

# FBI examines school bombing

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The FBI has entered the investigation of a pre-dawn bombing at a high school here. Despite the bombing and sporadic nighttime disruptions by anti-busing protesters, school officials said classes would resume on schedule today throughout the city.

The bomb that went off early yesterday morning at Male High School in downtown Louisville had been placed beside a radiator in the lobby of a gymnasium, police said.

The bomb blew the radiator from the wall and blasted a hole about two feet in diameter in the floor. However, a police bomb squad officer said it did no structural damage to the building.

The bomb went off about 10 miles from the area in southwestern Jefferson County where police used tear gas Sunday night to disperse about 200 persons who remained when officers ordered about 800 anti-busing demonstrators to disperse. Some of the demonstrators threw bottles and lightbulbs at police. Eighteen persons were arrested.

It was the third night of unruly protests since the opening of schools in Louisville and surrounding Jefferson County. The unified county-city school district is operating for the second year under a federal-court ordered desegregation plan.

But the protests have all been in the evening, well after school hours. Classes have been conducted without disruption since opening day and the school buses have moved through the streets without interference.

The bomb squad officer said he had talked to district school officials who said classes would be held on schedule today.

FBI officials and bomb squad members yesterday swept up broken glass and other debris around Male High School and sent it to an FBI laboratory in Washington.

"They will check for various chemicals and try to determine what type of fusing was used," the officer said. "Preliminary evidence is that the explosive tentatively appears to have been dynamite."

He said police assume the bombing was related to the busing dispute and thus could constitute a violation of the federal court's desegregation order.

FBI officials did not comment on their investigation other than to say they were trying "to determine if there has been a violation of the busing order."

County police fired about 50 canisters of tear gas in breaking up the Sunday night demonstration. County Police Chief Russell McDaniel said the protest was different, at least in size, from those that occurred last year when the busing order first went into effect.

"We were dealing with 800 people tonight," McDaniel said. "Last year it was 8,000 to 10,000."

The demonstrators had paraded north on Dixie Highway, a four-lane thoroughfare, spreading out and blocking the entire street as they approached the Louisville city limits.

Police ordered the crowd back and most protesters began to disperse.

The group had dwindled to about 200, said police information officer Bob Yates, when several small fires were set near the highway and the pavement was peppered with lightbulbs and bottles.

Police fired tear gas to break up the group, and used tear gas again when 40 to 50 persons gathered at a nearby shopping center not more than an hour later.

Antibusing leader Bob DePrez was among those arrested after they disregarded orders to disperse.

Three police officers received minor injuries—including one cut by glass when his car window was broken.

Although the antibusing protests here have not interfered with classes, they stand so far as the single example of violent resistance to court-ordered school busing as schools around the country open this fall.

Schools in Dayton, Ohio, and Dallas opened last week without difficulties despite the beginning of busing for racial balance as ordered by federal courts.

St. Louis and Omaha, Neb., are to begin school today under desegregation plans. Officials in both cities said they expect no major problems.

About 9,300 of the 57,000 pupils in Omaha public school will be bused under the plan there. St. Louis' desegregation plan calls for no large-scale busing. It relies instead on 11 special program "magnet" schools that school officials said would attract an equal number of black pupils and white pupils, about 4,000 in all.

And in Boston, where two years of school desegregation have been punctuated by frequent violence in some neighborhoods, police and city officials predicted a peaceful opening of classes tomorrow.

# Crime-fighting group fails, report claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — An independent research group yesterday urged Congress to abolish the multi-billion-dollar Law Enforcement Assistance Administration because "it is beyond repair."

The report issued by the Center for National Security Studies said the federal crime-fighting agency has not reduced crime, nor has it found out much about what will.

"It is with great reluctance that we recommend the termination of the LEAA program as it is presently constituted," the report said.

"It is too late to tinker with the program; it is beyond repair. Congress should admit its failure and confront once again the basic question of what the federal government can do to alleviate the burden of crime on the American people."

The LEAA, which makes grants to help state and local agencies fight crime, as set up in 1968. It has distributed some \$4 billion.

