

Tomorrow's Weather

Warm, Showers

LOW TONIGHT: 60-63

HIGH WEDNESDAY: 87-90

HOURLY TEMPERATURES:

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## City Declares Emergency, Imposes Curfew After Gangs Threaten Riot

### Romney Issues Ban For Area

Suburbs Also Ban Gun Sales To Clear Streets

A state of emergency, with a nightly curfew and a ban on sale of intoxicants and firearms, was declared Tuesday by the City Commission.

The announcement was made by Mayor Sonneveldt after a 90-minute closed-door session with the commission, part of which was attended by East Grand Rapids City Attorney Robert Richardson.

Sonneveldt said the commission unanimously agreed to ask Gov. Romney to declare a state of emergency in the city. "Similar requests have been made on behalf of East Grand Rapids and Wyoming," he said.

Romney reacted immediately to the request and issued the necessary emergency proclamation and executive order which placed the restrictions into effect in the three cities.

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Police Gather and Guard Prisoners at Antoine St.

### S. Division Beset by Young Mob

Police Arrest 54, Avert Blowup; 17 Are Injured

Seventeen persons were injured, one by gunfire, and 54 arrested as young bands of Negroes, numbering about 300, roamed Grand Rapids streets starting about midnight Monday threatening widespread destruction.

Quick police action kept injuries and damage at a minimum as the groups of Negroes struck sporadically in an area covering roughly four square miles, primarily along S. Division Ave.

Local, state, county and suburban law enforcement officers joined forces to break up the disorders Tuesday morning. They reached peak strength about 2 a.m. as troopers from many parts of the state rushed here to help.

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"These restrictions will be rigidly enforced by the law enforcement officers and shall not be lifted until the state of emergency is over," said the mayor.

The announcement prompted Ira Jackson, general manager of Grand Rapids City Coaches Lines, Inc., to announce that the last city buses will leave Campus Square on their final night run at 9:20 p.m. instead of the usual 10:10 p.m. All taxi service will halt at 10 p.m.

Third Ward Commissioner Leonard Anderson, chairman of the Kent County Board of Supervisors, said the county will go along with the restrictions except for the curfew, which is confined to the cities.

#### Kent Offers Aid

The county will put at the disposal of the core area any departments that might be needed for assistance, including the Sheriff's Departments, Anderson said.

In response to speculation that the rigid curfew might heighten tensions rather than relax them, at a time when the situation might be getting back to normal, Mayor Sonneveldt had this to say: "We're not sure about this, but we thought yesterday things were normal and you saw what happened last night. We can't take chances. We must insure the safety of the citizens."

City Recreation Director Harry Burns was given the go-ahead to open city recreational facilities by late Tuesday morning. Burns had held up pending instruction from the commission.

"I hope we'll be able to keep this sort of thing down with a real tight fist," declared 2nd Ward Commissioner William Worst.

"Any of these persons who are arrested and convicted should get the book thrown at them," he added. "I think we have to get real tough, regardless of who's doing it. Otherwise, it will spread like wildfire."

The City Commission Tuesday announced cancellation of three committee meetings including a special Service Committee hearing that had been scheduled for 7 p.m. concerning a proposed improvement on Fuller Ave. NE.

Others cancelled were the Finance and Safety Committee meetings which had been scheduled for 11 a.m.

Summer classes in the public schools were called off for Tuesday and all school-sponsored activities like driver training were canceled. Elmer Vrugink, assistant superintendent of schools, announced.

"We did this at the request of the police," he said, "our reasoning being that most of the summer programs are in the inner city area."

"A decision has not yet been made on what we will do tomorrow," he said.

**Lake Michigan Water Temperature**

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Gay California Shifts at Tilma Dress Shop.—Adv.

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By Press Wire Services  
Ordered into action by President Johnson, Army paratroopers clamped an iron lid on Detroit and calm returned at least for the moment, after 48 hours of killing, pillaging and burning.

Some new fires broke out. Sporadic sniper fire spattered against walls and sidewalks.

But the presence of the paratroopers — 40 per cent of them

restaurants still open said they were running short of food.

The auto industry, which shut all its plants Monday, opened most of them Tuesday. But absenteeism kept assembly lines at a crawl.

Expressways that criss-cross

the city were nearly deserted. Those abroad in cars gawked at the miles of smashed shop windows and smoldering debris.

Out-of-state licensees were numerous.

"A lot of these looters and burners are from Ohio," said a

Negro police captain. "They come in trucks and cars and load up with the good stuff like liquor and TV sets. Then they set fires."

In heavily damaged areas Negroes and whites alike served coffee to weary troops. Small

knots of people gathered on street corners, but they were in a friendly, chatty mood.

Reports of injuries mounted, but apparently there was no way to get an accurate count. Official estimates ranged from

Hundreds, possibly thousands, had become refugees, burned out of homes or jobs.

City agencies seeking ways to help refugees said many were living in their cars.

The paratroopers, 1,800 from the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions under Lt. Gen. John Throckmorton, were ordered into action late Monday night as gunfire crackled in the streets and explosions boomed in widely scattered sections.

They joined some 7,000 police and National Guardsmen dueling with rooftop and doorway snipers.

The soldiers rolled into the city on buses and armored trucks, their lights dimmed in combat readiness.

"This sniper fire won't bother us," said one youngish looking corporal. "Most of us have been in Vietnam. These guys here start sniping at us, and they're going to get one hell of a surprise."

Some units relieved beleaguered Guardsmen on the East Side, with the rest deployed within striking distance of key trouble spots.

Throckmorton said his men have orders to use "minimum force necessary to complete their mission."

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Camped at an air base minutes from the city were 3,000 more of the troops who were rushed from Kentucky and North Carolina earlier in the day.

Three major fires were set in Detroit during the night.

Fire Chief Charles Quinlan said they were the biggest of the more than 800 set since Sunday that have sent property damage soaring into the hundreds of millions.

Sniper Fire Worse

As the second night of violence ended, however, the character of rioting appeared to have changed. Arson and looting, set off by Negroes early Sunday and later joined by whites, dropped sharply.

Sniper fire increased, with most of it concentrated on police and guardsmen.

Automatic rifle fire that cracked in the streets off and on during the night, ended before

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## Police Chase Ends in 2 Deaths

A prominent local physician, Blythe Field Country Club, Dr. Dales' car smashed into the northbound lane of US131 with a Kent deputy sheriff in pursuit, smashed head-on into another car Monday night, causing his own death and that of a Rockford woman.

Dead are Dr. Ernest W. Dales, 82, and Mrs. Inez L. Langridge, 58, passenger in a

He was on the staffs of Butlerworth Hospital and Maple Grove Medical Care Facility and a member of the Monarchs Club of the Lions and of the Kent County Medical Society.

Surviving are a son, Donald of Grand Rapids; a sister, Mrs. E. G. McConnell of Lansing, and a grandchild.

Services will be at the West Arslowicz Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Langridge is survived by a son, Phillip; two daughters, Mrs. Richard Dennis of Alpena and Mrs. Charles Bouman, St. Louis, Mo.; a brother, Arthur Bittenbender of Placerville, Calif., and seven grandchildren.

Her body is at the Pierce Mortuary, Rockford.

## Turkish Chiefs Greet Pope On Start of 2-Day Mission

ISTANBUL (AP)—Pope Paul VI arrived in Moslem Turkey Tuesday on a two-day mission to discuss peace in the Middle East, the holy places of Jerusalem and ways to end 900 years of division between Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians.

The 69-year-old Pope was the first pontiff in 12 centuries to visit the former citadel of Eastern Christianity. The last was Pope Constantine I in 711.

Confer With President

Within two hours of his arrival, the Pope conferred privately with President Cevdet Sunay and other top officials. Informants said Pope Paul appealed to them to mediate the dispute between Israel and the Arabs.

Traveling on a four-engine commercial jetliner, Pope Paul arrived three days after a disastrous earthquake spread widespread destruction in Anatolia, southeast of Istanbul, killing at least 86 persons.

Stepping from his plane, the Pope told the Turkish leaders greeting him: "Arriving in this country immediately after a cataclysm that has plunged the nation in mourning, we turn our thoughts first to those who have suffered and ask all to join with



POPE PAUL VI greets Patriarch Athenagoras in Istanbul.

us in a moment of observance."

Sunay, Premier Suleyman Demirel and other high officials stood near the plane's ramp to greet the spiritual ruler of the world's half billion Roman Catholics as he stepped onto the soil of a land where Islam has reigned since the fall of Constantinople in 1453.

The white-bearded patriarch, the spiritual leader of 150 million Orthodox faithful in the

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#### Employees Win Pay Hike

## Wyoming, Union Accept 3-Year Pact

Unionized employees and the Wyoming City Commission Monday night ratified a new labor contract, but attorney Roger Boer warned that the union probably will exercise its option to reopen wage talks Dec. 15.

The new three-year pact calls for 5 per cent pay hikes as of first October pay period for all employees except policemen, engineering aides and three men in the Inspectional Services Department, all to receive 10 per cent increases.

City Manager Charles W. Thompson estimated the contract will boost salary costs \$62,553 in the coming year.

Effective July 31 are provisions for: Overtime pay for city workers, except those in higher pay brackets or supervisory positions, the city to pay 50 per cent of medical insurance costs of employee dependents,

If Wyoming approves a city income tax, Boer warned, there will be new rounds of bargaining.

The employee vote on the pact was 118 yes, — 23 no. There were only two questions asked and quickly disposed of by Boer.

Ratification followed nearly six months of bargaining by the union and city management. One earlier proposal was rejected by the union membership vote.

Boer said the union would ask the city to pay all costs of dependent medical insurance, further wage hikes and possibly additional life insurance coverage for workers.

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—1:33 a.m., 124 Shelby St. SW Niagara Lumber Co., \$150 loss.

—1:34 a.m., 1010 S. Division Ave., a used clothes store, \$4,000 to the building and \$1,500 to contents.

—2:18 a.m., 217 Eugene St. SE, Conway Corp., \$1,000 to contents.

—2:53 a.m., Wealthy St. and Sheldon Ave. SE, 1967 Ford owned by Jack Keller Ford.

—4:07 a.m., Sycamore St. and

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Jefferson Ave., Tom's Grocery Store, \$15 to contents.

—4:27 a.m., 734 Wealthy St. SE, antique shop, \$25 to contents.

Tuesday afternoon, Grand Rapids police confiscated a large quantity of Molotov cocktails at a home on Madison Ave. SE.

They said 40 to 50 wine bottles filled with gasoline were taken from the home and two juveniles were arrested.

Shortly afterward, two fires were reported within fifteen minutes in buildings on Jefferson Ave. SE. A fire in Kamm's Superette at 700 Jefferson, SE was reportedly started by a tall Negro wearing a blue T-shirt who ran from the store, police said.

A second fire was spotted in a vacant house at 555 Jefferson a few minutes later.

The supermarket owner said he heard a loud crash and windows breaking and the rear of the store caught fire.

From 100 to 200 residents of the area stood along sidewalks

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**Today's Chuckle**

You can save a lot of unnecessary conversation if you remember that people aren't going to take your advice unless you are a lawyer or a doctor and you charge them for it.

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While the unruly mobs were roaming about shouting insults, obscenities and apparently being on looting, other young Negroes aided police in breaking up the crowds and attempted to bring peace to the S. Division area and older Negroes expressed regret at the manner in which the rioting gangs were behaving.

However, there appeared little individuals could do and the show of force of the armed police officers seemed to be the only possible deterrent to widespread destruction.

The roughest part of the looting night was from 1 a. m. until 4:30 a. m.

At 5:45 a. m., the first official indication of quiet came with a radio report that Kent County deputies were relieved from their special duty.

Others cleared shortly afterward, but a fairly strong force remained on the scene.

The atmosphere in the Negro area did not appear unusually tense until shortly after nightfall. By about 11 p. m., groups of five and six Negroes were accumulating in doorways and walking aimlessly down the avenue.

Prostitutes were seen in much greater numbers than in recent weeks and wailed and yelled at passersby, including uniformed police.

By 11:30, about 20 Negroes gathered on the corner of Delaware St. and Division Ave. SE. Within 15 minutes, the crowd

## 54 Accused In Disorder Face Court

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Police Judge J. Robert Smoens ordered the courtroom cleared to others as a precaution against possible disorders.

The first 10 of the 54 persons under arrest were accused of disorderly conduct — principal — the use of vile or profane language in public.

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Twenty-four of those arrested will be charged under state laws pertaining to riots and unlawful assembly — misdoers which carry 90-day maximum sentences.

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heard smashed the plate glass window of Bell Appliance Company, setting off the burglar alarm.

Two squad cars arrived and prevented looting but the alarm rang incessantly, attracting more young Negroes.

Boys and girls of 10 to 16 years of age came out, apparently awakened by the alarm.

The mood was still gay, and one youngster was heard to shout, "C'mon Tom, We're gonna have us a riot!"

More squad cars arrived as the crowd swelled, but a fire at Sheridan SW, which firemen were endeavoring to quell, drew several cars from the scene.

Shortly after midnight, police split the group in two and headed one segment south on Division and the other north, towards the downtown area.

The Negroes going north split into very small groups.

Only two more store windows were broken during this period and no looting or real violence had taken place.

As the Negroes neared Wealthy Street, white bar owners and their patrons came out on the sidewalk to gawk.

The would-be rioters passed these people by without incident and in some cases exchanged friendly greetings. But most of the bar owners began to hastily close their establishments.

At Wealthy and Division, the Sheldon Complex Task Force, a group of young Negroes, attempting to start a riot, aided police in persuading the mob to disperse.

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Then the inevitable happened. A carload of Negroes pulled up. The car was immediately recognized by several policemen as being stolen. They told the driver to get out. He did, then bolted. The mob followed the street. Surrounded, he dodged back and forth until he fell heavily to the pavement, a white officer clutching at his sleeve and nearly falling on top of him.

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An officer cocked his shotgun and the mob swayed and splint. "They're over there," someone yelled into groups. Several of these groups felt as police formed the line across the avenue, but Hunsley was as far back as the alley a looting behind the stores, where Hunsley picked up stones and "Archie" threw them.

A tinkle of glass was heard south and a policeman jumped back. A car from a cruiser whose window had been hit.

By daylight, the area had been shut down. City buses which were not begun operations in the 5-6 p.m. area and no residents returned the normal routine.

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### When Is a Riot?

No one seems to know why a riot grew out of a rather routine police raid on a Detroit after-hours drinking place Sunday morning. A couple of hundred spectators gathered in the all-Negro neighborhood to jeer and taunt the police as they carried out their duties, but the usual charges of police brutality are missing in this instance. Violence didn't begin because a policeman had roughed up one of the persons he was arresting. It didn't start because agitators were on the scene trying to inflame the people in the neighborhood. It has had none of the marks of an organized protest.

The shooting and looting, the firing of scores of buildings and the barrages of bricks and bullets hurled at policemen, firemen, newsmen and others going about their regular duties were almost spontaneous. In fact Detroit's Mayor Jerome Cavanagh was disturbed by the almost carnival spirit of the rioters. For many of them at least this was a fun thing. And this attitude appears to have carried through the rioting Monday.

Resentment, hatred, prejudice, restlessness — all these conditions apparently played a part. Reason took flight. Unreason was rampant. Few mayors of American cities have been more dedicated to improving the lot of the Negroes than has Cavanagh. The police there have been under strict orders to exercise restraint. Dozens of programs have been instituted in the area where the rioting occurred to reduce tensions, improve the Negroes' opportunities and create a constructive public attitude.

But despite all this, the desire to destroy swept through the community like a prairie fire. Authority was flouted. Respected Negro leaders were cried down. Negro as well as white storekeepers had their shops ransacked. Men stole what they didn't need or want and put the torch to places belonging to friends, perhaps even to their own dwellings or those of relatives.

It is possible and even probable

that the mob spirit stemmed directly from riots and pillaging in other cities, in Newark and Plainwell, N.J., this year; in Chicago last year; in Los Angeles the year before. Violence is contagious. There were numerous bloody disorders the day World War II ended; destruction was widespread in many cities, and mostly it was white persons who did the destroying.

A riot is a disease. It infects seemingly rational people as well as the highly emotional. And it afflicts persons of all races. Injustice sometimes may be its cause; but it can happen even when there is no injustice. It may be a disease dormant in almost every human being, a disease that surfaces only after long incubation and then only when the emotions have swept aside all of the protective devices man has cultivated in the name of civilization.

It may never be possible to determine why the riot broke out in Detroit or why it broke out when it did. But like almost every other riot that has occurred in this country, this one has made it clear that it never is wise to temporize with rioters. The best way to handle a riot is with a massive display of force, and as soon as it can be mobilized.

We do not advocate the reckless use of firearms or other weapons against rioters, particularly since it often is the innocent who are the victims of such action. But we are of the firm opinion that the best way of holding death and destruction to a minimum is to get all of the outside help possible as soon as possible. There ought never to be any hesitancy in calling for the National Guard and State Police, or for federal troops if state units can't handle the situation. Swift, decisive action not only can quell a riot before it gets out of hand; it also can dampen enthusiasm for rioting in other places. For it seems tragically clear that one reason why riots occur is a mob feeling that the forces of law and order move so slowly and are so cumbersome that anyone bent on destruction can get away before the law closes in.



# Driver Finds S. Division Wrong Place for Car Trouble

By TOM LABELLE

A 22-year-old Negro man crouched low against the fender of a parked car. He remained in that position even as the area at Williams St. and S. Division Ave. filled with police cars and policemen.

A shot had been fired. The young man told officers the shot was fired at him and the man had run into a building.

"My car broke down and I was walking home," he said. "Somebody yelled something at me, called me names. Then, I saw the guy with the gun."

A few blocks south, at Campau Park, the big converted bus which the Sheriff's Department uses to transport prisoners to the Kent County Honor Camp, was pulled up and officers were herding young men and girls into it.

Little knots of standing, staring persons were on the street corners, including half a dozen residents of Herkimer Hotel and employees and patrons of the Acapulco Cafe.

An elderly woman stood back in a doorway, somewhat fearful but apparently not wanting to miss anything.

Detectives Robert Scott and Nick Treviso talked to the young man who said he'd been shot at. "I heard the bullet hit something there," he said, pointing at the concrete of a parking lot beside the sidewalk. There appeared to be no mark.

Officers searched the apartment building where the alleged gunman reportedly had been standing. They found two firearms, a shotgun and a deer rifle, in one of the apartments, but neither had been fired recently and, anyway, the young man said he was shot at with a pistol.

Scott and Treviso confiscated the weapons "just to be on the safe side" and told the two young men in the apartment where the guns were found that they could claim them at Police Headquarters after daybreak "when this business has cooled down."

Who fired the shot remained a mystery.

The two incidents occurring almost simultaneously on S. Division Ave. were typical of the hectic four hours in which Grand Rapids appeared to have staved off, at least for the time being, a riot.

Reports of explosive-sounding situations came to Police Headquarters incessantly, but in every instance local officers and the many policemen "borrowed" from throughout the area were able to overwhelm the situation.

"The riot never got a chance to get organized," said one policeman at headquarters.

Treviso, who is white, and Scott, who is a Negro, were one team. They were in plain clothes, driving an unmarked car—a contrast with most of the policemen on the street who were helmeted, riding in squad cars and toting shotguns.

Treviso had a shotgun but he never took it out of the car.

Both men are policemen of long experience, and both are intimately acquainted with the area in which the trouble centered.

They drove back and forth through the area, watching for anything which looked like trouble. They talked with persons on the sidewalk, telling the young ones to go home, and questioning the older ones — most of whom appeared to be outside only because the racket of the crowds and the

lights of the police cars and fire trucks had made sleep impossible — to try and get a line on the situation.

Mostly they responded to trouble calls from the police dispatcher which were coming in at the rate of about one every three or four minutes.

They picked up one Negro youth about 4 a.m. whom they saw running in an alley. The officers questioned him closely while they cruised the area to determine if any vandalism or thievery was apparent.

"I don't want to go home," the youth told them. "My mother will start talking to me about being out so late."

"You better go home and stay there," Scott said. "Then you won't have to worry about your mother talking to you."

A woman who lived in a nearby house came downstairs onto the porch in her nightgown. She also lectured the boy — who turned out to be a friend of her son's.

"I was in Detroit and I had to get out," she said. "I'm lucky to get back. I was right in the middle of it. Being in the house is the only place to be when stuff like this is going on."

Treviso and Scott found what may have been the evening's only "molotov cocktail" — a beer bottle apparently filled with flammable liquid. Set afire, it was tossed on a flat roof at L. Ann Williams' Antique Corner, 734 Wealthy St. SE.

The officers spotted flames on the roof and directed firemen to the location. Treviso went to the building while Scott remained in the car to listen for other calls.



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"It went right out," Treviso said, coming back to the car. "The bottle's blackened, but it didn't even break." There was no damage.

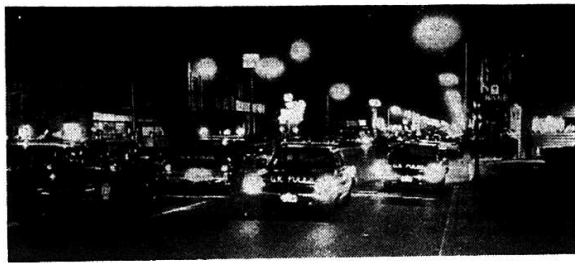
Gradually, the excitement died down. The officers drove on Wealthy St. about 4:15 a.m. past the LaGrave Ave. SE corner — scene of milling crowds and sporadic bottle and rock-throwing a few hours earlier.

The street was deserted except for a lone male figure trudging wearily westward. He was a member of the Negro Task Force group which had been working through most of the night helping persuade youngsters to go home.

He came over to the car to talk to Scott.

"We did pretty well, I guess," he said. "It wasn't too bad."





—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

Division and Delaware Before Rock Throwing Began

## Police Find Moving Mob Calls for Mobile Tactics

By MIKE NIEMANN

After the "official" start of the racial troubles about 1 a.m. when police tried to apprehend a youth for stealing a car, Grand Rapids learned why modern mob actions are so difficult to isolate and control. The crowd of about 100 standing at corners of Delaware and Division became angry at the sight of the arrest attempt. They had watched a young man with a cast on his arm fall heavily to the pavement as he tried to elude police. They didn't like it and some of them picked up rocks and bottles.

