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During the 1930s, the Ku Klux Klan were a public organisation with their members committing atrocities across America and not as previously assumed, confined to the Deep South. On 7 August 1930, an American mob seized two African American teenagers from a county court jail and armed with baseball bats, firearms, crowbars and other such weapons beat the two young men to death.

