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CLARKSDALE, Miss. (UPI)—Two young white segregationists who admitted firebombing the home of Negro civil rights leader Aaron Henry were freed today of arson charges.

Theodore A. Carr, 24, was acquitted on the charge by an all-white jury Saturday night following a 15-minute deliberation.

The prosecution then dropped an identical charge against Aubrey Cauthen, 26, who was scheduled to go on trial this week.

Officers said Carr and Cauthen had admitted the April 13 bombing of Henry's home. They were arrested less than 12 hours after two "Molotov cocktails" were hurled through a window. Negro Congressman Charles C. Diggs, D-Mich., was a house guest in the Clarksdale druggist's home at the time of the pre-dawn incident.

Carr did not testify during his two-day trial. The defense challenged the state's case as mere "hearsay" and offered testimony by physicians and acquaintances who indicated Carr might not be emotionally stable enough to be legally responsible for any acts of violence.

Dr. B. F. Banahan testified he had treated Carr for a type of epilepsy and Dr. Douglas Haines said he thought Carr was unable to "fit himself into society."

Two psychiatrists from the state mental hospital testified for the prosecution that they had examined Carr after his arrest and declared the young man sane.

Joe Porter, an 18-year-old service station attendant, said he

heard Carr and Cauthen planning the bombing. Porter said the pair returned to the service station after the bombing and that Carr commented Henry was "lucky to be alive."

Henry is state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Aussie Chief Hopes For A-Power Plant

ADELAIDE, Australia, July 22 (AP)—Sir Thomas Playford, premier of South Australia, says he hopes his state will have a nuclear power plant within the next 10 years.

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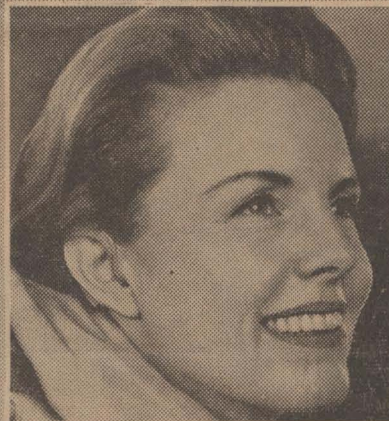
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