Unseen missiles whizzed through the night air at unhelmeted police. They did not duck or break ranks; dodging only when glass flew near them. About six men raised their shotguns and charged the area where the rocks and bottles were coming fastest.

Within a few minutes, the besieged officers were ordered out of the area. And here the nationwide dilemma facing police agencies trying to handle recent riots became most poignant.

When the police pulled back, the mob felt it had won a battle and it became increasingly belligerent. The mob stoned cars — all cars — driving down the avenue and smashed store windows randomly. They set a fire in a used clothes store and threatened firemen when they arrived.

All these actions seemed to have been invited by the police evacuation. But, if the police had stayed, they probably would have had to shoot. Not at a compact, seething, raging mob, but at groups of individuals; constantly moving, roving, growing in number — and suddenly diminishing.

Under these circumstances, it would have been extremely hard to decide who deserved to be shot — and even harder to single these people out as targets.

And so, with police out of the area, rocks bounded off cars indiscriminately sounding like gunfire and heard for blocks.

The bands of rioters had full control of the street for a short while. Then the Alert Squad, commanded by Capt. Francis Pierce, off duty officers trained for this type of duty, moved in with drawn bayonets.

Vice squad detectives in uniform and regular patrolmen moved together down the middle of Division. The mobs did not resist. They simply dispersed and regrouped in other areas.

Up and down Division the eddies of turmoil swirled, occasionally splashing over to side streets. The police moved in, the rioters moved out. There was control, and containment, but no real isolation.

## Negro Youths Calm Crowd

Task Force, a group of young Negroes bent on trying to keep Grand Rapids "cool", proved their mettle Monday night and early Tuesday morning as a racial disturbance erupted.

Grand Rapids Police Supt. William A. Johnson believes the disturbance — mainly rock throwing and name-calling — resulted from a spark that drifted to the city from the conflict raging in Detroit. Whatever the cause, wherever the action was early Tuesday, members of Task Force were there trying to keep tempers down and get people home.

"They are doing a beautiful job," said Capt. Francis Pierce, head of the police department's special riot squadron. "And, believe me, we appreciate it."

Task Force members were particularly useful for they are young, hip and black. The vandals who roamed the streets in gangs of 5 to 85 were predominantly young, hip and black.

Task Force members could talk to these youths — and they did. "Come on now, get out of the park! Go on home," yelled one at a group of about 40 youths assembled in Campau Park around 3 a.m.

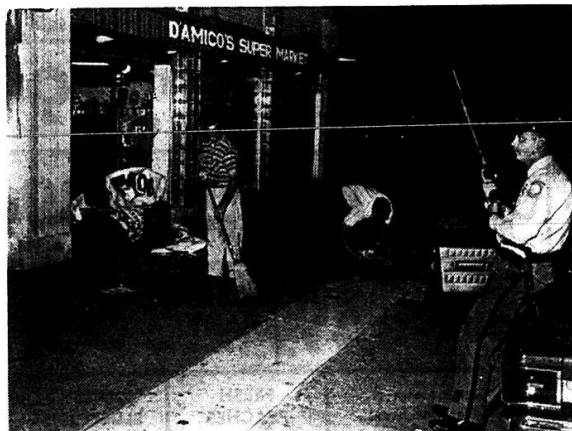
The youths moved along, sulenly to be sure, but they moved.

Whenever a large group of youths assembled at street corners, Task Force members would drive up and talk, trying to keep the home to bed.

When a bus from the Kent County Sheriff's Honor Camp rolled up at Antoine St. and S. Division Ave. and police began pushing troublemakers aboard, a couple of Task Force members caught in the shuffle. Only after a Grand Rapids policeman who knew the youths stepped forward were they allowed to go.

As the sheriff's bus began pulling away with a second group of people and quiet seemed restored to the Southeast side, a state policeman, referring to a couple of fatigued Task Force members leaning against a patrol car, said, "I don't know who those guys were, but they sure did a helluva job in keeping this thing down tonight."

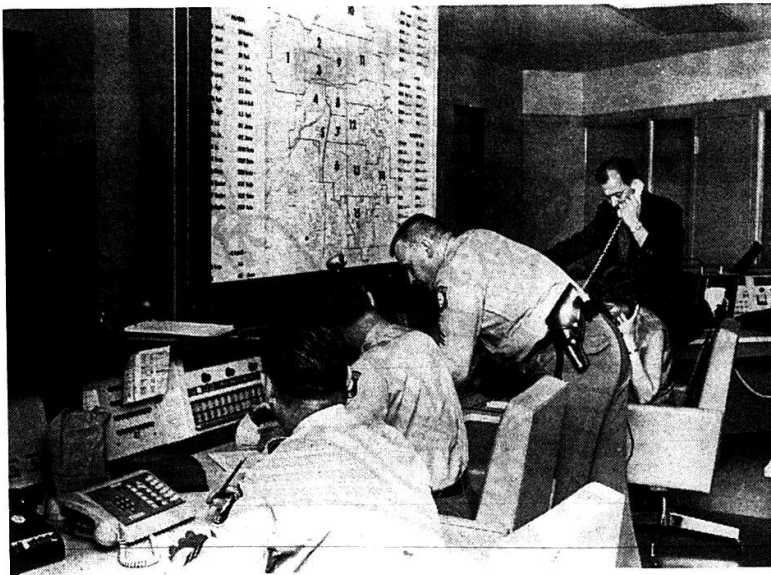
A couple of minutes later, one Task Force member yawned and said, "Well, I'm tired. Time to go home to bed."



—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

Store Owners Clean Up at 747 S. Division Ave.





—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

**NERVE CENTER** — Heart of the fight early Tuesday against the disorder that shook the city's South and Southeast sections was the police communications center, where telephone calls brought fast response by approximately 60 police vehicles. Manning

the telephones and radio dispatch system are, from left, Sgt. Earl McIntyre, dispatcher Patrolman Milo Schuiteman, Sgt. Robert Rowe, Mrs. Jean Malm and City Manager Nabers.

## Area Police Come to City's Aid

By BOB DAY

Police officers from all over West and Central Michigan rallied early Tuesday to the support of the beleaguered Grand Rapids Police Department to bring an uneasy peace after nearly five hours of sporadic vandalism with racial overtones in South Central and Southeast Grand Rapids.

Police Supt. William A. Johnson said he called Michigan State Police for support shortly after midnight, and about 75 troopers and plainclothesmen sped to the city from East Lansing headquarters and from posts throughout much of West Michigan.

Others were East Lansing and Ottawa County and community officers and some Michigan State University patrolmen.

Sheriff Ronald Parsons dispatched 36 officers to the city and the outlying police departments — Walker, East Grand Rapids and Wyoming — each contributed to the local strength.

Johnson said he was summoned at 12:15 a.m. by reports of disturbances along S. Division Ave. and ordered all off-duty officers called to duty. Virtually the entire force was on patrol, armed with pistols, shotguns and rifles, some tipped with bayonets, within 60 to 90 minutes.

The department, Johnson said, had been alerted for possible trouble by rumors for the last several days.

### Chief Praises Officers

His augmented force, he said Tuesday, "did a magnificent job."

"Our men were on top of everything just about as fast as it happened," he said. "We were able to hold vandalism and looting to a minimum, thanks to the fine help we received from the other departments."

Despite rumors to the contrary, Johnson said he believed the disturbance was purely local by nature. All 54 persons arrested, including two women and several boys as young as 12, gave local addresses.

"We were dealing," he added, "with perhaps as many as 300 persons, and the prime source of trouble was a number of autoloids of young men who sped from trouble spot to trouble spot. But we were able for the most part to localize the difficulty."

"At the moment," Johnson said, "I would term it a highly disorganized, spontaneous effort."

The superintendent said calm settled over the disturbed area around 5 a.m., but he said all ranks will be on duty at 7 p.m. Tuesday in an effort to forestall any revival or worsening of the situation.

As far as could be determined early Tuesday, only two shots were fired during the disturbance, although several police cars were reported to have been slightly damaged by rocks tossed from alleyways.

Capt. Frank Pierce said one of the shots was fired near him, apparently by someone in a crowd milling around Campbell Park, where 25 persons were arrested at one swoop.

"It sounded like a pop, like a .22 short," Pierce said. "I got the idea someone's gun went off accidentally, because the bullet went low and hit the street, where it left a white scar when it ricocheted."

The other shot was reported to have been fired at city police cruiser No. 6.

### Nabers Comments

City Manager Nabers, who turned up at police headquarters shortly after the disturbance got under way, said it was his impression that the trouble stemmed "from a group of outsiders."

"I can't believe," he said, "that the people of this city are the ones acting like this. We had word Monday morning and again Monday afternoon that a goodly portion of outsiders was coming into the city."

Firemen summoned to about dozen spots where fires started were "right square on top of it," said Fire Chief Adrian Meyers, "which held damage to a minimum."

"The biggest loss, \$5,500, was at a S. Division Ave. used clothing store," he added. "All the fires were set," he stated. There was one report of a fire bomb, Meyers said, but that fire was started on a flat roof and did not spread.

Firemen were interfered with at only one spot, that of the \$5,500 blaze. "They were being stoned — no one was hurt but the police got there quickly and moved the crowd back, and there was no more trouble that way," the fire chief said.

Capt. Robert Jager, who went on his regular tour of duty at 10:30 p.m., said the atmosphere in the section hit by the disturbance was heavy with menace before the outbreak began. "You could sense it in the air," he said.

Jager had praised "many Negro young adults. They helped us tremendously, persuading others to go home, to turn back from what at first appeared to be an effort to move into the downtown area."

"And many of the older residents of the area disapproved of the actions of the young people involved, saying, 'What a shame this is.'"

Eugene Sparrow, city human relations director, decried the disturbance but said damage was "minimal, considering the circumstances. I think we were lucky," he told Johnson and other police officials at a conference in the superintendent's office.

Capt. Pierce estimated that dozens of windows of upward of 100 business places were smashed, most on S. Division Ave. but some on other Southeast city commercial areas, including what he

termed heavy damage in the East Grand Rapids shopping area.

A few instances of looting were reported, with the mannikins of one S. Division Ave. clothing shop being stripped and one man reported arrested in the act of looting at Kleiman's Department Store, 424 S. Division Ave.

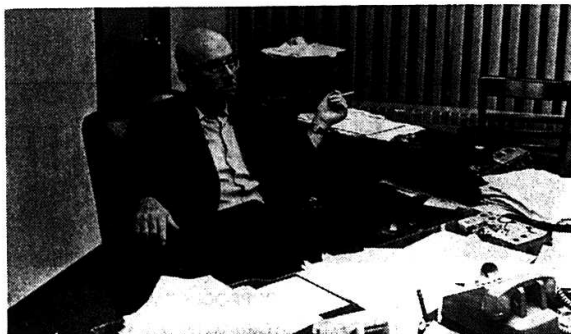
### Bus Manager Called

About 4 a.m. Tuesday, Johnson called Ira W. Jackson, manager of the Grand Rapids City Coach Lines, Inc., to suggest that at least early morning buses running on those sections of S. Division Ave., Sheldon Ave., Jefferson Ave., Madison Ave. and Hall, Franklin and Wealthy Sts. be rerouted. It was anticipated that normal routes would be followed later in the day.

Although all those arrested were Negroes, there was at least one unconfirmed report that "several white men" were driving or riding in cars that were involved in the disturbances.

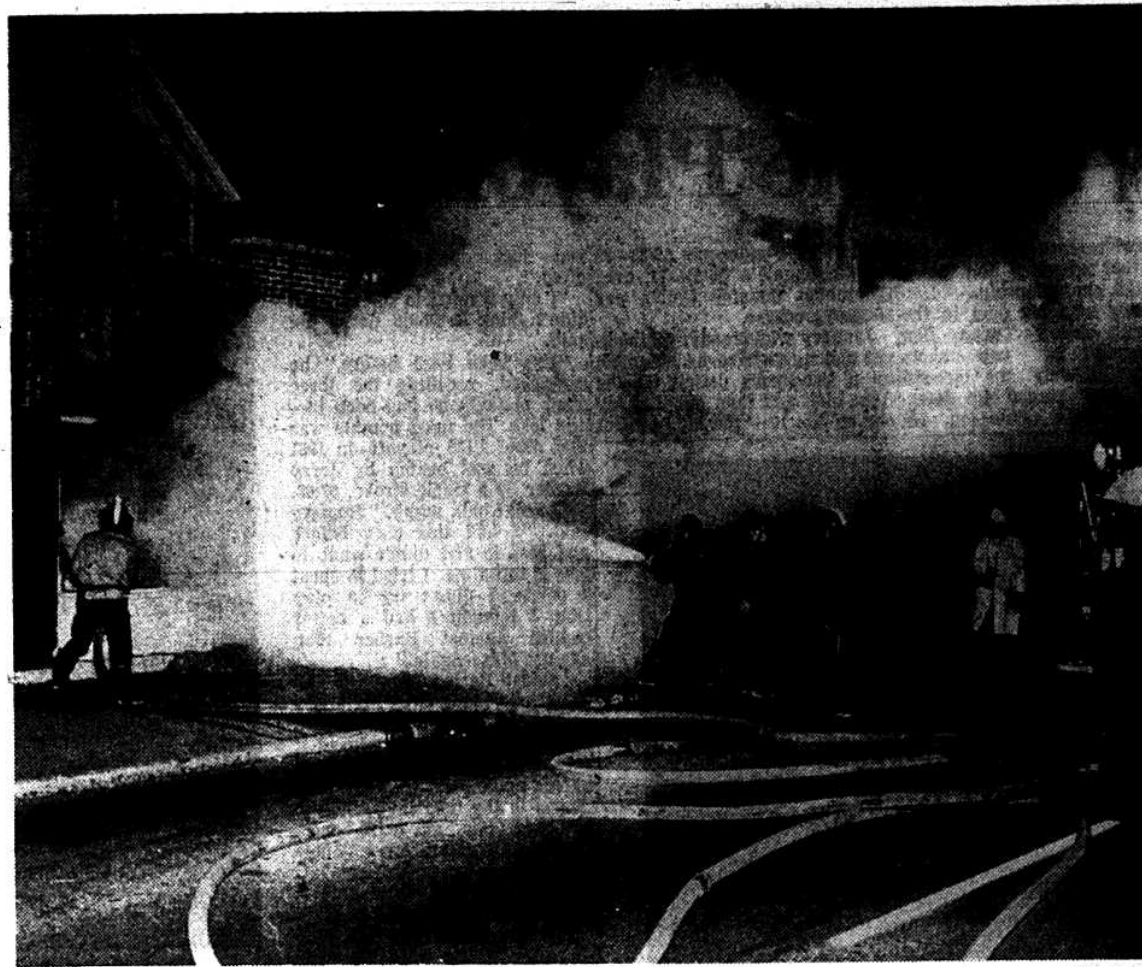
Supt. Johnson ordered about 1:30 a.m. that all service stations still open be closed, to prevent access to gasoline for arson purposes, and a guard was placed on the State Liquor Control Commission office and warehouse at 1250 Front Ave. NW. There was one report of theft of liquor from Kaufman's Pharmacy, 944 Grandville Ave. SW.

Johnson said the trouble apparently originated from a gang of about 75 youths congregated at Delaware St. and S. Division Ave. Through the hours of darkness, police had to deal with small as 10 to 15, as many as 100.



Police Supt. William Johnson, Outwardly Calm, Muses Disorder Cause

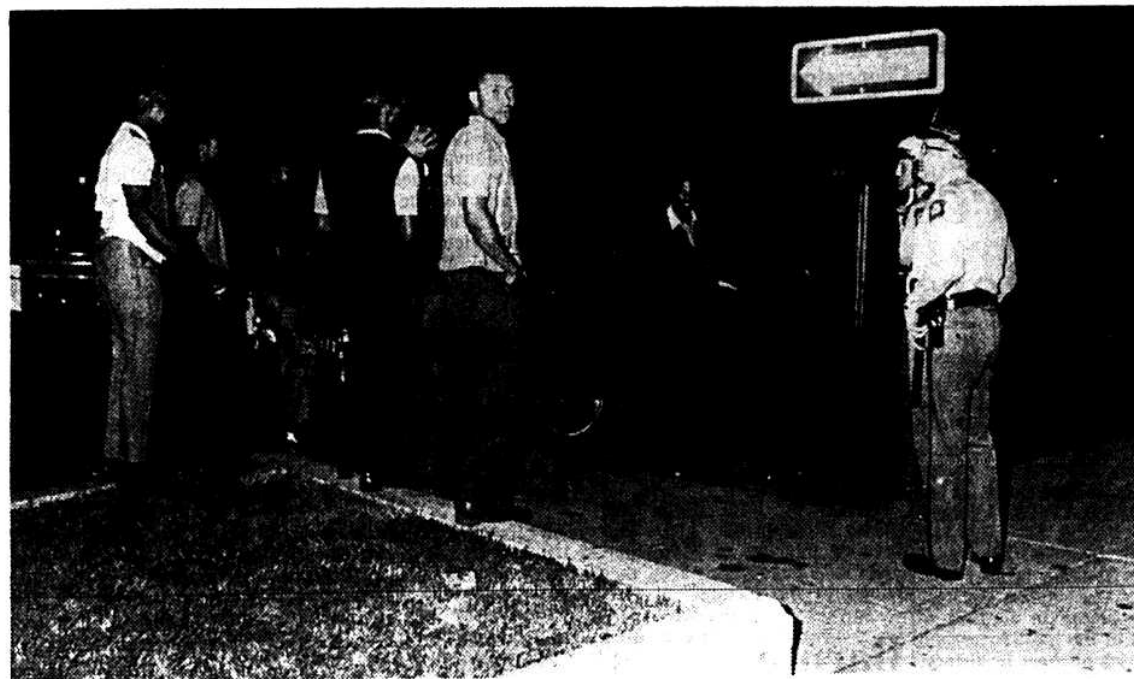




—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

**FIREMEN BATTLE BLAZE** — A pall of smoke rolls toward firemen early Tuesday as they battle an incendiary blaze which caused about \$5,500 damage to a used clothing store at 1010 S. Division Ave.

The building, owned by Anna Pine, was the scene of one of 11 blazes battled by firemen at the height of a series of racial disturbances on the city's South Side. Another picture on page 11.



—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

**WAITING AROUND** — Negro youths and Grand Rapids policemen Edward Glynn and Frank Woronko

stand at Sycamore St. and South Division Ave. during a lull in the action Monday night.

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# Disturbance "No Uprising"

Consensus among people involved in the inner city scene of Monday night's disturbance is that the trouble was more of a spillover from the Detroit riots rather than a concentrated, organized uprising.

"These people were reacting to Detroit," said Raymond Tardy, director of the Sheldon Complex.

Tardy believes the city has made good progress in the area of equal opportunities but perhaps more importantly, feels "progress both mentally and physically has been made. There has been overall progress."

"But you've got to remember that cities have problems and this is a city."

At least one problem was pointed up by Carl Smith, a Junior College student and worker in the Sheldon Complex.

Smith says the city could help

cool potential troublemakers by making some recreational facilities more available. "The summer programs are great, but they're not going to solve the problems." He said two city swimming pools at Campau and

Lincoln parks should be opened during the evenings. The pools are closed at night.

The trouble Monday night, Smith believes, "was a manifestation of young people who say 'Hell, they're throwing bricks in other cities, we might as well throw some here.'"

Wendell Verduin, director of the Community Action Program for United Community Services, also feels the pools should be opened.

"In fact, we're going before the City Commission today to ask that the pools be lighted and open evenings and Saturdays," he said.

"While there's no excuse for lawlessness and civil disobedience, the fact is that there's nothing for people in the inner city to do in the evening. The kids end up shooting craps in a dark corner. I'm just amazed this type of thing hasn't happened here before."

Verduin said that most of the troublemakers were young people. "Actually, this thing last night reminds me more of the Halloween pranks we used to pull when I was a kid. These kids are using the civil rights question as an excuse to let off steam."

There have been reliable reports from CAP field workers that there were outsiders involved in the night's activities, Verduin said, "although whether it's organized or whether it's people who've just come into town, we don't know."

Much of the rioting occurring early Tuesday, Verduin said, is merely part of a self-fulfilling prophecy. "Everybody's been talking about riots for so long and, when's it going to happen here, that finally it's just got to happen."

Verduin said he was thankful more people had not been injured. "I think the Grand Rapids police department handled itself very commendably. They did a tremendous job."

Paul Phillips, director of the Grand Rapids Urban League, said the city's trouble "was a spillover from Detroit."

He warned, however, that it should not be overlooked.

"It's a symptom of deeper problems that we've been talking to the community about for years. Slum living, education and jobs. If you remove the causes, and I believe these are some of the causes, you can prevent this kind of lawlessness. I hope this was an isolated thing, but I'm certainly not overlooking it."

Why? Was the big question following the tense night of marauding bands in the city's Negro section. Other opinions garnered at the scene early Tuesday are reported in a story on next page.

## Gear Trouble Suspends Flight

A United Airlines Viscount carrying about 35 passengers abandoned a scheduled landing at Kent County Airport when cockpit indicator lights showed the landing gear had not locked properly.

The plane, flight 729 from Detroit, returned to Detroit where it landed safely.

A UAL spokesman said the plane, which was to have gone on to Chicago from here, returned to Detroit because Kent County Airport lacks proper equipment to tow such a plane from its runways.

## Corrects Name

Gerald H. Vroma was incorrectly listed as the father of Stephen J. Vroma, 23, of 1128 Colrain St. SW, who pleaded guilty of burglarizing Perrin's the Food Land store in Grandville. The father's correct name is Gerry Vroma.



**GALLERIA LUISA** — Ramona Shopping Center. Metal Sculptures of William Bowie through August. Daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**HEFNER ART GALLERY** — Metz Building. Reynold Weidenaar Oils and etchings. Daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Saturdays through August.

