightmare.

SOON AFTER DARK, reports began coming in of fights between whites and Negroes. One white man was hit on the head with a brick and suffered concussion. Police fired on a speeding car full of Negroes, pursued until it crashed; two of the men in it were injured. There were reports of gang fights.

The Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock's morning newspaper which has been lighting Faubus since he first called out the Arkansas National Guard, kept all the lights on at night, fearing reprisals.

It was a top official of the Department of Justice in Washington, Ashmore does not know how many other people in the department may have been listening on extensions. The office asked his appraisal of the situation in Little Rock.

"I'll give it to you in a sentence," Ashmore replied. "The police have been routed, the mob is in the streets, and we're close to a reign of terror."

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, the electrifying news came that President Eisenhower had put the National Guard under Federal orders, and that units of the 101st Airborne were on the way to the city. A message to the Associated Press office said, "They will be there in an hour."

FAUBUS, flying back from a conference at Sea Island, Ga. in

a National Guard plane, joked, "I guess I'm riding in the President's plane now. Like Gen. MacArthur, I have been relieved."

Shortly after dark, a convoy of Army trucks rumbled over the Main Street Bridge from the opposite side of the Arkansas river. People stared, in utter disbelief.

Nothing like this had been seen in a Southern city since the days of the Reconstruction, 90 years ago. It was hard to realize, to take. You had an overwhelming sense of history, of seeing a moment that Americans will remember for many years.

There was every form of reaction in Little Rock — surprise, dismay, relief, bloodthirsty indignation. I went around the city that night, first to the school, then to other areas, talking with people. There were these rages:

"Well, Faubus couldn't do it. Maybe the Federal Government can." He was a taxi driver.

A housewife said, "If it brings peace and quiet, I'm glad. I don't care who takes over."

A RAILROAD MAN said, "This is the most shameful thing I've ever done. This is dictator stuff. Now things will be rough, you'll see."

The next day, Wednesday, Sept. 25, the paratroopers' officers quickly and efficiently demonstrated to the smaller crowds again gathered at the high school that they meant business.

The soldiers broke up two groups. One man suffered a scalp wound when he tried to grab a paratrooper's rifle. Another was jabbed in the arm with a bayonet.

After that, there was no serious trouble.

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Approximately 150 professional members of the North Carolina Chapter, National Rehabilitation Association, will come here Oct. 24 and 25 for a conference at Hotel Charlotte.
Employment opportunities for the physically handicapped will be the theme, with addresses scheduled by Charles F. Cullen, Charlotte's director of civil defense, and other prominent North Carolinians.
H. E. Springer, chapter president, said medical specialists and professionals trained in methods of vocational rehabilitation will come here from all parts of the state. They will combine efforts to expand employment for the handicapped, treat mental and physical illnesses, provide training, and develop jobs for persons who might otherwise find their way to public relief.
Mayor Jim Smith will give the welcome Thursday, Oct. 24, and Jennings Randolph, vice president with Capital Airlines, will describe the spirit and purpose of the conference.
OTHER SPEAKERS
Mr. Cullen's address is scheduled Thursday evening. Other speakers during the conference will include Col. Charles H. Warren, director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Dept. in Raleigh; and Henry A. Wood, executive secretary of the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind.
The final day of the conference will be devoted to group discussions of problems involved in the medical care, training, and employment of patients having disease of the heart, tuberculosis, epilepsy, and mental illness.
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