

Disturbance Brings Arrests

MARKS, Miss. (AP) — Six Negroes were arrested Wednesday in this northwest Mississippi town as the state highway patrol forcibly dispersed a crowd of some 300 students gathered at the county jail near the courthouse.

The students were protesting the jailing earlier of Willie Bolden, an official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Sheriff L. V. Harrison of Quitman County said no one was shot and no one was hurt during the disturbance. Earlier, the Rev. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, president of the SCLC, had said in Washington that seven persons had been shot. Abernathy later said his report was erroneous.

THE TOWN of Marks is scheduled to be a rallying point Thursday.

day of a portion of the Poor Peoples March on Washington, which Abernathy will lead.

Authorities said Bolden, from Atlanta, Ga., was arrested on charges of trespassing on school property and disturbing the peace. The arrest came after Bolden had entered Quitman High School and talked to the students. Sheriff Harrison said Bolden tried to induce the students to stage marches in connection with the Poor People's March.

AFTER Bolden's arrest, about 300 students left the school and marched to the county jail, where they demanded Bolden be released.

Authorities told the group to disperse. After 30 minutes, highway patrolmen moved in with gun butts raised and scattered the students. Afterward, two store windows in the downtown area were shattered.

Six of the demonstrators were arrested, on charges of violation of a law prohibiting picketing or demonstrating in or near a courthouse.

AFTERWARD, Sheriff Harrison said: "Everything here is just as quiet as you want to see it."

Those arrested were identified as Doris Baker, 18, of Marks; Jimmy L. Wells, 21, Atlanta; Major Wright, 47, Grenada, Miss.; Marjorie Hyatt, 22, Atlanta; Chester Thomas Jr., Canton, Miss.; Andrew Marrisette, 27, Atlanta, and Bolden.

The sheriff said there was no objection to anyone talking to the students, "but we didn't want them to take them out of school. We asked them to stay away from the school grounds. They proceeded to go there and that's when we arrested the fellow named Willie Bolden."

Abernathy is scheduled to arrive in Marks Thursday.

May Starts Hot Weather

May usually conjures a picture of children running among spring flowers, but the phrase is also a distress signal that may be sounded because of hot weather's arrival.

Texas A&M's Meteorology Department climatologist, John F. Griffiths, notes that in May cool temperatures give way to hot days when mid-afternoon temperatures average 86 degrees.

High temperature extremes for the fifth month range from 61 degrees on May 10, 1917, to 101 degrees in 1928, on the 27th.

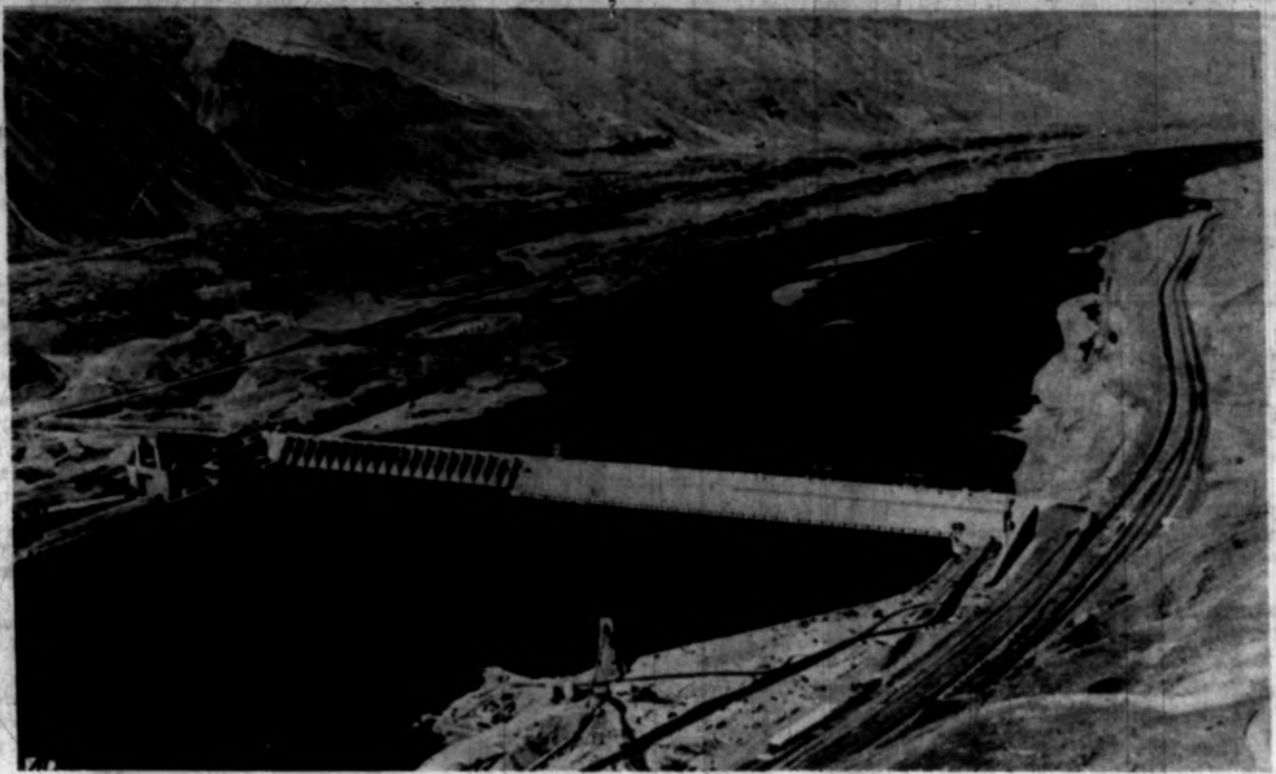
"Fortunately, 100 degree readings are very rare in May," the meteorology professor commented. "Sunrise temperatures average around 64 degrees and it illustrates the vagaries of the weather to note that 1928 also gave the late May cold record of 48 degrees, on the 22nd."

