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14 Men Arraigned On Murder Charge In Kentucky Battle

BEREA, Ky., Sept. 2 (AP)—Fourteen men were arraigned today on charges of murder in a gun fight during which two men died and several others were wounded.

One of the victims was white and one Negro. Eight of those arraigned were white, six Negro.

An examining trial for all 14 men was tentatively scheduled for next Monday.

The State police said the shooting broke out yesterday following a rally in a vacant lot by the National States' Rights party, a rightist organization. Some witnesses reported that as many as 40 shots were fired.

It was not immediately determined what started the shooting.

Some witnesses said there

had been an exchange of remarks between the whites who had run the meeting and Negroes who arrived as it was breaking up.

Elvie Rucker, 30 years old, white, from Lexington, and George W. Boggs, a Negro from Berea, were killed.

The police said Rucker was killed as he ran toward his car, in which they said two M-1 rifles and a 12-gauge shotgun were found. Rucker was an officer of the National States' Rights party.

Several other persons were wounded, none seriously, by the gunfire.

Quiet in Newport News

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Sept. 2 (AP) — Quiet reigned today in a riot-torn area of this shipbuilding city where four hours of violence over the weekend left one man dead and property damage estimated at \$2-million.

The day brought no new outbreaks of the firebomb-throw-

ing, window-smashing and looting that began shortly after midnight Saturday and continued unabated until nearly dawn yesterday.

Police patrols of the 14-square-block area were greatly reduced during the day. At the height of the disturbances, a small army of 100 local policemen, bolstered by nearly 100 state troopers, stood at the ready.