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# Race riot kills 2 men in small Oklahoma town

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IDABEL, Okla. — Six thousand people live in Idabel, just under 2,000 of them are black. The state human rights director says community relations have been a nagging problem.

But the deaths of three people in two days — two of them during a night-long riot — made the assessment sound disturbingly low-key.

Idabel, which lies in the southeastern corner of Oklahoma, was quiet Monday night, but not because the town's problems had been solved, but because most people

were afraid to go outside. Nearly all businesses had closed before dark. More than 50 Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers patrolled the area, along with about 100 city and county officers.

Townpeople gathered in small groups Monday to discuss the situation, and one said he planned to be ready for trouble if it came.

"I'm certainly not going over to their (the blacks') part of town, but they had better not come over here," power plant worker Bill Self said. "I've got five guns and they're all loaded."

Grocery store owner Bob Voyles pointed to bullet holes in the front of his store and said he would be closing "as soon as it gets dark. I'm not worried about myself, but I've got some women that work here."

The violence that erupted Sunday night followed a several hour march on City Hall by nearly 100 blacks demanding an immediate arrest in the slaying of a black teen-ager near an all-white nightclub.

Authorities said Henry Jackson, 15, was killed Saturday night while he and several other black youths were apparently burglarizing autos

in the club's parking lot.

Anthony DeShazo, 29, of Horatio, Ark., was arrested at De-Queens, Ark., Sunday night and murder charges were filed Monday. Authorities said the suspect would be returned to Oklahoma, but would not say where he would be held.

Killed in Sunday night's confrontation between an estimated 200 blacks and nearly 300 law enforcement officers were former Idabel police officer Ruben Farmer and William Mack Jr. of Tom, Okla., a black man whose body was found in the riot area Monday morning.

Four other men were injured, or of them hospitalized in stable condition.

The mayor met Monday afternoon with representatives of the black population in what one observer terms a hostile confrontation. Meye Helms, however, said he "felt we had some positive results."

The Rev. Ralph White, minister of the Westside Baptist Church, said meeting of black community leader was scheduled today at his church.

"We don't have a quarrel with the police department," White said. "Sometimes we don't think the come as quickly as they should."

However, one black man, who would not give his name, was more blunt.

"There is no trust here in the police department or any law enforcement agency in McCurtain County," he said Monday.

Oklahoma Human Rights Commission Director William Rose headed a five-man team sent to Idabel to attempt to mediate the situation.

"There is a serious problem in Idabel," Rose said. "We have received several complaints from that area over the past several months, but they have all been the kind that were not formal complaints and just indicated poor community relations existed."

## Survey shows farmers intend to expand crop

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WASHINGTON — A survey in which farmers said they intend to increase 1980 corn acreage by about 4 percent over last year was taken prior to the embargo of grain to Russia, but officials say the results are still valuable.

Released Monday, the survey was virtually completed by Jan. 4, when President Carter announced an embargo of 17 million tons of grain and 1 million tons of soybeans in retaliation for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Agriculture policymakers considered the survey an indication of whether a probable crop might be so large that farmers should be paid not to plant a portion of their feed grains crop this spring.

In addition, policymakers are studying reports that indicate domestic demand for grain.

Farmers indicated they would plant about the same amount of soybean acreage as last year, the Agriculture Department said.

The report showed that farmers plan the same amount of cotton acreage as last year.

The preliminary January report surveyed 20,000 farmers in 34 states where more than 95 percent of the crops are grown.

The report showed farmers intended to plant 81.6 million acres of corn in the 34 states.

Total planting of all livestock feed grains — corn, sorghum, barley and oats — was put at 119 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

Soybean acreage was projected at 70.7 million acres.

Durum wheat acreage is expected to be 4.85 million acres and other spring wheat acreage is expected to be 15.7 million acres.

Farmers indicated they would plant upland cotton on 13.8 million acres.

## OCAW seeks court order

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A lawyer for the oil workers union Tuesday accused Texaco and Port Arthur police of collaborating against peaceful picketing outside the oil company's largest refinery and asked a state district judge to allow the pickets to proceed without interference.

Judge Jack Brookshire of Beaumont scheduled a hearing for Friday on the restraining order request.

Brookshire last week granted Texaco's request to restrain the union from mass picketing and violence.

An estimated 20,000 Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers union members across the state have walked off their jobs since the strike started Jan. 8 when negotiations for higher wages and larger company health insurance contributions broke off.

The union complained that Texaco:

— collaborated with the police to interfere with lawful picketing,

— conspired with the city of Port Arthur to "cause undue police action" to be taken against strikers.

— authorized the illegal use of firearms and weapons by Texaco security forces.

— authorized the false imprisonment and illegal arrests by Texaco security forces of OCAW members.

— conspired with the city to use strikebreakers.

— drove cars and trucks through picket lines at high speeds, endangering strikers.

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