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## Plea Changed

George Black, 27, of 441 Fifth St. NW, changed his plea Tuesday in Circuit Court to guilty of larceny by conversion over \$100. He was continued on \$500 bond pending presentence investigation. The charge involved a car valued at \$300, property of Marshall Motors Inc. and the offense occurred here June 17.

## Sentencing Due

Clarence Hughes Jr., 41, of 115 Waverly St. SE, changed his plea in Circuit Court to guilty of a charge of felonious assault on the husband of his ex-wife with a tire iron in Grand Rapids on May 27. He was released on \$1,000 bond pending presentence investigation.

## Woman, 55, Found Dead At Roadside

Mrs. Fred Koster, 55, of 8213 Kalamazoo Ave. SE was found dead at 5 p.m. Monday in a roadside ditch about a half block from her house, sheriff's deputies said.

The cause of death has not yet been determined and it is thought Mrs. Koster may have suffered a heart attack while walking.

She had been missing since about 9:30 a.m., deputies said. The body was discovered by a young man driving a tractor along the road.

The body is at the DeVries Funeral Home. Services will be held there Thursday.

Mrs. Koster is survived by her husband, Fred.

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## **Why the Racial Trouble?**

# **'It Doesn't Make Sense'**

By **ROBERT ALT**

Even as the tension in the Negro section of Grand Rapids was at its height Tuesday morning, the question of why the trouble started was being raised.

Most laid it directly to lawlessness and the irresponsible action of young people eager for an excuse to vent anger.

Sonny Wheatley of 45 Franklin St. SW, who was on the street, said the trouble began when youths in Campau Park started throwing bottles at passing autos.

"What are they trying to prove?" he asked. "It doesn't make sense."

All along South Division Ave. little groups of young Negroes stood at street corners and jeered police.

"Take my picture! Take my picture!" screamed one girl to a news photographer.

Periodically, rocks and bottles would rain down on the street and through store windows. Police would move quickly to where the suspected throwers were thought to be.

At Wealthy St. and Sheldon St. and S. Division Ave. SE, a gas bomb damaged a panel truck parked in the Jack Keller Ford lot. The interior of the truck was charred. Why did it happen?

At Franklin St. and S. Division Ave., three young Negroes offered different versions.

One said it was because there were no recreation spots for young people at night.

Another said it was because there are few job opportunities for Negroes.

And one said it was because liquor prices are too high.

None of those who talked wanted to be identified.

"The talk is all over," shouted one youth.

"The talk should have started when we started moving north."

Another young man said he didn't think there was going to be any rioting in Grand Rapids.

He was up the avenue toward Franklin, one young man muttered.

"All I want is a shirt. And I'm going to get me one out of that store." He pointed to a clothing store whose windows were smashed across the sidewalk.

A little after 3 a.m., a bus from the Kent County Sheriff's Department rolled up at An-

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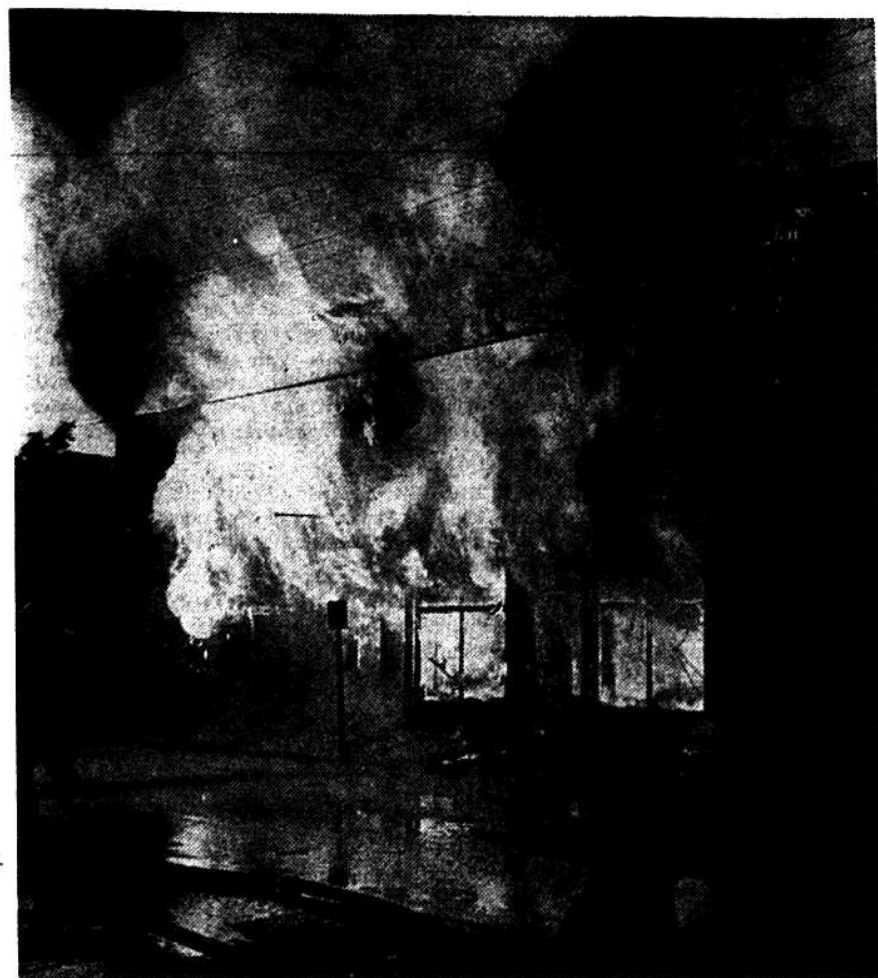
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## City Rioting Brought Under Control



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"DEFINITELY NOT SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION", one officer said as a second-hand clothing store in the 200-block of Hall St. SE was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The fire apparently started on the roof, giving rise to theories of arson and fire-bombs.

### 44 Are Hurt, 213 Arrested

#### Curfew, Bans Extended, Spread to Other Suburbs

Rioting in Grand Rapids was brought firmly under control by magnificent police work late Tuesday following an afternoon of rampage by mobs of Negroes.

The injury list in the two days of trouble in the south-east area totaled 44, with 27 more hurt Tuesday, six by gunfire. The disorder also resulted in 213 arrests, 54 in the first night of disturbance and the rest Tuesday.

#### Liquor, Gas Ban Continues

The state of emergency declared by Gov. Romney Tuesday, covering Grand Rapids, East Grand Rapids and Wyoming was extended Wednesday to include Kentwood and the townships of Grand Rapids and Plainfield.

Mayor Sonneveldt, who announced the change Wednesday noon said the previous 10 p.m. curfew was moved back to 9 p.m. and there will be an absolute prohibition on sale of gasoline in the areas covered by the emergency declaration after 9 p.m. Other restrictions, including ban on sale of intoxicants and firearms, continue in force.

#### No Meeting With Rioters

The mayor spiked rumors that he and law enforcement officers had held a meeting with "riot leaders" Wednesday forenoon.

"We wish we knew who they are," he declared.

Ira W. Jackson, general manager of Grand Rapids City Coach Lines, Inc., said the decision to set the Wednesday night curfew at 9 p.m. means the last buses will leave Campau Square at 8:25 p.m.

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POLICE PRISONERS at S. Division Ave. and Wealthy St. broke and scuffled with officers when ordered to board a bus for jail. Only 10 of the 30 were recaptured.

## UCS Board Approves 2 Community Centers



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City Coach Lines, Inc., officials reported bus runs through the troubled areas returned to normal Wednesday. There also was resumption of summer school classes.

Tuesday the mobs lobbed gasoline-filled bottles to start fires, smash cars and trucks, looted business establishments, pelted police and firemen with rocks and bottles and fired gunshots occasionally.

#### Wounded by Gunfire

Those wounded by the gunfire included two and possibly three members of the Task Force, a group made up of Negro young men whose aim is to quell disturbances in the Negro area and who were aiding police Tuesday.

Fred S. Brown, 22, of 838 Baxter St. SE, suffered a cheek wound by gunshot and was treated at St. Mary's Hospital. Harold Morris, 30, of 800 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, was wounded in the left shoulder and was treated at St. Mary's.

Jessie Chaffin, 43, of 731 Lafayette St. SE, also believed to be a Task Force member, was injured slightly when a bullet apparently grazed his right cheek. He was treated at St. Mary's.

#### Policeman Hurt Seriously

Most seriously injured of the police officers was Patrolman James Billings, 23, who suffered a skull fracture, when two cruisers collided as they rushed to answer a trouble call from a fellow officer. Billings was in fair condition Wednesday.

Others hurt in the crash were Patrolman Clark Elenbaas, 24, who was admitted at St. Mary's for treatment of a chest injury and was in fair condition, Patrolman Paul Barr, 26, also admitted and in fair condition with lacerations of the face and arm, and Patrolman Steve Sprangenberg, 23, treated for a leg injury.

#### The Turning Point

Turning point in the disturbance came at 10:30 p.m. when a large force of police charged a mob in the Sycamore St., Jefferson Ave. SE area.

"We broke the back of this thing when we went in there," said Capt. Francis Pierce, commander of the city's Alert Squad, who led the attack.

Sniper fire crackled throughout the night.

Police and fire officials praised responsible residents in the area for their cooperation in reporting fires and other incidents.

#### Most Peaceful

The vast majority of the city's 20,000 Negro population stayed peaceful and no single mob exceeded 200 persons.

The fire department snuffed 52 blazes and total fire damage is estimated at more than \$500,000. Chief Adrian Meyers said the entire complement of 308 men and 28 pieces of equipment turned out. They were on the streets almost constantly during the period from 2 to 11 p.m. and were sent from one arson-caused blaze to the next.

Weary firemen received good protection from equally tired police, Meyers said.

Harassment of firefighters by disorderly Negroes was constant. Their arrival at a fire was greeted by hurled

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### The Full Story of GR Violence

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- An eerie stillness envelops Grand Rapids.

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- The first 31 arrested in disorders arraigned quickly.

# UCS Board Approves 2 Community Centers

A recommendation to build two community centers to house health, welfare, and education services in the inner-city area was approved Tuesday by the Board of Directors of United Community Services, as recommended by Neighborhood Community Center Study Committee.

Presented by Committee Chairman, David Hunting Sr., the report concluded, "There is critical need for more adequate neighborhood community center facilities to provide a comprehensive pattern of health, welfare, and education services to citizens residing in the inner city."

Recommended locations were the Sheldon Complex area, near the Board of Education's planned South Middle School, and the vicinity of Sibley Elementary School.

Committee study showed the inner city has the highest concentration of persons with economic and social problems that need to be solved.

The committee found that residents with the greatest need for community services often don't receive them because they lack transportation, don't know about the services, have inadequate arrangements for child care or are unable to visit a variety of agencies scattered through the community.

"The experience of the community in establishing neighborhood centers through the Community Action-Program," the report stated, "demonstrates that this is an effective approach and should be expanded."

Many additional agencies have indicated interest in providing or expanding their services through such a center. Present community center buildings, however, are not adequate for existing programs, the report stated, and could not accommodate additional services.

The report called for a broad base of community support, at least countywide.

Recommending a wide range of services in each center, the report suggested the following might be included: public welfare; Community Action Program, including urban agents; public health; legal services; planned parenthood; employment service; job development and training; community volunteers; educational services; Neighborhood Youth Corps; Urban League block clubs, housing clinic, etc.; Big Brothers and Big Sisters; family services; Human Relations Commission; city planning; urban renewal, relocation; senior citizen programs, day care; group work agencies such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls; other social agencies such as YWCA, YMCA, Catho-

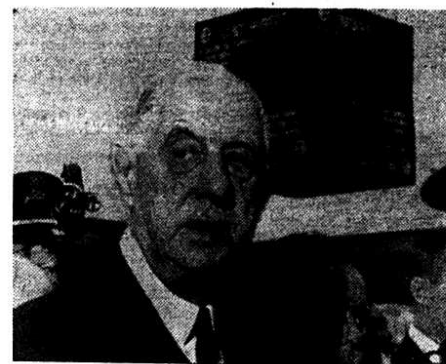
lic Social Services, Child Guidance Clinic, Council on Alcoholism; recreational services, lounge meeting rooms for classes and self-help activities and office space for other programs.

Because of its experience in the operation of community centers, UCS was recommended as the "logical agency" to administer the program. Operating

funds could be obtained from rent charged participating agencies, the report stated.

Building funds for multipurpose neighborhood facilities are provided under Section 703 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, with grants covering up to two-thirds of the project cost or three-fourths of

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—AP Wirephoto.

## DeGaulle Cancels Ottawa Trip Flying Home

# De Gaulle Cuts Visit to Canada

MONTREAL (AP) — Gen. Charles de Gaulle is returning to France, skipping a face-to-face meeting with his rebuker, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

A government source reported this Wednesday and it was in effect confirmed by a member of the French president's party. This development came about eight hours before De Gaulle was to arrive in Ottawa for a ceremonial greeting from top Canadian officials. It was just 14 hours after Pearson had issued a statement rebuking the general for his cry, "Long live free Quebec!" at Montreal.

Pearson said statements by De Gaulle "are unacceptable to the Canadian people and its government."

Wednesday a spokesman for the French Foreign Office, who accompanied De Gaulle to Montreal, said "The word 'unacceptable' itself is unacceptable."

The DeGaulle trip got off on the wrong foot from the start. The Canadian government wanted him to come to Ottawa first, as a token of respect for the national government and then go on to Montreal and Quebec. Instead De Gaulle insisted on landing from a French cruiser at Quebec and then going on to Montreal, the largest French-speaking city in the world outside Paris. The schedule he approved then called for him to go to Ottawa by train, arriving late today for a state dinner and other ceremonial functions.

Under the revised plans, De Gaulle is returning home directly from Montreal.

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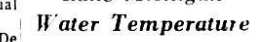
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## 2 Men Clinging To Boat Saved

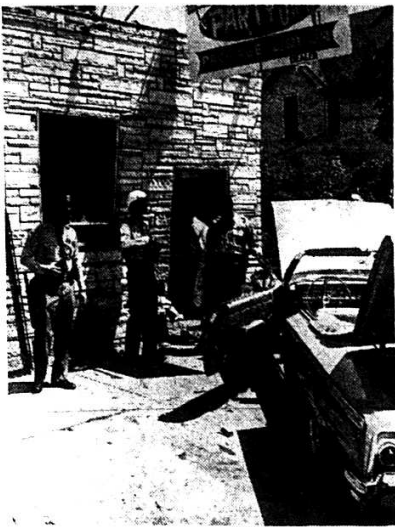
ALPENA (AP) — Two men were rescued Tuesday after spending 12 hours drifting on Thunder Bay, clinging to a caper-sized sailboat. Charles White, Alpena, and Harry Hill, Lansing ran into a thunderstorm on Lake Huron Monday night and were capsized.

## Lake Michigan Water Temperature



Swiss Steak Dinner Thurs. \$1.39. Varsity Cafeteria. —Adv.





—Grand Rapids Press Photographer

**STOLEN AND SMASHED** — Police officials seal the smashed entryway of Kal's Party Store, 712 Jefferson Ave. SE, after Negro youths commandeered a car, assaulted its occupants and rammed the auto into the locked liquor store.

## Boys Seize Car, Smash Into Store

It began simply enough, Jim Kissingner, 18, accompanied by his brother Dennis, 14, Marvin Hodges, 14, and Michael Haight, got in Jim's late-model convertible Tuesday afternoon to drive down to Burton Street and pick up his sister. The top was down, it was a pretty summer afternoon.

They never got there. Jim told this story.

"I started down Jefferson Ave. and had driven by Wealthy and Pleasant St. when some (Negro) kids came out, seemingly from nowhere. They were just all over.

"A bread truck stopped in front of me and they pulled a car up behind us on Jefferson and then we couldn't back up. They just began jumping in the car, swearing, saying we didn't belong in this district and hauled us out of the car. My brother, Dennis, got hit in the head by a rock I got hit by something in the back. Marv suffered a slight concussion. We found out later.

"I found out at the hospital they took my car and drove it into a liquor store. They did take my wallet, but there wasn't any money in it. We never did get to pick up my sister."

Police arrived at the scene in

time to prevent extensive looting and trucks were used to haul the liquor away for safe-keeping.

## Crash Near Ann Arbor Kills Six

ANN ARBOR (AP)—Six persons were killed early Wednesday when the car in which they were riding veered off a rural road and flipped over several times about three miles north-east of Ann Arbor.

A seventh passenger, Robert Wolfe, 20, of Niles, is listed in critical condition at University Hospital.

Killed were four young men belong in this district and hauled us out of the car. My brother, Dennis, got hit in the head by a rock I got hit by something in the back. Marv suffered a slight concussion. We found out later.

Deputies said it was not known what caused the accident, but several skid marks were visible weaving back and forth over the centerline before the auto careened over the left shoulder and rolled over.

## Reaction to Violence

● Romney says President Johnson withheld U.S. troops from Detroit to hurt Romney's national prestige. Page 4.

● Rep. Law, who killed Negro youth attempting to break into store, expresses remorse. Page 8.

● Stokely Carmichael says Negroes plan a guerrilla "fight to the death." Page 30.

● Romney agrees wave of race riots across state will necessitate an upward revision of the state budget. Page 31.

● Black marketing of loot is rampant in Detroit. Page 32.

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● Republicans, Democrats blame each other for Detroit riots. Page 54.

● Newspapers throughout the world feature race trouble in the United States. Page 60.

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● Reporter accuses police of "stupidity" in the riot area. Page 65.

● Detroit Negroes face critical food shortage. Page 65.

● Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. urges national agency to "end unemployment totally and completely." Page 67.

● Romney fears violence was planned and organized. Page 80.

## Injury Total Reaches 44 In Two Days

A total of 27 persons was treated Tuesday in connection with the outbreak of violence in the Negro neighborhoods along S. Division Ave.

The injury list totaled 44 for the two days of fire-bombing, looting and sniper fire.

The hospitals' lists of injured Tuesday night and early Wednesday include:

Cleveland Mays, 24, of Lafayette Ave. SE, reportedly shot in the abdomen on Cass Ave. SE about 10:50 p.m. Tuesday and taken to Blodgett Memorial Hospital by a friend. Mays was reported in serious condition following surgery.

Fred S. Brown, 22, of 838 Baxter St. SE, a member of Task Force, was shot in the cheek and treated at St. Mary's Hospital.

Harold Morris, 30, of 800 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, was treated for a gunshot wound in the left shoulder at St. Mary's.

Jessie Chaffin, 43, of 731 Lafayette Ave. SE, received a superficial wound in the right cheek and was also treated at St. Mary's.

Oliver Roosevelt, 16, of 20 Canton St. SE, was treated for a gunshot wound in the buttocks at St. Mary's.

**Suffers Leg Wound**

Tony Martinez, 48, of 38 Graham St. SW, was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital with a gunshot wound in the right leg. He's in good condition.

Cal Visser, 43, of 4312 N. Division Ave. was reported in good condition at St. Mary's Hospital with abrasions.

Others treated at local hospitals include:

John Belcher, 21, 1311 Jefferson Ave. SE, foot and hand injuries at St. Mary's.

Patrick Mooney, 69, of 309 Lafayette Ave. SE, a head injury from a rock thrown through his windshield. St. Mary's.

Vernon Sandy, 51, of 260 Eastern Ave. SE, left ear and shoulder lacerations. St. Mary's.

Floyd Visser, 17, of 4312 N. Division Ave., scalp and head injury. St. Mary's.

Theodore Inge, 17, of 1017 Sheldon Ave. SE, arm and hand injuries. St. Mary's.

James Wells, 27, of 127 Northbrook St. SE, ankle injury from thrown rock. St. Mary's.

Dick McFarland, 28, of 3764 Hilltop Ct. NE, multiple body injuries from a severe beating. St. Mary's.

William Gren, 21, of 1206 Cass Ave. SE, lacerations, at Butterworth.

Michael Evans, 18, of 819 Grandville Ave. SW, head injuries. Butterworth.

James Kissingner, 18 and Dennis Kissingner, 14, both of 177 Corinne St. SW, rock injuries. St. Mary's.

Bruce Slot, 18, of 1345 Giddings Ave. SE, a nose injury at St. Mary's.

Marvin Hodges, 14, of 153 Corinne St. SE, slight concussion. St. Mary's.

**Four Hurt in Collision**

Four patrolmen were injured when two cruisers collided. They are:

Patrolman James Billings, 23, a skull fracture. He was reported in fair condition at St. Mary's.

Patrolman Clark Elenbaas, 24, in fair condition with chest injuries.

Patrolman Paul Barr, 26, lacerations of the face and arm, fair condition.

Patrolman Steve Sprangenberg, 23, leg injury, released.

Three more police officers, injured in separate skirmishes with rioters were treated at St. Mary's. They are:

Harold Kruthoff, 25, injured left knee hit by a bottle.

Peter Douse, 31, injury to his right ankle incurred while chasing a sniper across rooftops.

Michael Bieri, 26, injured right

## Police Control Disorderly Mobs

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missiles and one fireman was shot at. Hoses were cut and equipment damaged and the chief said he would have pulled his men out and "let the buildings burn" if the danger had become unreasonable.

Many of the fires were set by home-made firebombs. It became apparent early in the day such bombs would be a danger. As early as 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, police confiscated 45 wine bottles filled with gasoline at 1400 Madison Avenue, SE. Two juveniles were arrested who, police said, had a hose running from a car's gas tank into the basement, where they were filling the bottles.

The police force which "broke the back," of the rioting, at least for the night, was composed of city, and state police and sheriff's deputies. They formed, under the leadership of Pierce, by a command truck in front of 421 S. Division Ave.

Pierce, armed with a 9 millimeter Beretta machine gun gave the order, "Let's go! Everybody into the area!" and the squadron moved into the mob.

**Lights Shot Out**

A few shots were fired into the air, mostly by police, and several street lights, which were silhouetting officers, were shot out.

"When we went into the area in force, they seemed to evaporate and we broke it up right there," Pierce said.

Thus, the disturbance was contained without the expected appearance of National Guard troops.

