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new lead for MAIN OXFORD STORY--

Federal marshals took command of the heart of Ole Miss campus tonight, firing smoke and nausea gas shells at students who milled around the main administration building and shouted angrily as reports circulated that Gov. Ross Barnett had capitulated.

It was chemical warfare against Mississippians. Squads of marshals, wearing gasmasks, moved on the run from their lines on the steps of the white-columned Lyceum, firing gas shells at groups of retreating students. It was a wild sight as the men in gasmasks raced through the darkness, lobbing shell after shell at students fleeing from the main theater of operations. The press ran with the students, trying to escape the chemical clouds that drifted through the foliage across the campus.

The gas shells were fired after students threw cigarette butts at the army trucks parked to form a barrier

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