

Cross Burning Spree hits Hinds and Rankin Counties

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Jackson

A rash of cross-burnings have been reported here over the past two days (4/9/64 and 4/10/64).

The Jackson Clarion-Ledger reported:

"An anonymous telephone caller told the Clarion-Ledger late Friday night that "a number of crosses have been burned Tuesday night in Hinds and Rankin Counties" in a drive to fight "integration and communism."

"The caller refused to say whether the crosses were burned by the Ku Klux Klan or in connection with any other organization.

"Jackson police reported six instances of cross-burning in the city Friday night."

Regarding the burnings in the city, COFO office (Jackson) received reports of burnings at 11 p.m. at the Pearl St. African Methodist Episcopal Church, The Masonic Temple, and the gate at Tougaloo College.

The police were quick to put out the fires soon after they were lit.

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