Lt. Gov. William Milliken, after surveying the situation and conferring with city and police officials earlier in the evening, said, "The plan to bring in the National Guard has been temporarily called off and delayed. If the situation worsens, any action necessary will be taken."

Milliken said he shared the concern of those who believe the guard should be called in, but said the situation was under control and present strength would be able to maintain the control.

The predicted police force of 250 men swelled to 450 early Tuesday night with the arrival of 200 battle-hardened state troopers from Detroit.

Between 100 and 125 Grand Rapids police were in the riot area, and were backed up by 30 sheriff's deputies, 30 members of the sheriff's reserve, and 15 to 20 members of the Traffic Squad. Suburban departments, including East Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Walker, Spring Lake and Cedar Springs contributed 30 men.

Inspector Robert Anderson said the officers were given a rest break after daylight Tuesday, but were called back in the afternoon. When trouble began, manpower was low but was quickly replenished, first by calling in the regular second relief early and later by the re-arrival of the state and suburban policemen.

Although many break-ins were reported, looting was held to a minimum.

Imposition of the 10 p.m. curfew, and its strict enforcement throughout the night, seemed to play a major role in controlling the situation.

Inspector Robert Anderson said at least six police cruisers had windows broken and several cars were badly dented.

Most of the daytime activity, as at night, centered along Jefferson Ave. SE, especially in the Sycamore-Buckley Sts. area. This is a residential-corner, grocery store type neighborhood three blocks east of S. Division Ave., the scene of the first troubles after midnight Tuesday.

At about 1 p.m. Kamm's Superette, Sycamore St. and Jefferson Ave. SE, caught fire, apparently as a result of some kind of firebomb being thrown through a window. The store's owners said they watched mobs stoning cars passing through the intersection for about an hour before they heard rear windows break and the building caught fire.

As firemen fought the blaze, they were watched by about 200 Negroes of all ages. Police with shotguns stood guard and there were no significant incidents at this time.

A truck was stopped on Jefferson near Sycamore, its driver pulled out and the truck wrecked by a band of Negro youths.

The mood of the crowd grew darker as the day wore on. Weary police rushed from one fire to another as the mobs threatened firemen.

**Urges Moving Crowd**

At 4:30, the crowd again swelled to about 200 on Jefferson and became increasingly agitated. Officers were cursed and some were hit with rocks.

Several canisters of tear gas were fired and the crowd dispersed, only to regroup in the next block.

In front of the Brown Funeral Home on Jefferson, Capt. Pierce walked among the rioters, casually gripping his weapon by the end of the barrel.

A Negro minister went up to Pierce and they smilingly shook hands in the center of the street.

"Can't you move these people out of here?" the minister inquired.

"If you want a pitched battle we can," Pierce replied.

As the conversation continued, several Task Force members angrily approached Pierce with grievances. The Task Force is a group of Negro youths who have been aiding



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Pierce drew them to one side of the street to hear them out. The Task Force complained of some of the police handling of the situation, and especially the earlier arrest of a teen-age girl.

## Alone in Crowd

He finally extricated himself from the milling and three more cruisers pulled into the area and the task of "moving" began anew.

By Wednesday morning, Rep. Gerald R. Ford, on request of Police Chief Johnson, was trying to get permission of the Secretary of the Army to use facilities at Ft. Custer near Battle Creek to house prisoners arrested in the disorders. Johnson said the city lockup has a capacity of 27, and more than 100 prisoners are being held there. Kent County Jail is supposed to be equipped to handle 240 prisoners and the building is being taxed far beyond that capacity with the addition of about 135 persons picked up in the lootings and burnings.

Of this second group, six were charged with curfew violations. The others were charged under disorderly ordinances ranging from intoxication, to defacing property and to uttering vile and profane language at a police officer.

riots and similar violence elsewhere pointed to a national failure to do our part "to remove the causes of all this unrest."

He said they also stressed the need for public to support the police in "quelling it at once . . . when this criminal activity takes place."

Of Negroes participating in the riots Eisenhower said: "We want to see that they have all the economic and political rights that they are entitled to under the Constitution . . . but we cannot stand rebellion. It must be stamped out."

The news conference followed the former chief executive's condemnation of the racial violence as a "most shameful outcropping of lawlessness" and said it is threatening to destroy the nation. Page 24.

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cost in designated "redevelopment areas."

To initiate action, the report recommended the city be asked to apply to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant to cover detailed planning for the final proposal.

While plans were being prepared, the UCS would assume the responsibility of obtaining a wide base of local matching support and mobilize a campaign for funds.

Members of Hunting's committee included: Wallace Chamberlain, Raymond Crockford, Loree Glover, Mrs. Doris Joseph, Rev. T. Kozlowski, Honorable John Letts, Thomas Mathieu, Mrs. Robert J. McBain, Edward McCobb, Rev. Ned McKenney, Frederik G. H. Meijer, William Post, Thomas Roach, Franklin Wallin and Rev. John V. Williams.

Serving as consultants were Frank Christensen, Dick Courter, Mrs. Kay Hagbom, Rupert Kettle, Cassell Lawson, Milton Miller, W. B. Prothro, M. D. and Raymond Tardy.



## Editorial Page

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### The Trouble Is Symptomatic

The raging disorder on Grand Rapids streets is, without question, a spillover from the rioting in Detroit. The arson, looting and destruction that started in Detroit Sunday morning ignited a spirit of lawlessness here that has been lying only slightly below the surface in a few Negroes for a long time.

It is important to stress the fact that only a few actually have been responsible for the disturbances here. Some of those involved were children so young they didn't have any real idea of what they were doing. The great majority in the Negro community is law-abiding. And if there is fear in the city it is no more evident than it is among the law-abiding Negro citizens. That fear is compounded of a realization of the physical and material damage they might suffer and concern over the recriminations that might be visited on them by the white community only because of the color of their skin.

If there is one thing this community now must guard against it is the attitude that the lawless behavior of a few Negro citizens has made a mockery of civil rights and that everything that has been done up to this point to improve the Negro's social and economic standing has been a waste of time, money and effort. There is no justification for such an attitude, which is, in any case, merely race prejudice coming to the surface.

There must be no compromising with the forces of disorder. Those found guilty of crimes, whether committed as isolated acts of lawlessness or in the spirit of a mob, must be treated just as all criminals are treated at other times. There is no acceptable excuse for banditry or the like, ever.

At the same time, it is the responsibility of the community

to employ every means at its command to prevent mass outbreaks of lawlessness. And by any standard, this city has mobilized its available forces and has invoked the law with commendable speed. The superb way in which the Police Department responded to the challenge undoubtedly helped save lives and property. The prompt way, too, in which the Sheriff's Department, the police forces in East Grand Rapids and Wyoming and the State Police responded to the city's call for help not only rates high praise; it also attests to the ability of the metropolitan district to organize against a common danger.

The restrictions placed on the sale of gasoline, the shutting off of all liquor supplies, the curfew ordered for Grand Rapids—these are all sane and obviously indicated measures. Such steps won't in themselves prevent further outbreaks. But they can help greatly to keep the situation within bounds.

Vigilance, total and constant, is called for. But there should be no disposition to dismiss the unrest as merely seasonal. The police and other emergency units can treat only the symptoms in situations of this kind. There remains the problem of getting at the causes. For while it undoubtedly is true that the lawlessness here was inspired by the disastrous outbreaks that have afflicted Detroit, New York's Harlem, Newark, Rochester and other cities, it is no less true that the seeds of trouble have been germinating for a long time. It is the responsibility of the community, Negro and white citizens alike, to uncover the causes—and to emphasize that not temporary palliatives but long-range programs are the key to interracial understanding and community progress.



# Gunfire Fractures Curfew-Induced Silence

By ROBERT ALT

The story of Grand Rapids Tuesday night was a story of silence that was weird and frightening when it was fractured by gunfire.

From a hill on Ransom Ave. NE around 6 p.m. one looked down on church spires touched with late afternoon sun, trees that were unmoving in the still air, and people sitting quietly on doorsteps watching long puffs of smoke burst upward, black against the sky, from a fire seven blocks south.

It wasn't much different down on Jefferson Ave. SE where a

fire in an auto supply store raged red, orange and black.

People sat on their porches munching fruit, watching the firemen pour water on the building. It was a total wreck.

Another fire broke out in a building on Hall St. and Lafayette Ave. SE. The dense smoke covered the neighborhood. Again it was quiet. People merely stood around.

A policeman warned that curfew was approaching and everybody had to be off the street.

"Tonight we're not playing around," he said. "You'd better be off the streets."

There was no arguing. Every one who had to be in went and only a few policemen cradling carbines and the firemen with their roaring hoses remained.

At 9:55 p.m., S. Division Ave. was deserted. Reggie Gatling, director of Kentfield Rehabilitation Program, said, "The silence is too much. It's weird."

Near Wealthy St. and S. Division Ave., city police, state troopers and officers from other agencies such as Spring Lake stood near their cars and awaited orders from Capt. Francis Pierce, commander of riot control activity.

The men were divided into

tactical mobile units of four cars with four policemen in each car. The cars were assigned certain areas to patrol.

Tactical unit 3, led by Claude Fultz of the Grand Rapids force, drove into the southeast area and eventually cornered a car in an alley west of Jefferson Ave.

There were four youths in the car. Michigan State policemen forced the youths against the car while Kent County sheriff's deputies searched the vehicle.

Four cases of cold beer were found in the auto's trunk. "I was just driving down this alley and I found the beer sitting

there," explained the driver.

The four youths were placed in patrol cars and taken into custody.

Men were reported in a nearby tire store. Police found, however, that they were store employees bearing shotguns to ward off looters and vandals.

According to reports there were many armed store owners. An auto dealer on S. Division Ave. was seen pacing back and forth across his brightly lit showroom.

At Wealthy St. and Lake Dr. SE, a gas station operator said his merchant association

had urged store owners to occupy their building Tuesday night. And to be armed.

Tuesday night, however, was much different from the previous night of trouble with its large gangs of youths roaming through the streets.

After the curfew went into effect, the people melted into houses. The silence was oppressively heavy and one woman said, "It's too quiet. I don't like it. Something's going to blow sure."

And then it came. What has to be one of the most frightening sounds to any civilized man

is shooting in the streets. There was firing and at every crack police would duck behind car doors or into darkened doorways.

A hotbed of troublemakers was reported in the Sycamore St. and Jefferson Ave. area.

Capt. Pierce ordered his men to approach the area and get the troublemakers.

One officer protested that a few carloads of police was not enough.

"Then we'll all go in," Pierce said. "Everybody to Sycamore and Jefferson."

Carload after carload of police filed quickly down S. Division, their auto engines making a zooming sound as they were heavily accelerated. All lights were kept off.

On Sycamore the cars stretched between Sheldon and Jefferson Aves.

Gunfire cracked in the air. "Get those street lights!" yelled a policeman.

Immediately a chorus of shotgun blasts turned the dull lights a brilliant white and then a darkened shell.

Flashlight beams brushed across house fronts. More gunfire. All policemen were bunched against the sides of patrol cars.

"Get back in that house!" an officer yelled at someone. "Get back." Shotguns were fired into the air.

Some policemen crept along the sides of houses.

A state policeman knelt next to the side of his car and said, "I just got out of Detroit and I'm filled up to here with this stuff. I'm not taking anything from anybody."

There was more gunfire, including the puncturing "pong-pong" of a 30.06 rifle.

The house stood dark and one woman who dared peek out her curtains looked down the barrel of a shotgun. Her curtain snapped shut.

Again it was the silence broken only by the frightened howl of a hound dog and the clipped barking of a policeman's German Shepherd.

"All right, let's clear out of here," shouted someone.

The cars were quickly filled and moved back to S. Division.

Cars backed out and a few moved to Scottie's Restaurant that had been opened to policemen. Inside, a handful of employees quietly and efficiently doled out coffee, soup, ham, bread, cheese and Polish kielbasa to hungry officers.

"There's a lot of gunfire," said one patrolman.

A state policeman from Grand Haven looked into his coffee and said quietly, "We just got out of Detroit and that's a city that's no longer a city. Gunfire all over the place. We were in a group last night, pinned down by a sniper and two Detroit policemen got it. Right there. Right in our own group. Shot dead."

Someone let out a low whistle.



Grand Rapids Press Photographer

## Jefferson Focal Point Of Trouble

Street disturbances erupted in a widespread section in the city's near Southeast Side Tuesday, but the focus was on a three-block stretch of Jefferson Ave. SE between Pleasant and Sycamore Sts.

The section, where these pictures were taken in the most critical moments Tuesday afternoon, featured dozens of fires, unruly crowds which numbered in the hundreds, bottle and rock throwing, many arrests and occasional use of tear gas by helmeted policemen.

Angry Negro property owners periodically demanded that police, led by Capt. Francis Pierce, "clear the street," but Pierce, a tower of patience and tough diplomacy, kept the disorder from bursting into a "pitched battle."

## Tear Gas Swirls in Trouble Area

# Show of Police Strength Averts Greater Troubles

By WILLIAM SCHIFFEL

The second night of rioting in Grand Rapids was a case of numbers—more than 400 state and local police officers, sheriff's deputies and out-county units, and a seemingly equal number of rock and bottle throwers, arsonists, curfew violators and profane screamers.

There was little question in the minds of officers at the mobile command post at S. Division Ave. and McConnell St. that the vast array of men and equipment prevented any serious incidents and, for a time at least, broke the back of the potentially inflammatory situation.

"We just had to overpower them and come up with a show of force," Inspector Walter Gilbert said. "When they finally found out we weren't kidding, a good deal of the trouble stopped."

Most of the state troopers arrived direct from duty in Detroit, an experience which set tempers at an edge and provided for only a minimum amount of tolerance.

A young Negro was brought to the command post in the back seat of a state police cruiser. Although handcuffed he shouted obscenities at officers, fought with them and attempted to break away.

During the brief clash an officer smashed his fist into the man's face, knocking him prone on the pavement.

"Damn it, I'm just fed up with this sort of stuff," he muttered after the incident. "It's time these people learned we're not playing games with them."

While it was by no means the general rule, many of the hundreds arrested late Tuesday afternoon and into the evening

scuffled with the arresting officers, poured forth lengthy strings of obscenities and protested their innocence.

Indifference to police demands arose in most of the trouble spots. A Negro boy, about 16, was told three or four times to stay out of the way of firemen attempting to control a blaze at a second-hand clothing store in the 200-block of Hall St. SE. The boy smiled and each time moved away about three feet.

A throng of about 30 Negro adults were waiting, under police guard, at the corner of Division and Wealthy St. They were relatively peaceful until the bus arrived and the officers ordered them to board. In one mass they broke away, jeered at officers and, in at least two cases, attempted to strike them. After a brief fracas about 10 were loaded onto the bus.

Four boys, one of them who

said he was 16 years old, were apprehended and found to be in possession of a knife, a rifle and a length of chain. They were laughing and joking when they were seated in the bus.

About 1 a.m., when the area was almost quiet, a cruiser drove down Jefferson Ave. The back window of the car was a target of stone-throwing mobs earlier and was knocked out, so it was easy to hear from the darkness cries of "Hey, man, there's the fuzz," and "Hey, cop, over here."

The onlookers at several fires stood quietly for the most part while firemen attempted to save as much as possible of the old buildings. But always there were shouts of "Let the damn thing burn," and "Hey, baby, lookit the pretty fire."

The trouble which broke out in the afternoon abated around midnight. Only occasional re-

## Crisis Centers Near Flaming House

ports of arsonists were broadcast in addition to four or five reports of sniper firing and several of gangs of youths. Most of them proved to be either unfounded or the suspects had disappeared in the minute or two it took police to get to the scene.

Earlier, though, the police radios were crackling with calls. Between 7:30 and 8 p.m. most of the calls were along Division Ave. between Buckley St. and Grant St. A troop of about 20 officers responded to a report of looting at Wawee's East Market at 701 S. Division. They searched the building, found no one, and returned to the command post. Only seconds later they were off again, this time to arrest three Negro men found in a car with a shotgun, ammunition, and a gasoline at Wealthy St. and Ionia Ave.

A short time later several units responded to the fire on

Hall St., others raced off to check a report of five armed men in a car and others forced the inevitable sightseers off the street.

At one point the entire force mobilized to Sycamore St. Officers poured from the cars to check on possible snipers in the houses along the street, shot out at least three street lights and, after about 15 minutes, withdrew. There were no immediate arrests.

Out of the night's activities came one hope: the hope that the trouble has been permanently squelched. Capt. Francis Pierce, commander of the city's Alert Squad, summed up an oft-mentioned attitude:

"A lot of those people thought we were going to tolerate this sort of stuff. I think they know now they were mistaken."

## Pierce Swiftly Closes Trouble

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**COCKTAIL MIX** — Detective Claude Fultz, wearing riot gear, removes a can of gasoline from a car Tuesday. The gas is put in bottles to make Molotov cocktails.

## Plea Renewed On Youth Center

A citizen's query Tuesday prompted a renewed city administrative study of converting a vacant fire station at 322 Barclay Ave. NE for recreation use.

Miss Cleo Wood, a retired teacher, asked, "In view of the events (looting and vandalism) of the last 24 hours, is there any chance of reopening the question of using Fire House No. 2 for a youth center?"

The Board of Zoning Appeals on July 6 turned down a second appeal for use of the empty station as a coffee house and artistic center for teenagers and young adults.

Christian Outreach, Inc., had obtained a lease from the City

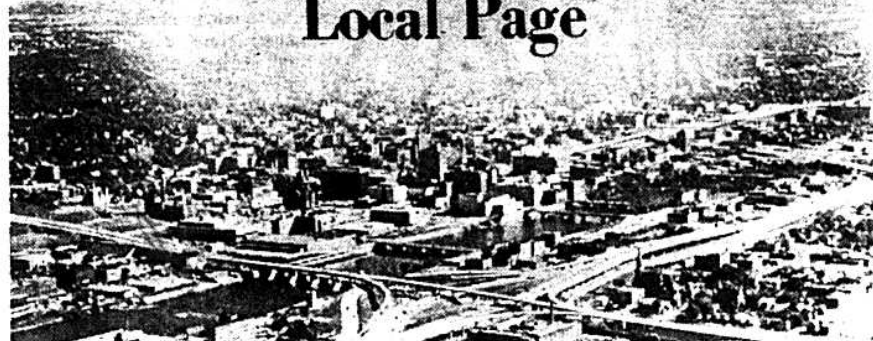
Commission for the youth center operation but the deal hinged on obtaining a variance from the zoning board.

First Ward Commissioner Bernard S. Barto pointed out the commission has no authority over zoning board decisions.

Third Ward Commissioner Berton Sevensma called for a report next week from City Manager Nabers on possible uses for the building, including city Recreation Department programs.

The coffee house-artistic center proposal stirred widespread protests from residents and merchants who expressed fears of noise and parking problems.

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### Contrast to Riot Center

## Stillness Envelops City

By BOB DAY

Grand Rapids was a city of striking contrast Tuesday night.

In the heart of the Negro district, the ghetto crowds surged, fires blazed, shots rang out and outnumbered police officers struggled to arrest troublemakers.

Downtown, before 10 p.m., there were a few cars moving and even fewer pedestrians. Stores were closed or empty, so were theaters.

The quiet was eerie and somehow forbidding.

Through it all ran a thread of fear and tension.

Armed and helmeted Grand Rapids policemen guarded police headquarters with the help of uniformed members of the Traffic Squad. Squads of state policemen stalked the deserted avenues, rifles balanced on their hips.

Cruisers, jammed with policemen raced back and forth with prisoners, rifle and shotgun barrels—and sometimes a flashing bayonet—jutting from the windows.

At 10 o'clock, the city went to bed.

Streets that had been virtually deserted became literally so. When the muted sound of traffic died away, the residential areas

became as peaceful as the countryside. The only sounds were an occasional dog's bark, the slam of a door.

The night was beautiful. Calm, cool and clear. But almost no one was outside to enjoy it.

Police cars roamed the darkness, stopping unexpectedly at the middle of a block to halt an oncoming car.

"Where are you going—what are you doing?" was the polite request. But there was steel behind the question, three other officers backed up the inquisitor.

Receiving a legitimate answer, the officer would wave the driver along with, perhaps, "You'd better be getting home."

But such encounters were rare, so few were those out after the curfew that accompanied the governor's proclamation of emergency here.

And so the city settled down, concerned about the tragedy that was occurring in its midst, some of its citizens angry, some sad at the circumstances that had brought about a pocket of searing agony in its midst, all dismayed by the fact that armed men had to walk the streets to keep the peace.

Grand Rapids, city of churches, a "good place to live," walks in fear.

## Pierce Swiftly Covers Trouble

By ED KOTLAR

It was almost 3 a.m., many of the weary police officers had been relieved, but, still, when the cruiser of alert squad leader Capt. Francis Pierce passed through the Sycamore St.-Jefferson Ave. SW area, shouts of "watch it, cops" could be heard from the shadows.

For the most part it seemed the riotous situation in the near southeast part of the city was under control in the early hours Wednesday.

### Some Still on Prowl

However, some would-be troublemakers were still on the prowl.

Pierce and his driver, Sgt. Bob Rowe, who has the driving ability to qualify for the Indianapolis 500, made continuous swift dashes through the area checking trouble.

Report of a break-in in progress at DeLand's TV Service sent Pierce's car, minus the

rear window from an earlier bombardment of stones, racing to 704 Hall St. SE. But it turned out to be just the owner checking his property.

Report of a fire and a man on the roof of a building in the area of Wealthy St. and Henry Ave. ignited another high speed dash.

Officers crouched in doorways and behind cruisers, rifles and shotguns trained on the roof.

Rowe skillfully manipulated the battered cruiser through the narrow alley behind the area while Capt. Pierce, his 9 mm. Beretta machine gun pointed out the window, scanned the roof tops. But if there was a man up there, he had fled.

Next swift run was to check officers reporting the apprehending of six suspects in the Garden St. Madison Ave. region.

Sheriff's Deputies had stopped the car with six teenagers. A search of the vehicle produced a rifle, knife and length of chain. The six were taken into custody.

At the same spot a young man was picked up for being a minor in possession of alcohol. His beer was confiscated, his name and address taken, but he was allowed to go home with orders to report to the detective bureau later.

