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Racial tensions cool down after Louisiana shoot out

OAKDALE, La. — Authorities say racial tensions sparking a gun-battle between a mob and police have "cooled down" with the recovery of a black bystander who was seriously wounded in a barrage of bullets.

Henry Green was one of three persons hit in the exchange of gunfire between police and a mob of 100 to 150 blacks Monday night. He was struck in the face, neck and side, and was reported in guarded condition at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

"We're gonna see what happens tonight," Oakdale Police Sgt. Virgil Chamberlain said late Tuesday. "But everything seems to be calm. It seems to have cooled down."

However, Allen Parish Sheriff John Durio said racial stability would depend on the condition of the black onlooker most seriously wounded in the shooting.

"We don't expect anything as long as Mr. Green continues to

improve," Durio said. "We do expect trouble if he takes a turn for the worse."

As a precaution, schools were closed through next week and an 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew remained in effect for the second day.

Ten units of riot-trained state troopers remained on alert in the area, said state police spokesman Lt. Ronnie Jones.

Tension began building Saturday after shots were fired at two white youths riding through a black neighborhood, Durio said.

Violence erupted about 11 p.m. Monday when a group of 100 to 150 blacks gathered near an abandoned gas station at one end of town and began randomly firing guns, Durio said.

A gun blast struck a patrol car, and backup units of state police and police from neighboring parishes were called in to quell the disturbance by dispersing the crowd and patrolling streets.

Officer Larry McCullough was in stable condition at Oakdale

General Hospital, where he was treated for shotgun pellet wounds in the stomach and left side. Carlos Jackson was wounded in the arm but did not require hospitalization.

Deputies detained three men for questioning but released them without charges.

"It definitely has racial overtones," Durio said. "But it's not widespread. It's an isolated incident."

Oakdale High School principal Glenn Williams said a "shoving match" at the cafeteria may have been related to the weekend shooting incident.

Charles Strother, the father of one student involved in the argument, later approached the school carrying a shotgun and a pistol.

Williams said he talked Strother into putting the guns back into his car and leaving the school. Strother was charged with carrying a weapon on school grounds and released on \$1,500 bond, Durio said.

Senator wants more cuts to balance budget in '84

WASHINGTON — Sen. William Armstrong, who joined two other conservative Republicans in stopping President Reagan's budget in the Senate, says the three would have looked like "boobs" if they had approved the plan.

The Colorado senator said he concurs with the administration's general goals, but could not agree with the large deficits written into Reagan's proposed spending package.

In an interview Tuesday, Armstrong said he has discussed with administration officials the possibility of identifying more cuts that would bring the budget into balance by 1984 — the year Reagan wants it balanced. The officials have been receptive if not supportive of his arguments, he said.

Armstrong said he has talked with Vice President George Bush, budget director David Stockman, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, congressional liaison Max Friedersdorf and others in the days since the Reagan budget was rejected, 12-8, by the Senate Budget Committee.

Armstrong said they agree on the timetable for a balanced budget and plan to identify the other cuts. But since they haven't done so yet, the plan before the committee showed a \$45 billion deficit in 1984 — almost as big as the Jimmy Carter deficits Republi-

cans denounced.

He said the Republicans made a "verbal contract" with their constituents to balance the budget. To accept that budget resolution last week "would make us look like a bunch of boobs," he said.

A spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget said Stockman understands Armstrong's viewpoint and the need for identifying the additional cuts, "but has made no commitments."

Armstrong was joined by freshman Sens. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Steven Symms, R-Idaho, last Thursday, in opposing the \$704 billion fiscal 1982 budget. Nine committee Democrats, opposed to the Reagan tax cut that also was included in the proposal, voted against it.

Prior to committee rejection of the plan, the full Senate had easily approved \$37 billion in mostly Reagan spending cuts. Those cuts were contained in the larger budget resolution, which also dealt with total spending over the next three years, the size of the tax cut and the size of the federal deficit.

The House Budget Committee last week approved a budget resolution that showed only a \$25 billion 1982 deficit — compared to the \$54 billion Senate deficit. The House measure planned for a balanced budget in 1983, a year sooner than Reagan would accomplish it.

FBI agent says slayings in Atlanta were domestic

ATLANTA — Atlanta's public safety commissioner took angry exception Wednesday to an FBI agent's comment that some of the 23 young blacks slain in the last 20 months were killed by family members because they were "nuisances."

Commissioner Lee P. Brown told reporters at his weekly briefing the remarks, made by FBI Agent Mike Twibell to a Macon civic club Tuesday, were "unprofessional, unneeded for and won't be tolerated."

"That's an irresponsible statement," Brown said Wednesday. "We do not know who killed the children. I know today none of the cases are solved. Today we do not have sufficient evidence to indict anyone."

"If I find anyone who works for me who gives out information that jeopardizes our investigation," Brown said, "I will publicly de-

nounce him and fire him and see to it that he never gets another job in law enforcement."

There has been speculation in the press for months that police felt they knew who was responsible for several of the slayings, but did not have the evidence to prosecute.

Twibell told the club members that his boss, FBI Director William Webster was correct Monday when he told interviewers there were four suspects in at least four of the cases.

Twibell said some of the children were from broken homes and that their slayings were domestic killings.

In addition to the 23 young blacks who have been found slain,

two others are officially listed as missing.

Webster's comments came under fire from Atlanta city officials who viewed them as an "attack on the credibility of our government."

"There's no great crime wave sweeping Atlanta," said Twibell, who claims to have first-hand knowledge of the investigation into the 20-month-old mystery of 25 missing and murdered young blacks. "About the same number were missing in '78. The only difference is now the bodies are being recovered."

Twibell said Webster would release more information on the matter later.

The FBI in Atlanta refused comment on Twibell's talk.

FBI interest checks blamed

Capitol Hill posts delayed

WASHINGTON — Roadblocks on Capitol Hill and prolonged FBI "conflict of interest" checks are keeping some high-level jobs in the Reagan administration from being filled.

The vacancy problem is beginning to cause some concern, acting White House press secretary Larry Speakes said Tuesday.

"We are anxious to get our appointments cleared," he said. "I judge there will be discussions with the committee chairmen who are holding up some of the nominations."

Sen. Jesse A. Helms of North Carolina, third-ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has held up

action on four key State Department appointments.

But Speakes said "there is no frustration with Helms about the nominations."

At the same time, Speakes told reporters that of the nominations for 23 positions in the State Department, eight have been confirmed and nine others have been submitted to the Senate. He said hearings have been scheduled on six more over the next two weeks.

Many of President Reagan's nominations are being held up by FBI agents who are checking to make sure nominees have no "conflicts of interest," aides said.

The president is still confined to the family quarters of the White House as he recovers from the chest wound he received

March 30.

Reagan's personal physician, Dr. Daniel Ruge, said he's "doing fine" and has no fever.

The president had no formal appointments Wednesday but was expected to meet with some of his aides, and will be getting his daily national security memo. On Tuesday, he received a report of decreased Soviet military activity in Poland, but the Soviets "still are capable of intervention," Speakes said.

Today Reagan will meet with NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns.

The president plans to remain at the White House Easter weekend.

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