The month's total rainfall has ranged from a tenth of an inch to over 15 inches and averages out as the area's wettest 30-day period, with a 4.8-inch norm.

"Rain is generally recorded on seven days and during about 40 hours of the month. Showers are more likely to occur between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. than during the daytime," Griffiths pointed out.

May winds average 4 mph out of the southeast to south and cloud cover has averaged 50 per cent.

Sunrise on May 1 is at 6:43, sunset 8:02. At the end of the month the sun is visible from 6:23 to 8:21.



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Engineers will plug huge tubes through the John Day dam, begin to rise at right behind the dam. The Oregon shore stopping flow of the Columbia river. Lake Umatilla will be in background. (AP Wirephoto)

Washington Grabs Indonesian Proposal To Hold Talks On Ship In Tonkin Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House quickly agreed Wednesday to an Indonesian proposal to hold preliminary peace talks with North Vietnam aboard an Indonesian cruiser to be sent to Tonkin Gulf.

But it would surprise Washington officials if Hanoi accepts the floating-site offer. The Reds have already spurned a U. S. suggestion to meet in Indonesia's capital, Jakarta.

President press secretary George Christian and other U. S. spokesmen nonetheless gave straight-faced replies when asked about the latest twist in the month of maneuvering over where U. S. and North Vietnamese en-

voys should meet for their proposed direct talks.

INDONESIA'S foreign minister, Adam Malik, said after a cabinet meeting in Jakarta that his country has told the opposing sides it is willing to sail a cruiser to the Tonkin Gulf — lying between the North Vietnamese and Red Chinese coasts — for a meeting site.

Malik reported no formal reply had arrived yet from either Washington or Hanoi, although the Communists had indicated they still prefer their proposed sites — Phnom Penh, Cambodia or Warsaw.

An Indonesian site is presumably objectionable to North Viet-

nam's ally, Communist China. Peking broke relations with Indonesia after the current leadership there ousted the left-leaning Sukarno regime.

THE WHITE House said Indonesia's offer — which comes in addition to 15 Asian and European locations previously proposed by U. S. diplomats — "is acceptable to the United States."

"A neutral ship on a neutral sea would be a good meeting place," Christian told newsmen in words recalling some presidential oratory aboard the U. S. carrier Enterprise last Veterans Day.

In that speech on the flight deck aboard the carrier off San Diego, Calif., President Johnson declared the U. S. search for peace would extend even to a meeting ground at sea — a vast place which might help men realize the "ultimate smallness of their quarrel."

"FOR US, the ward room could really be a conference room," he said. "A neutral ship on a neutral sea would be as good a meeting place as any."

Johnson recalled that President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Britain's prime minister, Winston Churchill, had met aboard the U. S. cruiser Augusta off Newfoundland in August 1941 to draw up the Atlantic Charter. The charter was a statement of aims of the World War II allies.

Water-borne meetings are sprinkled elsewhere through diplomatic history, too. In 1807 Russia's Alexander I and France's Napoleon Bonaparte concluded a treaty aboard a river craft. U. S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur accepted Japan's World War II surrender on the battleship Missouri.

IF THE U. S. and North Vietnamese emissaries do wind up on an Indonesian warship, it could be Soviet-built. Malik did not specify a particular vessel but the large scale Moscow arms deliveries to Indonesia during the Sukarno era included a cruiser, sources have said.

Just how the arrangements for a shipboard Vietnam negotiation would be carried out remained obscure. Johnson has listed four requirements for a site:

That it be in a neutral atmosphere, have adequate communications, with free access for news coverage by all nations, and access by representatives of all interested governments.

STATE DEPARTMENT press officer Robert J. McCloskey said international waters fall within the U. S. definition of a neutral area.

It was in the international waters of the Tonkin Gulf, according to the U. S. version, that North Vietnamese torpedo boats attacked U. S. destroyers in mid-1964 incidents preceding American bombing of North Vietnam.

Menu Committee Meets Monday

The Civilian Student Menu Committee will meet with university food officials at noon Monday for its regular monthly discussion of Sbis dining operations, announced Edwin H. Cooper, director of civilian student activities.

Cooper said the group will meet in the Sbis office of Col. Fred Dollar, food service director, and then have lunch together.

Any civilian student desiring to offer suggestions about the dining operation is invited to contact one of the committee members

and attend the luncheon meeting as his guest, Cooper said.

Permanent members of the committee are: Civilian Student Council President Griff Venator, Room 47, Milner Hall; Graduate Student Council President Ernest Knowles, 307 Live Oak, College Station; Civilian Student Council members George Waine, Room 47, Milner Hall, and Steve Bancroft, Room 424, Dorm 15.

Cooper pointed out the Corps of Cadets has a separate menu committee.

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