The report, called "Law and Disorder IV," is one of a series of critical reviews produced by the center in a project directed by Washington attorney Sarah C. Carey.

The center is a private, non-profit research group with headquarters here. It specializes in topics that include law enforcement.

The document was formally made public yesterday, but The Associated Press obtained a draft of it last May.

Responding to the center's criticism then, LEAA Administrator Richard W. Velde credited his agency with developing a national strategy to reduce crime. Agency spokesman Malcolm Barr said, "We place the blame for all that is wrong with the criminal justice system upon LEAA is hardly fair."

The center issued the report as the House and Senate were trying to reach a compromise on legislation extending the life of LEAA.

A bill passed by the House extends the agency only through the next fiscal year and authorizes \$1.1 billion for the next 15 months.

The Senate bill would extend the agency for five years with a total authorization of \$5.1 billion.

"The legislation was poorly designed and the program has been poorly administered," the Center report said. "The answer to this situation is not to throw good money after bad."

The center proposed that the federal government "should create and support a high level, scholarly research resource to examine the causes of criminal behavior, ways of protecting society from that behavior and ways of reducing the incidence of such behavior."

This should replace LEAA's research institute which has never gained an influential position within the administration or even within the agency itself, the report said.

# Debates may swing vote

By UPI

The outcome of this year's presidential campaign hinges on the face-to-face debates between the candidates and on party unity, according to a survey of Democratic and Republican leaders at the state level.

As the campaign opened over the Labor Day weekend, an informal UPI survey found most political leaders offering similar rosy rhetoric on election contests from the White House on down to local offices.

The series of debates beginning this month between Democrat Jimmy Carter and President Ford as well as one involving their running mates are weighed heavily by local party strategists.

"A lot depends on the debates, but if nothing goes wrong, with things just like they are now, I think it will be a very close race and I do think Ford can take it," said Oregon GOP State Chairman Steve Young.

In Iowa, Republican Chairman Tom Stoner admits the President is trailing but says, "If the debates go well for the President, his support will solidify and Ford will be able to take Iowa."

"I think the debates will be important," said Iowa Democratic National Committee woman Dagmar Vidal. "There will be some very, very close races, but I feel confident that Carter will carry Iowa."

In voter-rich New York, there is talk among Democrats of a backlash against Ford for the way New York City's fiscal crunch was handled in Washington.

A spokesman for Patrick Cunningham, the state's Democratic chieftain, predicted a Carter win because of Ford's handling of the city's crisis, "which indirectly affected the state's financial status."

He hit upon a major concern of the political leaders — unity.

"There appears to be 'time for a change' mood among the voters and we appear to be stressing unity for this election."

In Pennsylvania, State Democratic Chairman Dennis H. Thiemann says

he's "very optimistic" about the party's November prospects. State Sen. Richard Frame, who guides the GOP reins in the state, predicts the party will "make inroads into a number of traditional Democratic voting blocks."

Both Pennsylvanians were asked about the chances for their candidate in the battle between President Ford and Jimmy Carter. Both used the same words: "I think they are very good."

"Yes, it is rosy, but realistic," said Frame.

While Democrats offered an unaccustomed harmonious tone during their national convention, Republicans bared their teeth as Ford forces clashed with those of Ronald Reagan.

The degree to which the split is healed will be a key factor, according to some of the GOP regulars.

"There's no disunity or animosity between the Reagan and Ford forces that existed prior to the convention," says Louisiana Republican Chairman James Boyce. "Everybody is ready to go to work just as soon as we can."

In Reagan's home state of California, party leader Paul Haerle says a main factor in the presidential race will be "the effort Reagan puts into the campaign."

"I think there's still some division in the Republican party in Kentucky and the Democratic party is still more united than it has been in a long time," said Dale Sights, Carter's Kentucky campaign manager.

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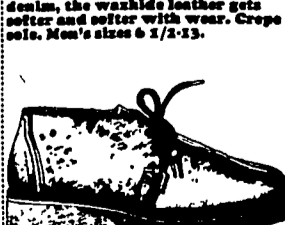
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