

Slaying of Minister Makes 7 in 70 Days

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ANP)—Police bullets on a recent Saturday cut down a 53-year-old retired Baptist minister who dug coal for a living to ring up the seventh Negro citizen killed by police in the Birmingham area within 70 days. Policemen have now killed a Negro every 10 days in Jefferson county.

Ala. KKK Burns Cross In Negro Neighborhood For 7th Time This Year

GADSDEN, Ala. (ANP)—For the seventh time this year the Ku Klux Klan burned a cross in the Negro neighborhood here recently while the local branch NAACP met.

The cross was burned in front of the home of K. J. Sullivan, local business man and president of the local NAACP. A few days before the flaming cross flickered Sullivan found eight notices pasted on his house warning him, "The KKK is watching you." These signs resembled the "stickers of hate" found by Mrs. Barbara V. Durr a year ago when she was president of the Birmingham branch NAACP.

Sullivan, who has lived at his present home for 15 years, said he saw no reason for the stickers at this time.

Police have found each of the burning torches, but has never caught anyone responsible for them.

Agriculture engages 45,712 people in Iceland, with about 65,000 acres under cultivation.

the latest victim was the Rev. C. L. Butler, age about 53, two years ago, pastored the First Baptist church of Gary-Ensley. He worked in the Edgewater Coal mine and lived on Route 6 in the community known as Capstown. He has 13 children, the oldest over 30 years.

But the story carried in the Birmingham News, June 5, described the victim as a "young Negro" and charged that he was killed in the presence of four officers after he "drew a pistol" when the officers sought to investigate a complaint that he had been "molesting a young Edgewater girl."

Puru Butler, brother of the slain minister, said that Rev. Butler never in his life carried a pistol. He further asserted that he did not know the facts in his brother's death. The NAACP said that it could not furnish any facts but that a number of its executive committee had been conducting an investigation. The slain man's brother is an Ensley barber.

Overheard on a Washington bus:
"The South may revolt and leave the Democratic party, but where will they go when the Republicans take over?" (Answer: nowhere).