Then Pierce experienced one of his few lighter moments of the past two days.

Cruising a darkened street in search of snipers, two men were spotted scuffling at the side of the house. Pierce and Rowe stopped and watched.

One man wanted to leave the house, but the other was trying to stop him, telling him he'd get into trouble if he went out on the street.

But the man was determined to leave. When he reached the front sidewalk, Pierce and Rowe arrested him for violating the curfew.

"You should have listened to your friend," said Pierce. "He was trying to help you."

in a group that again passed down by a sniper and two Detroit policemen got it. Right there. Right in our own group. Shot dead."

Someone let out a low whistle.



—Grand Rapids Press Photographer

CHIEF JOHNSON

## Police Chief Harassed

Police Supt. William A. Johnson, conducting one of his many formal and informal press conferences as near-riot conditions persisted in the city, is the key figure in the effort to restore law and order.

Except for a short rest, a shave and change of clothes Tuesday morning, he was at his desk directing officers, mapping strategy with Negro leaders and city officials and answering an incessantly ringing telephone nearly 24 hours.

## Man Has Knife; Gets Jail Term

Michael A. Mudget, 19, of 226 Wilbur St. SE, pleaded guilty to a charge of being disorderly by carrying knives, and was jailed for five days by Kentwood Justice Marie DeVries.

Wyoming Detective Darrell Beukema said Mudget told of carrying the knives to protect himself at the scene of rioting in Grand Rapids. He was arrested Monday night before nearing the strife scene.



# Radio Calls Trace Violence

Harassed Grand Rapids police strived heroically containing fires, rock throwing, looting and violence in the city.

Although many turned out to be erroneous, an avalanche of reports kept cruisers constantly, tensely on the move.

The following list of radio calls shows just some of the drama as cruisers and police dispatchers kept in constant touch.

5 p.m. — Man reported at Pleasant St. and Jefferson Ave. SE, making Molotov cocktails behind a car wash establishment.

5:03 p.m. — Fire reported extinguished at 705 Jefferson Ave. SE.

5:06 p.m. — Cruiser asks for tear gas at Buckley St. and Jefferson Ave. SE.

5:16 p.m. — Report men smashing into American Laundry at 702 S. Division Ave.

5:17 p.m. — Officer in distress at Pleasant and Division.

5:20 p.m. — Police officers hurt in a two cruiser accident at Buckley and Logan. Call for three ambulances.

5:28 p.m. — Ask permission to use more tear gas at Jefferson and Sycamore.

5:30 p.m. — Report of throwing bricks at Division and Pleasant.

5:33 p.m. — Barricade to be placed at Division at Wealthy southbound and northbound at Hall.

5:45 p.m. — Rocks being thrown at cars at Division and Pleasant.

5:47 p.m. — Beer store being looted at Cass and Franklin.

5:48 p.m. — A house fire looks "pretty bad" at Sycamore and Jefferson.

5:49 p.m. — Above location is a grocery store.

5:51 p.m. — Call for more men and tear gas at Sycamore and Jefferson.

5:53 p.m. — Firebombs being made at 211 LaGrave Ave. SE.

6:05 p.m. — Report of loading ammunition into a maroon car at Ionia and Hall; cars being stoned at Cherry and Morris; four injured officers in auto accident taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

6:11 p.m. — Police car and fire trucks being stoned at Pleasant and Jefferson.

6:14 p.m. — Six Negro males carrying guns west on Thomas from Union.

6:15 p.m. — Gas being taken out of pump at Powers and Leonard.

6:26 p.m. — Logan and Henry call for a unit, report of stealing gas from a car.

6:29 p.m. — Report fire set at old fire station at Grandville and Ellsworth.

6:30 p.m. — Disregard above entry.

6:45 p.m. — Man reported loading gas into cans at Grant and the expressway.

7:06 p.m. — Police need assistance at Jefferson and Cass.

7:09 p.m. — Gunshots reported at Jefferson and Franklin.

7:10 p.m. — Report snipers aiming at police cars at Division and Sycamore.

7:11 p.m. — Shooting reported at Franklin and Jefferson.

7:12 p.m. — Call for ambulance at Division and Sycamore.

7:13 p.m. — Man shot in leg at Division and Grant, need ambulance.

7:19 p.m. — Four Negroes throwing bottles and rocks from maroon convertible on Madison and Hall.

7:24 p.m. — Shooting reported at Hall and Madison.

7:25 p.m. — Large group of Negroes gathering at Johnson Park, think from Muskegon.

7:26 p.m. — Crowd gathering at John Ball Park.

7:30 p.m. — "It's pretty quiet at John Ball Park."

7:31 p.m. — Request wrecker at Madison and Sycamore, arresting three subjects and impounding car.

7:32 p.m. — Report to all cars, honor all men with the Task Force, they are assisting and should be allowed in areas.

7:34 p.m. — Men tearing changers off wall in laundromat at Jefferson and Franklin.

7:39 p.m. — Attention all cars, be on the look out for a grey 1960 Cadillac with a Negro man and woman. Car is full of ammunition.

7:40 p.m. — Looting at Jefferson and Franklin, call for tear gas.

7:41 p.m. — Looting beer store at Sycamore and Jefferson, police moving in.

7:42 p.m. — Call for tear gas at above location.

7:47 p.m. — House on fire at Sycamore just west of Jefferson.

7:49 p.m. — Crowd gathering at Division and Pleasant, send cars.

7:51 p.m. — Looter arrested, being held at Jefferson and Pleasant.

8:08 p.m. — Report blue 1964 Pontiac convertible near Highland and Division driver has shotgun.

8:09 p.m. — Report they're trying to burn a house at Pleasant and Division.

8:14 p.m. — Have recent reports of carloads heading into Johnson Park, check it out.

8:16 p.m. — People in a car in the 300 block of Market are making molotov cocktails.

8:20 p.m. — Report break in at Wawee's Market, Division and Grant, send cruiser.

8:26 p.m. — Delaware and Madison; Franklin and Madison; Sycamore and Madison; Pleasant and Madison; Logan and Madison, call for police to cover these intersections, stop traffic from coming through.

8:33 p.m. — Subjects on roof of Herkimer Hotel, S. Division.

8:35 p.m. — Subjects prowling around area, a pistol was flashed in 700 block of Alpine Ave.

8:36 p.m. — Gang forming at Madison and Franklin.

8:40-8:42 p.m. — "There is a large crowd at Seymour and Jefferson but all is quiet." Asks for instructions. "Hold your ground and see what happens," dispatcher says.

8:46 p.m. — Check out men on roof of Pantlin Hotel, Butterworth Hospital and McKay Towers.

8:55 p.m. — Fire on corner of Division and Haffley Pl.; Cornwall Ave. north of Franklin, report molotov cocktails thrown against a building.

8:56 p.m. — "We put the fire out with our fire extinguishers," at Division and Haffley; looting at Sycamore and Jefferson.

8:57 p.m. — "All Alert Squad cars to the bus (transport those arrested)."

9 p.m. — House on fire at 110 Sycamore. "Fire Department was there but the house is smoking again."

9:01 p.m. — Above report checked out, false.

9:03 p.m. — "We have a fire bomb here at Sherman and Eastern."

9:04 p.m. — Report of man on roof at Stardust Lounge on W. Fulton.

9:06 p.m. — Holding a looter at Ionia and Wealthy.

9:07 p.m. — "On Sycamore, just west of Jefferson, that house that was burning, they set it on fire again."

9:08 p.m. — Large fire reported at Hall and Lafayette.

9:09 p.m. — "Somebody's trying to break in the front door of the Bi-Lo Market," on Jefferson just south of Franklin.

9:15 p.m. — "At the American Laundry they threw a fire bomb, on S. Division!"

9:22 p.m. — "Would it be possible to get all the streetlights in this area turned on a little early? It's getting dusk."

9:25 p.m. — Shot from roof of Merton Hotel reported.

9:26 p.m. — Report persons shooting guns from gray Pontiac in 200 block of S. LaGrave.

9:28 p.m. — LaGrave and Cherry, sniper fire.

9:30 p.m. — All clear at above location.

9:31 p.m. — Report says a man is slumped over the wheel of a white Comet at 1865 11-Mile Rd. Complainant says he's been there all day.

9:34 p.m. — Report loot being dropped off at 465 Howard.

9:34 p.m. — Large gang forming at Fulton and Watson.

9:35 p.m. — Bottle-throwing at Grandville and Hall.

9:36 p.m. — "They're breaking into Bi-Lo's right now."

9:40 p.m. — Request transfer bus for apprehended looters.

9:41 p.m. — Large gang forming on Madison south of Hall.

9:41 p.m. — Truck on fire at Franklin Fuel Co.

9:42 p.m. — "Sycamore and Jefferson, there's a large mob!"

9:42 p.m. — "We need the fire department at Franklin Fuel!"

9:43 p.m. — "For what it's worth, a supposedly reliable source says shortly after dark they're supposed to try to fire Division en masse."

9:45 p.m. — "We'll need some back-up right away at Division and Pleasant."

9:49 p.m. — Looting at S. Division television store.

9:50 p.m. — "We've got some suspects inside the Bi-Lo, we need help!"

9:55 p.m. — Boys inside Kennedy's Flower Shop, 951 Cherry St. SE.

9:57 p.m. — "Three guys shot, we're escorting them to St. Mary's!"

9:58 p.m. — Report two buses coming into town on Clyde Park from 28th St., crowded with Negroes.

9:58 p.m. — Shooting in area of Jefferson and Franklin.

10 p.m. Curfew

10:02 p.m. — Three men with fire bombs at Agnew and Albany.

10:03 p.m. — Man headed north on Lafayette toward St. Mary's Hospital, claiming he's been shot.

10:05 p.m. — Suspects inside Bi-Lo have escaped, apparently leaving fire bomb in store.

10:05 p.m. — Let two buses (9:58, above) pass. They're returning from Interlochen.

10:05 p.m. — "What about the 10 p.m. curfew, are we arresting them?" Dispatcher's answer: "We are making arrests."

10:10 p.m. — Report woman assaulted at 1041 Sherman.

10:12 p.m. — Shot fired at 12 Jefferson SE.

10:16 p.m. — People on roofs bombarding fire trucks with rocks in 400 block of Jefferson SE.

10:16 p.m. — Crowd gathering at Delaware east of Division.

10:16 p.m. — Shooting at police at Jefferson and Sycamore.

10:17 p.m. — Fire at Eastern and Sherman.

10:18 p.m. — Gang gathering near 733 Wealthy SE.

10:19 p.m. — Shooting on Cass, south of Wealthy.

10:23 p.m. — Transfer of prisoners at Cass and Franklin.

10:28 p.m. — Negroes milling around Lannings' Restaurant, 433 Leonard NW.

10:30 p.m. — Molotov cocktails being thrown from bronze Oldsmobile on Hall west of Division.

10:32 p.m. — Two Molotov cocktails thrown around 560 Oakland.

10:33 p.m. — Fire at Pleasant and Division.

10:36 p.m. — Twenty Negroes heading south from Holm and Division.

10:37 p.m. — Drug store at Wealthy and Fuller being looted.

10:47 p.m. — Large gang congregating at Cherry and Warren.

10:50 p.m. — Request transfer unit for prisoners at Delaware and Jefferson.

10:52 p.m. — Gunfire at Hall and Sheldon.

10:55 p.m. — Sniper fire on Wealthy SE.

11:06 p.m. — The Fire Department is being held up by sniper fire on their way to Bi-Lo.

11:07 p.m. — Holding men with guns at Jefferson and Wealthy; need pick-up.

11:08 p.m. — Bi-Lo under control.

11:17 p.m. — Many prisoners being held at Oakes and Division, pick-up needed.

11:27 p.m. — Injured person at Grant and Ionia.

11:44 p.m. — Gunfire reported at 323 Brown SE.

11:49 p.m. — "At your discretion you can have your helmets sprayed black."

11:54 p.m. — Large group gathering at 618 Fuller.

11:58 p.m. — Gunshots at Cass and Hall.

11:59 p.m. — Ambulance needed for fireman hurt by spray from hose.

12:06 a.m. — Boy shooting in 1300 block of Cass Ave. SE.

12:10 a.m. — Looters on Wealthy, headed toward Logan.

12:38 a.m. — Woman at 44 Madison says a man has disconnected her phone wires, check it out.

12:57 a.m. — "Everything's quiet on South Division."

1:11 a.m. — Large gang reported at Page and Mayfield Ave. NE.

1:15 a.m. — Report large gang forming at Logan between Henry and Charles.

1:20 a.m. — Large fire in house at 826 Sherman SE.

1:41 a.m. — Man on roof, can't get him off at Jefferson and Logan, need assistance from a unit.

1:42 a.m. — Group forming, milling around at Cass south of Hall.

2:03 a.m. — Mexican man supposedly carrying shotgun in area of Jefferson and Logan.

From this point the police radio traffic dwindled.



# Story of Disorder Has Many Unusual Sidelights

In any major incident, tragic or joyful, odd bits of information make interesting reading.

For instance:

Police and firemen soon learned that light colored and white helmets make good targets in the dark for rock throwers and snipers, so black lacquer was sprayed on many of the protective head coverings Tuesday.

However, some of those on riot duty were too busy to have the painting done until about 5:15 a.m. The police radio announced some of the officers were going to leave briefly to have their helmets painted black.

"They're all out of lacquer," the dispatcher informed them. "They only have enamel and that takes four hours to dry."

The officers elected to stick with the helmets as they were.

Among the "evidence" of weapons and other items taken from persons arrested in the disturbance was a wooden leg. Police took it from one of the rioters — because it could conceivably have been used as a club.

It seemed at times that everyone in town would get around to telephoning Police Supt. William A. Johnson Tuesday.

His telephone at his office rang every few seconds. In most cases, he answered personally and talked to whom ever was there.

And then there was Betsy.

Betsy is the police chief's 13-year-old daughter. She called from summer camp in the Muskegon area. She wanted to find out what all the excitement was in Grand Rapids.

"Why didn't you call your mother?" the telephone-weary police chief demanded.

"What does she know about what's going on?" said Betsy.

A Press reporter enjoyed the comparative safety of an armored car loaned to the police by a money transport company, but found the rear quarters cramped and uncomfortable, offering no place to sit.

A restaurant solved the problem by lending a couple of chairs from its dining room.

The walkie-talkie radio was another problem. It operated only if the truck's doors were open, defeating the purpose of the heavy armor. Also the truck couldn't keep up with the cruisers, which could whip in and out of trouble spots while the truck still was on its way.

Logistics became a problem for some of the professional people along S. Division Ave. They hauled away important papers and record books Tuesday afternoon and were busy hauling them back for Wednesday's business — and planning for similar maneuvering Wednesday, if the disturbance continues.

The curfew forced early closing of restaurants, theaters, and other places of amusements.

Jack McCarthy, manager of the Majestic Theater, closed about 8 p.m. Tuesday and adjusted the schedule for showings at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Wednesday so patrons would have plenty of time to clear the streets by the curfew hour. The Majestic is showing the James Bond movie "You Only Live Twice."

Bob Johnson of the B&J theaters (Eastown, Wealthy, Four Star) said the theaters will remain closed until the curfew is lifted.

The Savoy Theater planned only 2 p.m. matinee performances until the emergency is over, operator Bob Goodrich reported. It is showing "The Bible."

At the Midtown, Jack Loeks planned a 2 p.m. single performance of Hawaii, and at the Studio 28, two performances, 1:15 and 4:05 p.m., were scheduled for "The Dirty Dozen." Loeks said the Beltline and Plainfield Drive-In Theater would remain closed Wednesday and until the curfew is lifted.

Community Circle Theater canceled the opening of "Solid

Gold Cadillac" Wednesday night. Theater board president Mrs. Annette MacKinnon said the opening will be delayed until after the lifting of the curfew. She said reservations for Wednesday night will be honored "on whatever night we are able to open." Also, she says the theater plans to add a performance next Tuesday to make up for the enforced cancellation.

Around midnight Tuesday a Red Cross disaster relief truck set up shop near the police command post on S. Division Ave. and supplied weary officers with welcome lemonade, hot coffee and sandwiches.

And even police officers trying to control a riot run into the average motorists nemesis — the old flat tire.

At one time an entire police tactical unit — four cars and 16 men — was halted while one car fixed a flat. A tactical unit sticks together.

A debate on the Vietnamese War scheduled for Tuesday night at East Grand Rapids High School was postponed indefinitely, because of the curfew, spokesmen said. Vietnam Summer, the sponsoring group, will attempt to reschedule the debate in the city within a few weeks.

Among the casualties of Grand Rapids' two nights of civil disorder was the baseball game between East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids firemen.

The game, which was to have been played Wednesday night at East Grand Rapids Junior High School field, was canceled because of the street disturbances which had all city firemen on duty or on alert.

Fire Chief John Terpstra said a new date would be set, but nothing had been decided pending the outcome of the city's troubles.

A feature of the game was to have been a 1-inning contest preceding the main event pitting East Grand Rapids city commissioners against their Grand Rapids counterparts.





—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

**BURNED BUILDING MARKS TROUBLE AREA** — The burned out building of Plasman & Gaikema Wholesale Auto Parts at 588 Jefferson Ave. SE gapes Wednesday on a debris-strewn street in the

heart of the area where street disturbances were concentrated. Firemen extinguished more than 50 fires, all set by arsonists.

#### Vehicles Also Damaged

## City Repairs Lighting Damages

City crews started repairing damage to street lights and motor pool equipment Wednesday as calm was restored after a second night of disorder. George A. Sweder, motor pool director, estimated glass damage to city cars, trucks and fire fighting equipment at about \$1,000. Damage from rock dents amounted to several hundred dollars.

One city pickup truck also rickades around a 40-square block sustained estimated damages of \$300 from a fire believed to have been deliberately set while it was parked briefly near one of the city parks. City trucks were used in erecting and later removing barriers at intersections.

He said the circuits were repaired Wednesday forenoon and bulbs were being replaced in the damaged lights, but there will be no replacement of light globes "until things get back to normal."

One problem area where globes and bulbs have been replaced three times in the last six or eight months needs another complete repair job, according to Chapman.

He said this involves 80 street lights along Grandville Ave. SW, between Wealthy and Hall Sts. The city used up its remaining supply of 32 globes and canopies on repairs there three days ago, but the lights all have been smashed out again, Chapman reported. The installations cost \$15.40 per light.

"Now we're just replacing bulbs in the sockets, leaving the glassware off. The bulbs cost 19 cents apiece. That we can afford," he added.

Recreation Director Harry Burns announced his department was resuming normal activity Wednesday, including the regular schedule of swimming activities.

## Recreation Aides Get Pay Rise

"Overlooked" summer Recreation Department employees were granted a five per cent pay hike Tuesday by the City Commission.

A total of \$4,635 was transferred from the general fund contingency account to cover the raises for summer help at city play grounds, swimming pools and other part time recreation workers.

Also transferred from the contingency account was \$3,600 to cover refurbishing of bleachers at Valley Field.

## Wyoming Calm But Six Held

By JACK BLOOM

Calm, at times rippled by curfew violators and a jittery citizenry bent on protecting their homes and businesses, prevailed throughout Tuesday night and Wednesday morning in Wyoming.

Six members of the Outlaws motorcycle club were nabbed in arrests by Wyoming officers. Sgt. Gilbert Klinge and Leon Smith arrested five Outlaws they spotted while en route from outside a business in the 3600-block of S. Division Ave. and Graham St. SW ordered them off the street.

Many owners and employees of shops dealing in guns and ammunition, sale of both items banned by executive order, were on one of the premises to guard against investigation of looting, police said.

Rogers and Southland Plazas closed at either 5:30 or 6 p.m. A 28th St. SW drive-in theater didn't open.

City Manager Charles W. Thompson and aides huddled late Tuesday to plan strategy in the event the rioting spilled from Grand Rapids into the suburb.

Officers found a 38 caliber derringer and a 32 caliber revolver in the auto, plus a knife banned by executive order, were on one of the occupants. All on the premises to guard against investigation of looting, police said.

Patrolman Donald Pease arrested a sixth member of the Outlaws for curfew violation early Wednesday and found a bayonet in his car. Police nabbed another man before the curfew for a traffic violation and found a .303 caliber rifle under a blanket. The man, booked for violation of the executive order banning carrying of firearms, said he was en route to protect an aunt living near the riot scene.

Police had an anxious moment when they had a report of gunfire on Wilshire Ave. However, that sole shot was fired accidentally by a jittery homeowner while loading his shotgun.

## Goes to Jail

Leslie LaDousier, 29, of Dorchester, charged with being disorderly for wandering early Wednesday about the streets in violation of curfew, pleaded guilty in Wyoming Municipal Court and was jailed for five days in lieu of a \$25 fine.

## Jewelers Remove Displays

Fearing the spread of rioting to the downtown area, jewelers in the district swept their stores and windows of nearly a million dollars of merchandise into the vaults Tuesday night.

Store managers said they took the step as a precaution and will do it again until disturbances are over.

Most of the jewelers returned their window displays Wednesday morning.

The safety measures began Monday when Shaws Jewelers & Opticians received instructions from its insurance company to "strip its windows," Manager Arthur Scheiner said. By Tuesday night, everything in the store was shoved into the vault, a measure also taken by two other jewelers.

Rose, a chain store, received orders to clean out the shop from headquarters in Detroit, where two stores were burglarized, according to assistant manager Joep Scheten.

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Most jewelers closed their shop earlier than usual. Business was slackening off as the downtown area began to clear and store personnel needed time to cart the merchandise into the vault.

Jewelers normally put their more valuable merchandise in the vault each night and one company, Armour Jewelry Co., strips its windows every night. But for most jewelers the window-cleaning was a special measure. "We tried to make it as uninviting as possible," said Charles Vandenberg of Vandenberg Jewelers Inc. Most of the stores are also protected by alarm systems which are hooked to police headquarters. If any windows are broken, police are alerted immediately.

Jewelers admitted that stripping the windows, or in some cases, the entire stores, is a nuisance measure that must be taken in case rioters break out of the riot area.

