

Six Negroes Fined In Race Flare-Up

BILOXI, Miss., April 25 (AP)—Six Negroes were each fined \$100 tonight on charges of carrying concealed weapons during racial flare-ups here.

The six were Paul Brown, George Seall, Ernest Fair, Zeb Lowe, James Francis, and Malcom Jackson. All pleaded innocent in City Court.

Twelve other Negroes, arrested today, were fined \$10-\$25 on charges varying from obstructing traffic to disorderly conduct and drunken driving.

Meanwhile, all available county and city police were ordered on duty in this gulf resort tonight after a crowd of 150 to 200 white men assembled in front of the police station.

No reason was given for the gathering. State highway patrolmen broke up isolated groups and herded them into police headquarters.

A check of three local hardware stores showed they had sold practically all their ammunition for shotguns and .22 caliber rifles and most of their shotguns and other arms also were sold out.

There was very little traffic on the normally busy streets. Sidewalks also were deserted.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People denied that it had inspired the rioting, as charged by a civic leader.

Gunfire, stonings and numerous street clashes marked the disturbances. Two white men and eight Negroes suffered gunshot wounds. Seven white airmen from nearby Keesler Air Force Base were attacked by a group of white teen-agers, but none were seriously hurt.

Police armed with riot guns patrolled the streets of this gulf coast resort city, ready to quash any outbreaks. But the city was quiet today with no incidents.

The worst race riot in Mississippi history erupted suddenly on the white sand beach that stretches along 28 miles of the Mississippi gulf coast. Fighting broke out when a group of Negroes gathered on the beach ordinarily used only by whites.