500 activists protest hanging

United Press International MONROE, Ga. — Fistfights erupted and hundreds of angry blacks and Ku Klux Klansmen shouted racial insults at each other over a human barrier of state troopers Saturday before 500 civil rights activists marched arm-in-arm into Monroe to pro-test the hanging death of a black

Two blacks and two whites were arrested during the march, and police said four handguns and a shotgun were taken from the men, one of whom also was charged with assaulting a police officer. No injuries were re-

ported Veteran civil rights leader Ralph Abernathy and Georgia state Rep. Tyrone Brooks led about 500 chanting and singing blacks and whites, arms linked, own Monroe's main street to the tiny courthouse square, where they were greeted by about 1,500 blacks and 500

BATON ROUGE — A hotel room that 50 years ago was briefly declared the state Capitol

has been located by historians and will receive that official de-

signation at a special anniver-sary celebration.

Louisiana history deserves some

kind of mention," Gino Starita, manager of the Capitol House

Hotel, said. "We will give it the

Historians determined Room

443 of the structure was the

place from which Lt. Gov. Paul

Cyr sought to run the state during a feud with Gov. Huey Long in 1932.

honor it deserves.'

"This charming bit of

About 100 state troopers, some wearing bulletproof vests, kept the groups well separated after a fistfight broke out in the afternoon, but the officers just stood by rigidly as Klansmen loudly chanted "damn niggers" and were answered by blacks trying to outshout them with

"fired up, we're fired up."

Armed officers also were stationed on roofs of buildings surrounding the square and plainclothes lothes officers roamed the crowd trying to spot potential trouble. No other incidents were

reported by nightfall.

The 11-mile march from Social Circle, Ga., to Monroe was called to protest the death of Pvt. Lyn Jackson, whose body was found hanging 20 feet off the ground from a tree in Social Circle. A racially-mixed coroner's jury ruled Tuesday that Jackson had hanged himself. Many blacks believe he was murdered

Hotel room honored

for earlier Capitol idea

O'Keefe and other state officials

had been invited, along with any history buffs who want to

In late January 1932, Cyr charged that Long had vacated

the office of governor by taking the oath of office as a U.S. sena-

tor. Cyr had himself sworn in as

Long in turn charged Cyr had vacated the office of lieutenant

chief executive.

1932. sworn in as acting governor. Cyr and soon wen tried to occupy the governor's in Jeanerette.

The blacks have said they do arrived. not necessarily believe race was an issue in Jackson's death, but contend that authorities are treating the case lightly because

"We're not afraid today, and we're not going to take it any-more," Abernathy, former president of the Southern Christian Conference, shouted as the Klan gathering tried to drown him out with chants of "white power, white

Abernathy, charging that there were no limbs for Jackson to climb and insisting that he was killed, said he would go to Washington and personally ask President Reagan to call a federal grand jury to investigate the death of Jackson.

One of several fistfights occurred when two blacks tried to enter a business place called

as the Capitol House was then known — and declared it the

new seat of government. He cal-led King the head of insurrec-

tionary forces who had seized

the office of governor by force. The result of all this squab-

bling was that King continued to

serve as acting governor for sev-

eral months until a new one

picked by Long - O.K. Allen -

Cyr was evicted by the Heidel-

and soon went back to his home

eral hours before the marchers

Whites blocked the doorway, and when the blacks neared, fists started flying. Almost instantly, about 20 highway patrolmen, who were apparently stationed out of sight behind the county courthouse, waded into the throng and broke up the

About 300 marchers began the 11-mile trek from Social Circle at 12:30 p.m., where about 150 Klansmen, their wives and children gave them a loud and

and are demanding a federal in- "Monroe Fun and Games" sev- raucus send-off of racial taunts.

Singing "Ain't Nobody Gon-na Turn Me 'round," a civil rights movement song, the marchers entered the cotton mill town of Monroe 500 strong,

having picked up people along the way. The crowd in Monroe, too, had grown, so that when the marchers arrived there was a total of about 2,000 blacks and about 500 whites.

Four young whites carried a huge Confederate flag and circled the red brick courthouse.

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Parton cancels appearances to have emergency surgery

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woman said Saturday. The spokeswoman said Parton's physician insisted on "complete rest away from work and other strenuous chores for at least four to six weeks.

The nature of the operation was not disclosed. Parton could not immediately be reached for comment.

The spokeswoman said a further examination will be made later to decide when Parton can resume her professional commitments.

The cancellations include appearances at the Houston Livestock Show, the Holiday Star Theater in Merrillville,

Ind., and the Front Row starred in the recent movie hit, Theatre in Cleveland. Parton "9 to 5". reservation and the servation of the ser

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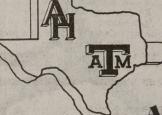
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