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## Newsman In Disorder

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So far there has been no injury to Press personnel, other than bruises.

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## Fire Chief Meyers Relaxes '61 Major Fires'

## Tired Fire Chief Unable to Sleep

By MICHAEL LLOYD  
His hat and coat were slung  
over the stair railing, an an-  
xious wife wearing a bathrobe,  
watched him, and the heavy  
odor of smoke hung on his  
body.

Fire Chief Adrian Meyers  
sagged in a chair.

"I'm so tired I can't sleep,"  
he said. From about 1 p.m. on,  
Tuesday was just hell. I have  
never seen devastation like  
this.

"There have been tornadoes  
and other natural disasters but  
this chaos was man-made."

Recalls Danger

So tired that he didn't even  
lift his hand to flick his cig-  
arette, Meyers recalled the  
events of the night and the con-  
stant danger his men faced.

"I had more men bruised up  
than you would ever believe,"  
he said. "Luckily none are in  
the hospital. But I have many  
many men with possible brok-  
en jaws and all kinds of lacera-  
tions and bruises."

"Those people out there were  
monsters. We had no way to  
protect ourselves. Our equip-  
ment was all bashed up. . .  
the trucks are full of dents and  
there are several broken wind-  
shields."

"They weren't throwing  
stones. Those were rocks. I  
mean big rocks. Big."

"I feel I have to say that 80  
per cent of the people in that  
area are fine citizens. They  
helped us and they would con-  
stantly alert us to fires but the  
others . . ."

Meyers said his men were ad-  
vised not to turn the hoses on  
any rioters or shoot back at  
those chiding.

"We're a fighting service.  
Our job is to save property and  
lives."

Protection Thinned

"The police gave us the best  
protection they could but as the  
fires spread our protection  
necessarily got thinner and thin-  
ner."

"I told all the men that if  
I sold all the men that if  
back and let the building burn.  
I know this happened at least  
three times. On one of those  
the fire luckily went out by  
itself."

"It seemed to be part of the  
rioters strategy to spread us  
out, keep us busy and make the  
police stay with us. We had  
several fires where we went  
back two and three times."

"From 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. there  
were 61 fires and all were ma-  
jor. Often we would have three  
major fires going at the same  
time."

Twenty-nine pieces of equip-  
ment and 180 men were used,  
the tired chief said. Normally  
only 20 pieces are kept ready.

"We had more manpower per  
piece of equipment than we have  
ever had and it still was not  
enough," he said. "Only Grand  
Rapids equipment was used."

But the situation was even  
more critical than he would like  
to admit Meyers added, "We  
were down to a point where  
we had no equipment for the  
rest of the city. . . I just don't  
know what we could have done."  
He estimated the fire damage  
at \$500,000, but said he expected  
it to climb higher. In terms of  
overtime pay, not including  
medical costs or equipment re-  
pairs, he said it already cost  
the city \$55,000.

## Fire Log

Here are the fire runs taken  
directly from the dispatcher's  
log. Individual damage esti-  
mates have not been determined.

Here is a list of calls from the first  
phase of the disturbance.

July 24, Monday  
11:55 a.m. 1123 Sheridan Ave. SW, a  
home; no damage estimate.

July 25, Tuesday

1:33 a.m. 434 S. Division Ave. Ameri-  
can, 100 damage to building, 1000  
to contents.

1:33 a.m. 124 Shelby SW, Niagara  
Lumber; 400 damage to building, 1000  
to contents.

1:33 a.m. 1015 S. Division Ave. Second  
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## Most Deny Guilt

# 31 in Court Here on Disorder Charges

Arraignments of 31 persons in police court Tuesday showed the results of fast action by local police during the first night of disturbances in Grand Rapids.

On various particulars under the heading of disorderly conduct, 22 pleaded innocent, seven pleaded guilty, one stood mute and another demanded examination.

The courtroom doors were kept locked and only relatives of the accused were allowed to enter by Police Court Judges Robert Verdier and Robert Smolenski. In all cases but one, bond was set at \$1,000.

One bondswoman said she was trying to be unavailable so that those arraigned could not get out while they were still angry.

"I don't want any of them to get hurt," she said.

Sixteen who pleaded innocent for failure to disperse as a riotous crowd were being held in lieu of posting \$1,000 bond. Nine are scheduled to appear in Police Court Aug. 3, six on Aug. 4 and one on Aug. 1.

Scheduled to appear Aug. 3 are Willie Joe Vance, 21, of 409 LaGrave Ave. SE; Harvey Lambeth, 18, of 1107 Jefferson Ave. SE; Ernest Vinson, 17, of 573 Ionia Ave. SW; Paul Harden, 17, of 554 Cody Ave. SE; Ted Raspberry Jr., 18, of 603 Jefferson Ave. SE; Joe Fred Mosley, 19, of 710 Sheldon Ave. SE; James McGhee, 19, of 437 Rumsey St. SW; James Wallace, 45, of 340 Prospect Ave. SE; Addison White, 41, 600 Paris Ave. SE; Isaac Barnes, 19, of 121 Shelby St. SW.

On Aug. 4, Robert L. Nathan, 18, of Thomas St. SE; Larry McEmore, 18, of 531 Cass Ave. SE; Howard Moyer, 24, of 717 Thomas St. SE; Robert C. Gor-

don, 21, of 530 LaGrave Ave. SE; Excell Potts, 17, of 109 An- toine St. SW, and Ricky Cal- vert, 18, of 601 College Ave. SE are scheduled for trial. William G. Durham, 24, of 412 Union Ave. SE is slated to appear Aug. 1.

The two men who pleaded guilty were sentenced to 30 days in jail. They were Haskell King, 41, of 45 Smith Ct. SW, and Danny Davis, 18, of 516 Jefferson Ave. SE.

Roger C. Trotter, 17, of 423 Howard St. SE, and Douglas

Carey, 20, of 19 LaBelle SE, pleaded innocent of destruction or removal of property that was not their own and are being held in jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond until their trials Aug. 1.

John H. Davis, 23, of 511 Union Ave. SE pleaded guilty to a similar charge and was sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Three men were charged with uttering obscene, vile or profane language to a police officer while on duty.

Pleading guilty were Marvin E. Davis, 23, of 511 Union Ave. SE and Harvey L. Duncan, 21, of 38 Hall St. SE, sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Mervin E. Hill, 20, of 1200 Dunham St. SE, pleaded innocent to the charge and was held in lieu of bond until trial Aug. 1.

Ferris Beal, 24, of 501 Prospect Ave. NE, pleaded guilty of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and was sentenced to 30 days.

Allen Flier, 24, of 3850 Clyde Park Ave. SW and James McLain, 21, of 2132 S. Division Ave., are both being held in jail, unable to post the \$1,000 required bond on charges of disorderly conduct. They pleaded innocent and will face trial Aug. 1 and 2, respectively.

Timothy Thedford, 50, of 560 Sheldon Ave. SE, is being held in jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond after demanding examination on a charge of breaking and entering. His case was adjourned until Aug. 1.

A plea of innocent was entered for Melvin Cole, 20, of 231 Prospect Ave. SE, who stood mute on a charge of disorderly conduct. He is being held until Aug. 3.

Paul M. Reeder Jr., 20, of 5838 Averill Ave. SW was held in lieu of a \$200 bond for disorderly conduct by intoxication. He is slated to appear in police court Aug. 1. Daniel R. Bileth, 24, 1139 Canfield Ave. SW, pleaded guilty to a similar charge and was sentenced to 30 days.

## Police Chill Loot Raids

CHICAGO (AP) — Police blocked off a five-block area of a Negro community on Chicago's West Side Wednesday and quickly stifled sporadic looting of

stores by Negro youths.

Several youths were arrested. Negro youths shattered windows in 12 to 15 stores along a five-block stretch of Madison Street, 2½ miles west of downtown Chicago.

Some merchandise was carted off before police sealed off the five blocks to traffic for about two hours and chased youths from the street.

A few homemade bombs were thrown on the hot, muggy night. No serious damage or injuries were reported.

Some bottles and rocks were tossed at motorists, breaking car windows.

Police reinforcements were dispatched Tuesday night to White Sox Park on the South Side, where gangs of Negro youths smashed windows and threw two homemade bombs, during a White Sox-Cleveland Indians baseball game. The crowds dwindled as the baseball game continued well past midnight.

## Five Cities Get Hearing On Pollution

LANSING (AP) — Officials of five communities charged with polluting local waters will be called before the State Water Resources Commission for a hearing Thursday and Friday at Lansing.

Hearings have been scheduled Thursday for Lake Odessa, Ionia County; Norway, Dickinson County, and Brooklyn, Jackson County. Warren, Macomb County, and Ashley, Gratiot County, will be heard on Friday.

Also to be considered are final orders against Reading, Hillsdale County, and Pontiac Township, Oakland County. Both have been charged with unlawful discharge of raw sewage.

The order against the last two communities will set specific deadlines for the construction of treatment facilities.

## Mental Blackout Of Drivers Is Cut

By Science Service

WASHINGTON—Drivers headed for an automobile accident commonly blank out mentally for about two and a half seconds just before impact.

But a French psychoanalyst has devised a driver training program which he says forestalls such mental paralysis. He says the blank-out is caused by confusion.

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## Governor Lifts City Curfew As Calm Envelops Riot Area



**MILK SEARCH INTERRUPTED** — Four young men, who said their reason for driving near the riot-torn area after Wednesday's 9 p.m. curfew was a search for milk, food and diapers for a child, hold a classic prisoner's pose as Capt. Francis Pierce, leader of the police Alert Squad, questions them. All four were arrested when they were unable to produce a key to permit a check of the trunk of their car.

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### Liquor Ban Will End At 6 P.M.

**But Tight Control Will be Continued At Strife Scene**

Gov. Romney Wednesday noon called off the curfew and some of the riot measures that have been in effect here the last two days.

The decision, following a night of relative quiet in the riot-torn Negro area, capped a series of meetings between city officials and police and representatives of the community.

The governor also was asked and agreed to lift the ban on sale of intoxicants.

Romney officially lifted two provisions of the emergency order as of 6 p.m. Thursday. The curfew will be off and the ban on the sale of liquor will end.

Recommended to be continued are prohibition on sale and possession of firearms and other dangerous weapons, restrictions on traffic in the strife-torn area and sale of gasoline and other flammables.

Mayor Sonneveldt said: "We feel tensions in the area have been relieved. I think we're past the difficult stage."

Sonneveldt emphasized, however, that the emergency prohibitions could be "reimposed in five minutes, if necessary."

The traffic restrictions refer to that portion of the governor's order giving police authority to direct, restrict or even stop traffic in the trouble area.

Mayor Sonneveldt said retaining the restriction would give police power to divert sightseers.

Barricades which had sealed off the area will come down, he added, "but we are hopeful people will not move through the area unless necessary."

The lid was shut tight on the ghetto area Wednesday night as bumper-to-bumper caravans of police cars cruised dark and deserted streets, squelching all threats of rioting.

Despite the relative quiet, 65 persons were arrested, bringing the total to 278 arrests since rioting began at midnight Monday.

No injury was reported and there were only 10 minor fires all day.

Tactical squadrons, each consisting of four cars with a total of 16 officers, formed at the command post on S. Division Ave. south of Wealthy St. at 8 p.m. State police, sheriff's deputies and suburban police again beamed up the city streets.

Armed Traffic Squad members manned blockades on streets leading to the disturbed area.

The curfew, set for 9 p.m., was strictly enforced. Inspector Walter Gilbert, coordinating the peace-keeping effort, told his

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Scene of Bank Holdup

### \$13,000 Is Taken At Bank

**Gunman Shoots As Clerk Pursues**

A lone armed robber escaped with an estimated \$13,000 Thursday morning from the Old Kent Bank & Trust Co. branch at 1300 Madison Ave. SE.

The man fled across Madison and through a parking lot, as a male teller gave chase. The robber turned and fired one shot. The teller was uninjured.

More than a dozen state and city police converged on the bank.

An intensive dragnet produced at least five suspects but they were freed after bank workers said none was the robber.

According to reports, the robber had been in the branch office at least three times during the week. Thursday morning, he entered the bank shortly before 10 a.m.

He took a drink at a water fountain and then slid behind a counter, produced a gun and paper bag and told teller Lucy E. Barron to put all her money in the bag.

He then turned and announced to the 16 employees and customers, "If anyone moves, I'll shoot them."

Police said the man was in his early 20s, about 5 feet 6 to 5 feet 7 inches tall, 150 pounds, wearing dark pants, a bright or yellow shirt and a narrow-brim, brown straw hat. He was described as a clean-shaven Negro with a light complexion.

### New Temblor Kills 86 in East Turkey

ANKARA (AP)—Another violent earthquake struck Turkey Wednesday night in an area where 23,000 persons were killed in 1939 in one of history's most

disastrous quakes. The government radio said that up to early afternoon Thursday the known death toll had reached 86, with many villages unheard from.

The quake occurred in eastern Turkey, south of the city of Erzurum.

The quake Wednesday night was Turkey's second such disaster in six days. On Saturday in western Turkey nearly 100 persons were killed at Adapazari.

The state radio said an uncounted number of injured had been hospitalized from the latest quake.

The Pulumur region was reported hardest hit, with only 7 out of the 70 villages able to communicate with the provincial authorities.

Unofficial reports reaching the provincial capital, Kalam, said several villages had been flattened. Authorities feared the death toll would go higher since most of the villages are built of mud.

The seismological observatory at Kandilli said the quake was recorded at 8:50 p.m., an hour and a half after Pope Paul VI left western Turkey to return to Italy. The center of the quake was some 500 miles northeast of Izmir and Ephesus, which the Pope visited Wednesday.

### Russ Peace Move Tied To Bombing

(By Associated Press)

A new development in Vietnam peace prospects appeared Thursday with a report that the Soviet Union is ready to risk a break with Red China to bring peace to Vietnam with the condition that the United States stops bombing North Vietnam.

The Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri Shimbun said Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin gave that word to visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Takeo Miki. Miki went on to Poland for further talks on the subject with Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki.

The Japanese report said Kosygin told Miki last Saturday that the Russians would seek peace if the United States called an unconditional and indefinite halt to its bombing of the north, but otherwise they would do their utmost to help Hanoi.

The report said Kosygin told Miki he outlined the same position to President Johnson at their meeting last month at Glassboro, N.J., and Johnson reacted favorably. But the premier added that the United States had made no concrete peace moves.

### Chrysler Half-Year Profits Dip

NEW YORK (AP)—Chrysler Corp., the third largest automaker, reported Thursday a decline in earnings for the second quarter and first half of this year.

### Chou May Get Reins In China

HONG KONG (UPI)—Hong Kong newspapers Thursday said the commanders of Communist China's 13 military districts were ready to back premier Chou En-Lai as the violence-torn nation's new leader. They reported hundreds killed in fierce fighting in Canton since Sunday.

The rightwing Hong Kong Star said the generals wanted Chairman Mao Tse-tung "kicked up stairs to a new job of national figurehead." The generals sought Lin Piao's resignation as defense minister and Mao's heir apparent.

Chen Yi Agrees

### Ky Seeks Summit In October

SAIGON (UPI)—Premier Nguyen Cao Ky announced Thursday his government has told President Johnson it wants a seven-nation allied Summit conference on the Vietnam war in October.

Ky suggested Australia for the meeting, but said Bangkok, Thailand, and Seoul, South Korea, were proposed as alternatives.

Ky also said he is raising an additional 50,000 to 65,000 men to bring South Vietnam's armed forces up to 700,000 troops. He said the United States already "has agreed to provide the equipment and arms."

**Submits Summit Plan**

The premier said he handed his Summit proposal to Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor and Clark M. Clifford, who were touring Vietnam's ally nations for Johnson to seek more troop strength and arrange a Summit conference.

The only allied Summit conference on the war brought together at Manila in October, 1966, Johnson, and the leaders of South Vietnam, South Korea, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and Thailand. These are the nations with troops fighting the Communists in Vietnam.

Ky said he wants an allied foreign ministers' conference in Saigon in September to set the

### Calm Returns to Riot-Torn City

## Curfew Also Lifted in Detroit

DETROIT (AP)—Gov. George Romney announced Thursday that he was withdrawing the curfew imposed on riot-torn Detroit.

The governor said he would ask that the city be declared a disaster area.

#### Softens Gas Ban

As trouble abated after four days of riots that swelled into the costliest racial explosion in the nation's history, Romney also said a ban on gasoline sales was being sharply softened.

He said gasoline sales could return to normal with one exception, pumping gasoline into portable containers remained forbidden.

Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh said, "I think it's over."

Lt. Gen. John Throckmorton, military chief of federal forces in the city, told his troops: "Sheath your bayonets."

#### Urges Normalcy

Citing "an apparent continuing improvement in the overall situation," Cavanagh urged businesses in the riot-blitzed city to resume normal operations.

He was joined in the statement by Gov. Romney and Cyrus R. Vance, special assistant to Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

Soldiers afoot and in tanks, armored cars and helicopters maintained guard on areas violence has been fiercest. But the city appeared to be busting back to normal.

Tranquility came to the disheveled city after another night of

### Cong Use New Rocket, Kill 11 U.S. Soldiers

(By Press Wire Services)

SAIGON—Using a new rocket weapon, Communist guerrillas Thursday killed 11 Americans and wounded 43 more in attacking a U.S. Army camp and airfield near Saigon.

The Viet Cong within 25 minutes slammed 137 shells into the base. Military spokesmen said the Communists used mortars and 122mm rockets, a new addition to the guerrilla arsenal.

It hurled a 30-pound rocket six miles with deadly accuracy, the U.S. spokesmen said.

The attack caused only light material damage to the camp and planes on the airfield 35 miles north of the capital.

Two nearby South Vietnamese installations came under similar attack. South Vietnamese headquarters did not announce military casualties but said three civilians were killed and 13 wounded.

In other action, South Vietnamese troops slashed through guerrilla guard units and seized a massive Viet Cong arms cache in Saigon's suburbs. And Communists just above the North-South Vietnam border amid the ruins of a dramatic U.S. Air Force B52 raid and fortresses just below the frontier.

The shelling did little damage and wounded only eight Marines.

Show of Spirit

But it apparently was the Communists' way of showing they survived the first Strategic Air Command raid in three months against North Vietnam.

Further north, along the Communist nation's coast, U.S. Navy planes and ships Wednesday teamed up for the second time in two days and struck

with a routine police raid on a Negro after-hours nightspot. Many Detroit residents reportedly fled across the Detroit River to take haven in Canada. The morgue was so jammed that its normal procedures were abandoned temporarily.

Food was scarce in the 92-block West Side area, where the riot began along 12th Street, a main artery. This area is one of the few in Detroit that are inhabited almost exclusively by Negroes, who make up 30 per cent of the population.

The section is three miles north of the downtown financial section.

Bring in Copters

Throckmorton said he didn't think the snipers were organized. He added: "I may be made to eat those words some day. But that's the way it looks at this point."

A force of 25 helicopters was brought in Wednesday from Ft. Riley, Kans. They were unarmed.

Also used for sweeps 50 feet above the streets was a single-engine Army reconnaissance plane.

Special lights for use from the air were flown in from Texas at Throckmorton's request.

Detroit was divided into two distinct battle zones. U.S. troops of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Division held strong control of the East Side. Beleagured and weary National Guardsmen in battle garb were assigned to the West Side.

There were 4,800 paratroopers

### Hart Widow Assaulted,



## UCS Board Implements Housing Services Program

United Community Services' Board of Directors has accepted a proposal to establish a Housing and Related Services Program in three major target areas to assist low-income families with housing problems.

The project was developed by the Kent County Committee for Open Housing and the Planning Division of UCS, and presented for approval by the Rev. Russell H. McCongell, executive director of the Council of Churches, active in organizing the committee.

The program will set up a Housing and Related Services

staff to provide a wide range of housing-related services for tenants, homeowners and potential homeowners. Personnel will include a housing coordinator and a housing aide in each of the three community centers.

UCS, through the Community Action Program, is expected to grant funds to the Grand Rapids Urban League to administer the program. The league will have as policy advisory body the Kent County Committee for Open Housing as well as the Advisory Councils of each complex.

Some of the services will be

provided jointly with Legal Aid Services through attorneys at the centers.

Among services to tenants will be:

—Listings of apartments available at low-to-moderate rentals.

—Information and guidance in landlord-tenant relationships, rights and responsibilities.

—Counseling and information on provisions of the Grand Rapids Fair Housing Law and procedures for filing complaints with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and follow-up of housing complaints until settled.

—Counseling in reorientation

of families to new housing, information on relocation procedures and direct referrals to the Grand Rapids Urban Renewal Authority.

—Advice and assistance to families in improving their housing conditions.

—Working with City Inspection Services, to report housing code violations and encourage more adequate enforcement procedures.

—Establishment of neighborhood Fair Housing Committees. Assistant to homeowners will include advice on procedures in

purchasing homes, information on available resources for rehabilitation and home maintenance and listings of homes available at low-to-moderate prices.

Next step in the program is a request for funds from the Office of Economic Opportunity. Total estimated cost is \$35,389, of which \$14,839 will be requested from OEO, and the balance from local sources.

The program is expected to be put in effect as quickly as staff can be obtained, probably within 30 days.

## Curfew Lifted in Detroit

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in the city and 6,000 guardsmen Detroit's 4,200 man police force was beefed up with 600 state troopers.

Some flames still flickered in the shells of gutted buildings. Smoke spurted from others.

● House un-American Activities Committee may probe riots, beating the proposed House-Senate probe. Page 2.

● Adam Clayton Powell says the riots "are a necessary phase of the black revolution—necessary." Page 4.

● Sen. Griffin hears a rumor that a leader at the Black Power rally advocated a Negro uprising in Washington next week. Page 6.

● Negroes loot swanky stores on Fifth Ave. in New York. Page 23.

● Castro, with Stokely Carmichael, at Havana Red rally, gives blessing to Negro riots. Page 24.

● H. Rap Brown, SNCC leader, was released on bail after his arrest. Page 40.

Some big department stores deferred reopening. But banking rose to its regular level, traffic moved in heavy volume and employment in auto plants and other factories in this most industrialized of all American cities was climbing back.

Mayor Cavanagh met with 15 Negro leaders to plan steps against the possibility of a white backlash in the aftermath of racial tragedy. The demand for guns was reported high in some white areas, but most stores imposed a voluntary embargo on such sales.

## Reds Use New Rocket In Attack

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lands near Pleiku and another jungle gathering point near the hard-hit A Shau valley farther north.

Because of ground action continuing light, as it has been for almost a month, and the scarcity of major action, a slight decline was reflected in the weekly casualty figures.

The U.S. Command said 164 Americans were killed last week and 1,442 wounded, compared to 175 killed and 1,443 wounded the week before. South Vietnamese losses were put at 183 dead and 523 wounded compared to 202 killed and 543 wounded the previous week, while 1,702 Communists were reported killed, a drop from 1,995 a week earlier.



—AP Wirephoto.

**PRISONERS AWAIT REMOVAL** — Men captured near the 10th Police Precinct in Detroit are guarded by an Army trooper. The precinct building came under fire Wednesday and an Army force, using armed personnel carriers and tanks came to the police station.

## Romney Removes Curfew As City Riot Area Calms

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officers to issue warnings for the first 15 minutes and then "clamp down tight."

Police stopped everyone — men, women and children — seen walking or driving in the disturbed area after 9:15. Those not giving suitable explanations were arrested. In other parts of the city, the curfew also was enforced, but less completely as the streets were nearly deserted.

Street lights in the area, many of which had been shot out in Tuesday's gun battles, were not turned on at all Wednesday night, leaving the area in deep darkness as residents switched off their house lights and went to bed early.

Some policemen expressed the feeling that Wednesday's rains might have helped in achieving the night's relative peace. More showers were anticipated Thursday.

Officers for the second night also closed US131 ramps from downtown to Burton St. but through traffic was permitted on the freeway.

The relative calm confirmed Lt. Gov. Miliken's decision Tuesday night not to call in National Guard units. "The plan to bring in the National Guard has temporarily been called off," he stated, acting for Gov. Romney.

Police cars drove without lights to avoid possible sniper fire.

**Search for Sniper**

There were numerous reports of trouble in the area and several gunshots reported. Most of these, however, seemed to come from jittery residents and did not prove out.

Persistent reports of a sniper firing at cars on the Scoville Expressway between the 131 expressway between the 131 expressway and Cherry St. SW shortly after midnight.

Officers checking a sniping report earlier had noticed an open door at the top of the six-story building. When Tactical Squads arrived this time, the door was closed, leading officers

to suspect the sniper might have been shooting from there.

A fire department ladder truck was called and Capt. Francis Pierce, Sergeant William Freeman and State Trooper Ron Kenyon clambered up the ladder as other officers trained rifles on the top of the building.

The three probed a stairway inside the warehouse, finding fresh footprints. Other officers broke a lock on a door on the ground floor and went inside. A German Shepherd dog also was used in the search.

No one was found, and the search was moved next door to the Hotpoint Building, 206 Grandville Ave. SW. This search also proved fruitless.

The night's biggest hazard to police was the chance of collision as cruisers without headlights raced along darkened streets. At times, drivers steered by instinct only.

Any noise was checked out. The sound of crying stopped one patrol car and the shotgun-armed men listened tensely until they realized it was only a hungry baby.

Four young white men, stopped in a residential district outside the ghetto area, stood with amazed looks as a stream of police cars came to the scene. One of the cars carried Jack Barnes, Civil Defense official.

The driver said they were out looking for milk, food and diapers for the baby of one of the

## Text of Statement By Mayor

Here is the text of the statement by Mayor Sonneveldt which resulted in the lifting of the local curfew by Gov. Romney.

This morning I have met with Police Supt. Johnson, Capt. Stevens of the Michigan State Police, City Manager Na-

men. When police wanted to look in the trunk of his car, the driver was unable to produce a key. The four were arrested for violation of curfew and their car impounded until the trunk could be opened.

A north Muskegon man was arrested about midnight Wednesday at Cottage Grove St. and S. Division Ave. when police discovered he had two rifles and two shotguns in the trunk of his car.

The guns were impounded with what appeared to be a jewelry case containing \$377.69 and \$45 in checks, officers said.

The man told officers he was on his way home from Lansing.

**Six Are Fined**

A Grand Rapids man and a Rockford man also were arrested in the riot-torn area about the same time, again for curfew violation. Officers found a revolver, a rifle and a bayonet in their car.

Three young men were fined \$25 each and given a day in jail by East Grand Rapids Municipal Court Judge Edward D. Wells for curfew violations.

Pleading guilty were Robert A. Rudy, 25, of 17 Frank St. NW; Archie A. Baughn, 24, of 1019 Chester St. SE, and Larry H. Best, 22, of 711 Jackson St. NW.

Three youths arrested by Wyoming police for curfew violation pleaded guilty and were fined \$75 each by Byron Justice Andrew DeKraker.

They were John R. Beebe, 19, of 102 Jonquil St. SW, and Douglas K. Sandy, 19, of Alto. Police said they found a skindiver's spear, gun and knife in their car.

Ronald L. Eding, 18, of 1777 Gentian St. SE, was arrested after failing to heed an earlier warning that he comply with the 9 p.m. curfew.

Wyoming police arrested five youths for curfew violations, including one who explained that the skindiver's spear, gun in his car was for "protection."

Two 17-year-old boys were arrested at Michael Ave. and Denfertrog St. SW. The driver

## House Unit May Probe Detroit Riot

WASHINGTON (AP) — The subversives-hunting House Committee on Un-American Activities may launch public hearings next week on the Detroit and Newark riots, beating to the punch a proposed Senate-House probe.

Chairman Edwin E. Willis, D-La., said the committee — best known for its often stormy investigations of alleged domestic communism — expects to meet next week to consider a preliminary staff report on supposed subversive influences in the riots.

**Ready to Act**

Willis said he felt committee-men would agree with him "the information developed to date will justify public hearings." And it was learned the committee is poised to begin public hearings a day after it approves recommendations in the preliminary report.

Wednesday's call by four Negro leaders for an end to rioting drew praise from Senate leaders, plus a bipartisan leadership pledge that the Senate will pass legislation aimed at alleviating disorder-causing slum conditions.

In separate interviews, Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield and Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen applauded the statement by Martin Luther King Jr., A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins and Whitney M. Young Jr. saying, "No one benefits under mob law. Let's end it now."

**Preventive Action Seen**

Mansfield said he's confident a proposed congressional investigation of civil disorders will produce recommendations that go beyond punitive measures and get into the field of preventive action.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled hearings next week on a proposal by Dirksen and Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., only Negro senator, to establish a Senate-House committee to investigate causes of the widespread riots and recommend legislation.

**LBJ May Probe Riots**

Sen. Fred R. Harris, D-Okl., said he's suggested to White House aides that President Johnson set up a commission to do this job without waiting for Congress to act.

Without mentioning the rioting, 10 GOP senators urged the appropriation of adequate funds for urban programs, including model cities and rent supplements.

They included Brooke, Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, Frank Carlson of Kansas, Clifford P. Case of New Jersey, Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, Jacob K. Javits of New York, Thomas H. Kuchel of California, Jack Miller of Iowa, James B. Pearson of Kansas and Charles H. Percy of Illinois.

## Riots Curtail Blood Supply To Alma Girl

## Judge Also Gets Spirit Of Hippies

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)

—Municipal Court Judge Joseph P. Kennedy got into the spirit of the love generation Wednesday.

"We ought to all kiss and make up," he told a 27-year-old hippie who defended himself in his trial on public nuisance charges.

The judge permitted David Simpson to plead innocent to a lesser charge of failing to obey a policeman, and gave him a suspended sentence.

Simpson was arrested while passing out love generation literature. Police said he was causing a traffic jam. A jury was deadlocked.

## Riot-Struck Should First See Insurers

LANSING (AP) — State Insurance Commissioner David Dykhouse Thursday urged any insured person who suffered property damage or loss in recent riots to contact his insurance agent or company before taking any other action.

"There are people who try to take advantage in time of misery by having persons sign away rights to possible insurance recovery," Dykhouse said. "People should not assign any rights under their insurance policies until conferring with their insurance agent or representative."

Some repair and construction companies have people assign their rights to recovery under insurance contracts in return for services, Dykhouse said. The company then collects from the insurance firm.

This can cause the insured person not to recover the full value under the claim, he said. In addition, repair contracts generally provide the individual must pay the cost of any completed work if the insurance company is not liable.

Loss also is possible, he said by signing a contract with a public adjuster. The adjuster receives part of any settlement made by the insurance company.

## Riot Curbed In Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP) — Firebombs flew in Cincinnati Wednesday night and early Thursday, and officials estimated damage totaled at least \$250,000 in the city's latest outbreak of Negro rioting.

Police said at least eight persons were arrested, some for looting. Six persons were reported injured, including a Negro man and a 12-year-old Negro boy hit by shotgun pellets in the predominantly Negro Avondale section.

Police said the circumstances of the shooting were unclear and being investigated.

The man, Walter Evans, 4



## Editorial Page

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### No Time for Scapegoats

Everyone close to the Detroit situation has said publicly that there is no evidence the riots were fomented by outside agitators. Police Supt. William A. Johnson has said that Grand Rapids police have found nothing to indicate that outsiders were responsible for the trouble here. Similar reports come from other cities lately hit by mob violence. Yet there is a strong disposition in many quarters to blame outside agitators and, more specifically, Communists.

Sen. Everett Dirksen proposes that Congress probe the outbreaks for signs of a "red tinge." California's Gov. Ronald Reagan is sure that there has been nothing spontaneous about the disturbances. He insists that they had to be planned. In Grand Rapids numerous citizens have confided that, of course, the Communists were to blame.

There obviously is good reason for a thorough investigation to determine what set off the riots in Detroit and other large cities and the lesser disturbances in Grand Rapids and similar places. Checking for possible Communist involvement would be a necessary part of any such probe. But starting on the assumption that the Communists are to blame for the trouble is a dangerous business. It's dangerous because it is likely to blind the public to the real causes of the Negro revolt in a dozen American cities.

Like it or not, there has been

police brutality in some Eastern cities. There is at least one photo-documented case of a trigger-happy policeman in Newark who fatally shot a fleeing Negro in the back and gravely wounded a small Negro boy who was standing innocently on a sidewalk.

Slum housing, gouging merchants, lack of jobs, poor educational opportunities, rat infestation—these are some of the more obvious and more prevalent causes of Negro resentment in large centers and therefore must be considered as primary causes for the revolts.

It doesn't take Communist agitation to prompt the victims of such conditions to vent their anger and frustration. The Communists never have been able to stir up trouble in this country except where American citizens have been treated unfairly or have been denied the common decencies of life. Trying to make the Communists scapegoats for what recently has happened, without any real evidence of their complicity, can only obscure the real nature of the problem and thus encourage inaction where action is so desperately needed.

We fully support Republican proposals in Congress for a congressional investigation. But let's be sure the investigation starts without any preconceived ideas of what it will find. We don't need scapegoats; we need the truth.



# Residents in Area Towns Feel Riots Hurt Negro Cause

By PETE BAKER

Residents of several small, peaceful west state communities surrounding Grand Rapids, watched in awe, sadness and some fear as their metropolitan neighbor underwent an ordeal of fire and racial violence.

Some were afraid that the destruction might reach out to envelop them, too. All were in unanimous agreement the Negro did not help his effort for equality with the violence.

This was the consensus registered in a sampling telephone poll Wednesday afternoon.

"We heard a rumor they were coming here

Tuesday night," said Mrs. Fred Miller, of Ionia.

"We all had our guns ready, ready to fire if we had to. Employees at the packing plant here were on the roof with guns during the night, prepared to shoot if any rioters came.

"We were afraid they might want to hit the little towns, because the State Police are helping out in the big towns and we're unguarded."

Mrs. Arthur Norton of Lowell

heard the rumor, too, that rioters were coming out from Grand Rapids "by truckloads" to burn and loot, but "I didn't really think they would come—and they didn't.

"My husband works nights for Chesapeake & Ohio in Grand Rapids," she said, "and I worried about his safety. He called me as soon as he made it to work that night—and I told him I'd call if they started shooting out here.

"I think it is terrible. They

are destroying their own property—hurting their own cause."

It was a phrase the reporter phoning at random, heard over and over — "Terrible, hurting themselves."

"Terrible and disgusting," said Mrs. Donald A. Hunter of Saranac. "It's a terrible thing to say, too, but authorities should open fire on them, do something drastic to wake them up.

Ray VanWieren of Holland agreed. "They shouldn't let those people go that far. The troops should have orders to stop them any way necessary."

Lt. Ernest Bear of the Holland Police pointed out that, even though no such insurrection is anticipated in Holland, police have plans ready, just in case. Still, the entire department is on standby alert, and all vacations have been canceled.

"It's a bad business," said Anders Andersen of Caledonia. "I'm 86 years old, and I don't know what it's all about, but they should step on them hard. They arrested a lot of them, but they'll just let them go to do it all again.

"A little fine means nothing. All our youngsters have too much money, to throw around like drunken sailors. You can't help but wonder if it's coming here."

Deep sadness was in the voice of Mrs. Arthur VandenBosch of Grand Haven.

"I feel very bad that our country has stooped to this violence. It is not good for the community, or public morale, or the spiritual needs of the people.

"And this isn't all the colored people's fault—the white people are at fault, too. We need a lot of prayer and a lot of work among our people—the colored people."

Mrs. John Kelly is glad she

lives in Greenville. "We lived in Grand Rapids once. It was so peaceful then. You could go anywhere at night. Now you don't dare go anywhere in the daytime. Greenville is still peaceful, and people aren't afraid here."

"It is so sad," said Mrs. Julius VanOss of Saugatuck. "They are destroying themselves. Why? There is a good civil rights program in Grand Rapids, and still they riot."

Grand Rapids wonders, too.

## Homeless Confused, Bewildered

DETROIT (UPI)—Mrs. Genevieve Ross is through crying.

She and her four children were among the first victims left homeless by the rampaging blazes that ripped through this riot torn city.

Her tragedy was similar to thousands of others.

A store across the street caught fire, sparks flew, and the old building in which she lived went up like a tinder box.

"I grabbed the children and ran. I didn't have time to get anything out. All I took with me was 50 cents," Mrs. Ross said.

Once outside she took a look around and "started bawling like a baby."

"Cried Enough"

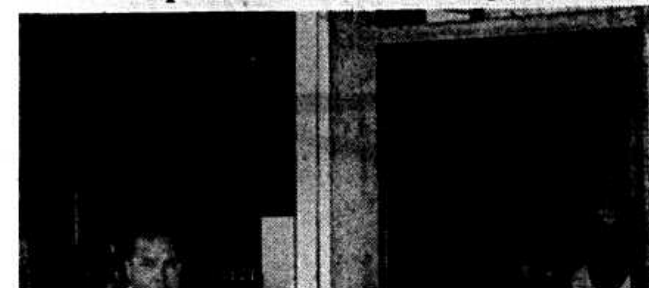
"I bawled and bawled until I got to the Friendship Shelter, then I decided I had cried enough," she said. "We had food in the shelter and the children needed a place to sleep. That's better than being outside."

Like most of the others—hundreds of them who got burned



—AP Wirephoto.

## Trooper Frisks Detroit Suspects





# City Riot Loss Goes Far Beyond Property Damage

Grand Rapids lost perhaps half a million dollars in destroyed property in its two nights of wild disorder — most of it in fires.

But the figure undoubtedly was topped by the losses in business which never got transacted, overtime pay to police and firemen who performed so well in controlling the rioting and in other expenses.

John G. Prickett, executive vice president of the Greater Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, estimated that the loss in retail volume alone in the metropolitan area would be \$700,000.

"Some of this might be made up later by customers who merely postponed necessary purchases until after the trouble stops," Prickett said.

But he noted there were many expenses which are lost forever, such as funds spent on promoting special sales

events which never came off or fell far below normal expectations in success.

"There undoubtedly will be some curtailment of purchasing power by those affected by the riots," he said. "Some people lost jobs because their places of employment were put of business, many had money losses."

Piled on the losses in retail sales are the losses in business at restaurants, wholesale outlets, service centers and similar concerns. Places of evening entertainment, such as theaters and bowling alleys, were particularly hard hit.

Bars and taverns were closed by edict and gasoline stations had their normal business hours and types of sales restricted tightly in an attempt to make fuel for Molotov cocktails hard to get.

The curfew caused theaters to close or to cancel evening shows. Jack Loeks, operator of two enclosed moviehouses

and two drive-ins, said, "You can figure about \$25,000 a night for our major theaters alone."

Downtown department stores and drug stores which have evening hours had to shut their doors early, losing out on what had been a lucrative slice of retail revenue.

The riot area of course lost the most business. On S. Division Ave. and other streets nearby it was a rare storefront Thursday morning which had glass instead of plywood in its front windows.

Staying open in the rock and bottle - throwing melee — which is what much of the disorders amounted to — was difficult and dangerous. Many businesses closed early Tuesday and stayed closed.

Branch bank managers, who handle the accounts of most of the merchants in the area, said business was

virtually at a standstill Tuesday and Wednesday.

Allen J. Huighouse, manager of Old Kent Bank & Trust Co. branch at 1300 Madison Ave. SE, said that business at his branch "probably fell off as much as 75 per cent on Tuesday and Wednesday."

He made his statement Thursday morning, only a short time before the bank branch was heldup by a gunman who fled with \$13,000.

Albert E. Scholtens, manager of Old Kent's branch at 754 Franklin St. SE, said Wednesday's business was down 25 to 30 per cent.

Nels M. Jensen, manager of the Hall Street branch of the Union Bank & Trust Co., said there was a sharp decline in the accounts of operators of gasoline stations and grocery stores. Bar accounts, of course, were zero because of the closing edict.

## Lamberton Plan Wins Support

A controversial Lamberton Lake commercial and apartment development was recommended by a 6-1 Planning Commission vote Thursday forenoon for official approval by the City Commission.

The "no" vote was cast by George Jackoboice Sr.

Residents north and east of the lake have been up in arms over the Daverman Associates proposal, but six Planning Commission members agreed the plan offers a desirable land use for an area west and south of the little lake, located east of Plainfield Ave. NE, just north of Int. 96 Freeway.

### Suggests Rezoning

The planning unit is recommending official rezoning to permit a multi-level motel adjacent to the Kroger Plaza, and, southeastward, respectively, a nursing home, office park and 120 garden apartments.

Customer traffic to the motel would enter from Plainfield at a level higher than the rest of the development.

Other traffic would have access by the extension into the plat of Garret Rd. which now deadends just west of Perkins Ave. NE, east of the plat.

The developers say this traffic would follow Garret to Dean Lake Rd. and then either go south to Three Mile Rd.

Residents who have been coping with heavy Plainfield Ave traffic for years insist, however, that the traffic is more apt to go north on Dean Lake Rd. only as far as Lamberton Lake Dr. and then cut over to Plainfield where congestion already is nearly unmanageable.



Silent, Nearly Deserted Street Symbolizes Night of Peace in Grand Rapids

Even before Wednesday night's rigidly-enforced 9 p.m. curfew, S. Division Ave. South from Wealthy St. was silent and virtually deserted.

Most other streets in the Negro ghetto, torn by two days of strife, had the same appearance Wednesday night and

early Thursday. Virtually the only traffic was groups of police cruisers, bristling with guns, speeding back and forth to investigate calls of rock-tossing, fires and roving gangs. Most proved unfounded.

The curfew was less stringently enforced in other areas

of the city and suburbs, primarily because the bulk of the 400-plus police force was concentrated in the ghetto, but some arrests were made in Wyoming and Grand Rapids of curfew violators as cruising policemen made spot checks of autos or a rare pedestrian.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Godwin's Teachers Talk Pay

"We made headway" was Robert G. Foster's assessment of salary bargaining Wednesday night between the Godwin Heights School system and the suburban district's teachers.

Foster, who heads the Board of Education's negotiation team, was hopeful that the salary question might be resolved at a Monday night meeting.

Foster declined to discuss how far parties are apart on the salary question, but he did say that much of the difference was over the way teacher pay is graduated. Spokesmen for the Godwin Heights Education Association couldn't be reached for comment.

The meeting was the first since teachers warned at a July 18 meeting they "may not be available" for teaching in September if the salary impasse continued.

### Ex-Teacher At JC Shot By Wife



## Bonds Reach \$25,000 Peak

# 145 Persons Face Police Court in Disorders

The curfew imposed on Grand Rapids bore results Wednesday as 145 persons were arraigned before Grand Rapids Police Court Judges Robert Smolenski and Robert Verdier.

The 60 who pleaded guilty of being on the streets after 10 p.m. were sentenced to 30 days in jail. Those pleading innocent, 31 in number, were ordered to post \$2,500 bond pending court trials set for the first week of August.

Also arraigned were 37 accused of disorderly conduct. Sentences of up to 60 days in jail were handed out. On felony charges, generally involving the making of fire bombs or looting, all but one person demanded examination in Police Court. Bail for them ranged from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

The day-long arraignments Wednesday filled the county jail to capacity, since few pleading innocent could afford bail. At least 100 spent Wednesday night in the police cellblock.

Given 60 days for disorderly conduct were Milton Fiddler, 18, of 609 Jefferson Ave. SE, and Joe Louis McIntosh, 17, of 17 Rankin St. SE. Fred Delbride, 65, of 126 Graham St. SW and Joe Roseman, 57, of 929 Thomas St. SE, were given similar terms for possession of firearms and gasoline.

### Jailed 45 Days

A few who pleaded guilty to charges of disorderly conduct received 45-day jail terms. They were Hezekiah Pulphus, 22, of 115 Delaware St. SE; Tommy Joe Nelson, 26, of 716 Paris Ave. SE; Robert Haynes, 24, of 624 Jefferson St. SE, and Bennett Steele, 19, of 350 Union Ave. SE.

Given 30-day jail terms for disorderly conduct were Johnny Williams, 27, of 519 Sheldon Ave. SE; John Divers, 23, of Cleveland, Ohio; Sidney A. Dean, 22, of 1317 Jefferson St. SE; Willie Joe Vance, 21, of 409 LaGrave Ave. SE; Ebert Hammond, 25, of 18 Buckley St. SE; Jackie Ray Morris, 18, of 538 Highland St. SE; Barbara Applewhite, 19, of 728 Thompson Ct. SE; Jenette Ewing, 19, of 504 Highland St. SE, and Paul Francis Pietrusza, 17, of 1030 Dayton St. SW.

Those pleading innocent of disorderly charges were ordered to post \$2,500 bond pending trial the first week of August. Those with trials scheduled for Aug. 1 include:

Melvin Sueing, 17, of 119 Delaware St. SE; James White, 24, of 601 Franklin St. SE; Donald Offutt, 27, of 423 LaGrave Ave. SE; Richard Wallace, 20, of 349 Highland St. SE, and Samuel Shackleford, 22, of 426 Lafayette Ave. SE.

Sidney Nathan, of 440 Lafayette Ave. SE, is scheduled to appear Aug. 2.

Set for Aug. 3 are trials for

George Long III, 28, of 51 Hall St. SE; Joe Henton, 23, of 640 Lafayette Ave. SE; Carl Walton, 26, of 929 Sheldon Ave. SE; Clarence Warren, 21, of 44 Delaware St. SW; Michael King, 19, of 1114 Cass Ave. SE; Novella Ezell, 23, of 20 Pleasant St. SW; James Dickens, 21, of 919 Sheridan Ave. SW; and Thomas Cerdy, 42, of 144 Grant St. SW.

### Man, Wife Arrested

Set to appear Aug. 7 are Charles Richard Young, 31, of 1038 Madison Ave. SE, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Greenwade, both 32, of 645 Lafayette Ave. SE. Carlos Ayala, 19, of 564 Cass Ave. SE, is scheduled for trial Aug. 11.

Bail of \$200 was set for Clarence T. Harmon, 24, of 1129 Bemis St. SE, scheduled to appear Aug. 1.

Bonds of \$2,500 were set for Hector L. Sanchez, 23, of 1017 Jefferson Ave. SE, and Gene Evans, 17, of 501 Prospect Ave. SE, on charges of destruction of property. Trial dates of Aug. 1 were set.

Bond of \$25,000 each was set for five persons accused of making fire bombs on LaGrave Ave. SE.

The five, who asked hearings, are David Vallez, 18, of 222 LaGrave, and George Everse, 19, of 2508 Powers Ave. SW, scheduled to reappear Aug. 2, and Michael Kelly, 18, of 1316 Park St. SW; Harley Ray Burge, 23, of 211 LaGrave Ave., and Gerald Lee Anderson, 20, of 205 LaGrave Ave., ordered to reappear Aug. 4.

Similar bonds were set for looting cases. Ordered to appear Aug. 2 for examination were Miles D. Agnew, 23, of 731 Sherman St. SE; Larry Clark, 23, of 400 Union Ave. SE; James W. Childrey, Jr., 21, of 1053 Bemis St. SE; Louis Bennett, 34, of 633 Jefferson Ave. SE; Willie A. Green, 21, of 1206 Cass Ave. SE, and Kenneth Mitz and Thomas Fields, no age or address available.

Set for Aug. 4 dates are John Elbert Hayes, 17, of Cass Ave. SE; Bob Journett, 21, of 530 Cass Ave., and Herschel Blake, 35, of 840 Alexander St. SE.

A \$25,000 bond was also set for Doris James, 27, of 35 Sycamore St. SE, charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Examination was scheduled for Aug. 2.

One defendant, Bertha Floyd, 34, of 225 Powell St. SE, waived examination on a looting charge and was held on \$25,000 bond pending her Circuit Court arraignment.

Robert E. Dock, 25, of 436 Charles Ave. SE, charged with

burglary, was ordered to post \$25,000 bail pending examination Aug. 2.

Bond of \$10,000 was set for Paul Edward Donston, 22, of 819 Logan St. SE, charged with entering without breaking.

### Bond Set at \$10,000

Concealed weapon charges led to \$10,000 bail for five defendants: Barbara Humphrey, 19, of 920 Cass Ave.; Clisby Hodgins, 41, of 607 Paris Ave. SE; John M. McDonald, 23, of 1713 S. Division Ave.; David Randle, 37, of 1312 Lafayette Ave. SE, and Joe Larkin, Jr., 22, of 506 Worden St. SE. Aug. 4 examinations were scheduled.

Bonds of \$5,000 were set for two men in a car who said they were driving home from work. They are Donald White, 33, of 2614 Fuller Ave. NE, and Vernon Dennis, 37, of 122 National Ave. Examinations were scheduled for Aug. 4 on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Similar bond was set for John Edward Dean, 25, of 552 Lafayette Ave. SE, charged with looting from an auto. Examination will be Aug. 2.

Richard Lee Alexander, accused of resisting an officer, was also ordered to post \$5,000

bond. Examination was scheduled for Aug. 3.

The following received 30-day jail terms after pleading guilty to curfew violations:

Willie Davis, 21, of 568 Cass Ave.; Clemmie Guyton, 29, of 114 Buckley St. SE; Adell Walker, 27, of 54 LaBelle St. SW; Ray Lee Tellis, 21; Sammie Davis, 25, of 21 Franklin St. SE; Theartha Mayweather, 38, of 1039 Sheldon Ave. SE; Willie Lee Chaffin, 33, of 1029 Sheldon Ave.; Bernice Merryweather, 35, of 1039 Sheldon Ave.; George S. Woods, 24, of 416 Lafayette Ave. SE; Clarence Barker, of 27 Canton St. SW; William Robert Moorman, 17, of 731 Eleanor St. NE; Ronald Evert Moorman, 18, of 731 Eleanor St.; Joseph Lee, 18, of 114 Albany St. SW; Eunice Jones, 26, of 32 Canton St. SW; James Henry Baskin, 17, of 737 Logan St. SE; Charles Brown, 22, of 1401 Jefferson Ave. SE; Jonnie V. Myers, 18, of 21 Franklin St. SW; Ergin Turner, 24, of 606 Jefferson Ave.; Daisy Mays, 21, of 43 Albany St. SW; Robert Phillips, 19, of 940 Bates St. SE; Barnett Friarson, 31; Isaac Montgomery, 26; Jerry Williams, 25; Sam Carter, 22, of 1122 Cass; Philo Ramon Garza, 19, of 3; Phillip L. Bradley, 18; Cristobal Lopez, 29, of 538 S. Division Ave.; Mack Blackie Figueroa, 583 S. Division; Louis Adams, 21, of 606 Jefferson Ave. SE; Emile Johan Ruhlesin, 23, of 1605 Francis Ave. SE, and Julius Dock, 50, of 511 Madison Ave. SE.

Donald Crawford, 21, of 517 James Ave. SE, was ordered to reappear Aug. 4.

Aug. 7 was set for Lynne Gilliam, 24, of 416 Lafayette Ave. SE; Barbara Robinson, 22, of 1149 Cass Ave. SE; Gordon Ferguson; John McCleary; Robert Armstrong, and John Hampton.

Aug. 8 trials were scheduled for Clinton Lloyd, Michael Thompson, Lew J. Moody, Henry Benjamin Pickle, Jr., Willie Wright, Joe W. Thompson, Tatum, Jack White, Willie John Wade, Lonnie Peterson, John Mayfield, Kenneth Nelson, Carl Pringle, Albert Scott, Gloria Williams, Teresa Tillman, Edna Mae Bates, Lorraine Johnson, Geraldine Tilton, George Ellison, Jr., Carla Harrington, Roger Westerhof and Jack Moore.

### Plead Innocent

The following pleaded innocent of curfew violation charges and were ordered to post \$2,500 bonds pending trial Aug. 1: Phillip L. Bradley, 18; Cristobal Lopez, 29, of 538 S. Division Ave.; Mack Blackie Figueroa, 583 S. Division; Louis Adams, 21, of 606 Jefferson Ave. SE; Emile Johan Ruhlesin, 23, of 1605 Francis Ave. SE, and Julius Dock, 50, of 511 Madison Ave. SE.

## Democrats Plan Rally Saturday

With former governor G. Mennen Williams as guest-of-honor, about 1,000 Kent and Ionia County Democrats are expected Saturday afternoon at the Fifth District Democratic Picnic at Fallasburg Park, north of Lowell.

In addition to Williams, Sen. Philip A. Hart and other Democratic leaders are expected.

The picnic, from noon to 6 p.m., features a special dance for members of the Young Democrats and teen-age children of party regulars. The dance begins at 1 p.m. at the park pavilion, with music provided by The Casuals, 5-piece local teen combo.

There will be door prizes and games for all age groups, free pony and ferris wheel rides for children, and other attractions. The district organization will provide beverages. Families should bring their own food and table service.

Information and tickets are available at Democratic headquarters, 454-9217.



**DEMS WILL ROCK**—A swinging picnic is planned Saturday at Fallasburg Park by Fifth District Democrats. District bigwigs, Michael A. Riolo, center, the chairman, and Elaine Wilson, executive board

member, check arrangements. Local teen group band Drummer is Pete Agnello. George Vlasich Jr., right, a



## Negroes Condemn State Police

# Wednesday: A Day of Talk—A Night of Peace

By ROBERT ALT

Instead of bricks, bottles and firebombs, talk was the order of the day Wednesday as city officials scrambled to meet with Negroes representing organizations and Negroes representing participants in the city's two days of rioting.

At least six such meetings were held, all behind closed doors. Generally, the confrontations served as clearing houses for pent-up emotions, emotions that were laid on the conference table, discussed, scrutinized and discussed again.

Around 10 a.m., a meeting was held in the office of Police Supt. William Johnson, attended by City Manager Nabers, Mayor Sonneveldt, Sen. Robert VanderLaan, City Attorney Stephen Dykema and various Negro representatives.

While a formal statement concerning curfew hours and gasoline sales was issued by Johnson, it was learned that much of the discussion revolved around police activities Tuesday, a day that saw fires, rock throwing, shooting and vandalism.

One Negro urged that state police be withdrawn from the troubled area because of alleged indiscretion in handling Negroes.

At 2 p.m., a meeting was held in the House of Styles Barber Shop, 645 Jefferson Ave. SE, Rev. Lyman Parks, pastor of the First Community AME Church; Dr. Edward A. Jones; Eugene Sparrow, Human Relations Commission director; Dr. W. W. Plummer and Reginald Gatling, director of the Kentfields Rehabilitation Project, met with scores of Negro youths who also complained of state police actions.

Johnson's office was the scene of a 2:30 p.m. gathering of city officials and representatives of Scientific Resources, Inc., which is conducting the Police-Community Relations program here.

The Franklin Hall Complex, 400 Franklin St. SE, was the scene of a 3:30 p.m. huddle between city officials and officials of the Sheldon and Franklin Hall community centers.

Around 4:15 p.m., approximately 65 young Negroes met with Gatling and a Press reporter to discuss grievances. Again, most complaints were directed at Michigan State Police.

One youth said a trooper shot the porch light off his house. "If they start shooting again, by the right hand of God, I'll start shooting back," he shouted.

Asked about Grand Rapids officers, the youths said they had done a commendable job and "used their heads."

Another apparent problem area was treatment accorded

members of Task Force, a group of young Negro athletes whose task is to keep community tempers cool.

Tuesday night, one youth commented, a Task Forcer was standing between police and a crowd of young Negroes attempting to get the group dispersed. "And then one of those state cops comes up and knocks him in the head with his rifle butt," he explained. "'Get back in that

crowd,' the policeman says. Hell, that's no way to treat somebody trying to help you!"

Numerous complaints were heard of troopers calling Negroes "niggers."

Another complaint was that police were not keeping nonresidents out of the area. "Them whites come down

here gawking at the sights and they're going to get stoned," said a goateed youth. "We've told the cops to keep them out of here if they want peace, but they're still coming."

Just then, two cars passed bearing white occupants. "See there! See there!" yelled the crowd.

At this point, a car driven by a Negro was stopped by state troopers and the driver was frisked and his car searched. The crowd began shouting there was no reason for the police action.

"Get off the streets or you will be arrested for being disorderly!" boomed a police bullhorn.

"The curfew's not until 9 o'clock," said one young man, "but they're telling us to go inside, get off our own streets. And look at those whites driving along."

Four of the enraged youths asked to attend a 5 p.m. meeting at Fountain Street Church where Nabers, Johnson and Sonneveldt were conferring with another group of young Negroes.

At the meeting, they repeated their dissatisfaction with the state police. Other youths endorsed their opinions and urged again that the troopers be withdrawn.

Sonneveldt, however, demurred.

Following the hour-long session, some of the participants expressed bitter feelings toward the city and vowed the curfew would not be obeyed.

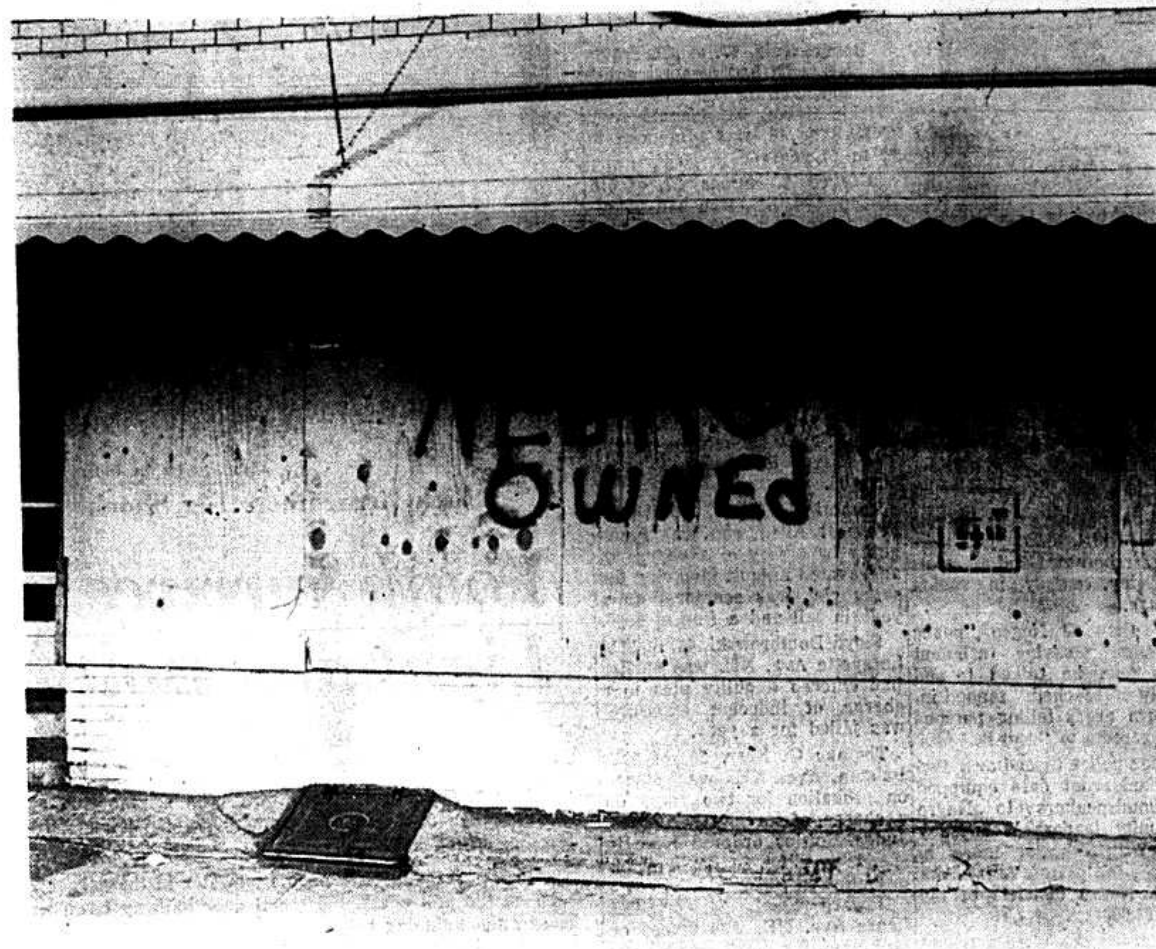
At 8 p.m., another meeting was held at the Franklin Hall Complex. Again it was Nabers, Sonneveldt and Johnson conferring with young Negroes, gang leaders who could determine a night of peace or violence.

"They're going to try and sign a truce in there," said one.

Apparently a truce was agreed upon, for after the meeting, the youths headed off and were not seen on the streets throughout the night.

Despite frustrations that slowed the tempo of the successive meetings, many participants and observers felt the talks were rewarding. A few tempers flared, but for the most part, there was the feeling of getting someone on the other side to know how one feels and begin, perhaps, to care.

"Any kind of talk is good, however frustrating it sometimes becomes," said Sonneveldt. "I think we all are a little better for it."



AFRAID OF TROUBLE — The Big-Hit Food Market, 433 Jefferson Ave. SE, is owned by William Perry, a Negro who isn't taking any chances this week.

The store is boarded up until violence clears. Windows were not broken.

—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

## Fire Bomb Blaze

Swastika  
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## Fire Bomb Blaze Shocks Neighbor

A flash of fire, the smell of fire I heard a car roaring smoke and the squeal of tires away, but it was strange because Charles Holmes ear-cause no one was around. There wasn't any talking or anything.

Holmes, aged 31, a Pinkerton guard, arrived home at 833 Sherman St. SE around midnight, and after a quiet hour of TV, turned in.

"About 2 a.m. I was awakened by smoke," he said, "and my bedroom window was full of light."

"I jumped out of bed and ran to the window and the vacant house next door was on

## Youth, 16, Arrested In Hit-Run

A citizen, who did not reveal his name, helped Walker police solve a hit-run truck accident with the arrest of a 16-year-old youth.

Officer Roger Elders said Thursday the citizen, who witnessed the accident late Monday night at Lake Michigan Dr. NW and Lincoln Lawns Dr., called Grand Rapids police with identification of the truck that fled the scene. He said he acted after reading the story of the accident in The Press Tuesday.

Elders said the information was relayed to the Walker police by Grand Rapids and brought the arrest of the youth on a charge of leaving the scene of a personal injury accident. The van truck driven by the youth is owned by the Northland Furniture Co., 3325 Plainfield Ave. NE.

"The youth was turned over to Probate Court for disposition," the Walker officer said.

Albert J. Christie, 56, of Jenison, driver of the other truck involved in the incident, received face, neck and back cuts from flying glass. He was treated at the Standale Medical Center.

## Pastors Demand End to Violence

A declaration deploring the "violence . . . set loose on our streets" has been issued by local ministers.

Revs. William McCain and W. L. Patterson of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Grand Rapids and Revs. Seymour VanDyken and Arnold Johnson of the Grand Rapids Ministerial Association in a joint statement, called for a "speedy return of law and order to our city."

"We are concerned with those whose frustration at injustice and indifference have led them to strike out in blind rage at the people and institutions they feel are at the root of their problems."

"We are concerned with those whose exploitation of, and indifference to, the needs of the people of the inner city have helped create tension and misunderstanding," the declaration continued.

The ministers declared that "none among us" is blameless for the disturbances and called for "better communication and understanding."

In calling for the return of law and order, the ministers said neither is possible "without justice."

"We call upon all to work with haste and without rest for 'justice for all.' This means equal opportunities in housing, in jobs and in all other areas of life."

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**TOO LATE FOR PRECAUTIONS** — Kamm's Superette, 702 Jefferson Ave. SE, may never reopen,

### Riot Area Stores Shut

## Mom: 'Where Do I Buy Milk?'

By FRAN ZELL

"What I want to know is how are we supposed to feed our kids? Where do I buy milk?" demanded a 21-year-old Negro mother of three, who called the Press Wednesday after two days of rioting in Grand Rapids.

"The white people are boarding up their grocery stores," she said. "They give us dirty looks because we're Negroes, but I can't get milk."

Meanwhile, Louise Cassis, co-owner of Cassis Market, 204 Buckley St. SE, said, "We haven't had any damage yet and we don't want any. I'm not going back in that area until the trouble clears."

Her store and at least five others in the area were closed Wednesday, with plans for reopening depending largely on the course of racial strife.

Two, however, were closed for repairs because of damage sustained during two days of violence.

"We have six extra persons working today, to try to get the store ready for business by Friday," said the owner of Terranova Food Market, 711 S. Division Ave. Only merchandise stolen in vandalism at the store Monday night was liquor, cigarettes and women's stockings.

A second store, Kamm's Superette, 702 Jefferson Ave., SE may never reopen, according to the owner, Bernard Kamm. The store was looted, then ruined by fire.

The owner of a dairy which serves numerous stores in the troubled neighborhood said, "We haven't been able to get our trucks into the problem areas and I understand most of the stores are closed anyway."

## Wyoming Ponders Establishing Own C of C

A nine-member study committee developed from a breakfast of sentiment for a separate bolting the parent organization.

The move for a separate chamber grew from the firing very also will attempt to ascertain if Wyoming business representatives of Wyoming's small-men want a Chamber of Commerce independent of the Great-mercer independent of the Great-

Robert F. Streelman, DDS, chairman of the group said the committee meets Aug. 18 to review findings of the survey, take in organizing a separate unit. Formation of the committee probably a postcard sounding

The store is boarded up until violence clears. Windows were not broken.

—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

## Swastika Stickers Show Here

Attempts to stir up hate began to appear in Grand Rapids Wednesday in the wake of the city's troubles in the near south-east section.

William Richardson, a Negro and executive director of the regional consultation center of the Michigan Department of Mental Health, reported to police that stickers bearing the Nazi swastika and the legend, "Niggers Beware," were posted in the area of his office, 50 Ransom Ave. NE.

Richardson said the stickers also carried the name and address of the American Nazi Party in Washington, D.C.

Police were informed that the signs also were posted at the office of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission next door, 60 Ransom Ave., where he said three or four Negroes are employed.

Similar stickers have appeared at parking lots in the area which have single Negro attendants.

Richardson said that he tore one of the stickers from the door as he was leaving for lunch and another employee reported a new sticker was in place 10 minutes later.

## Night Shift Causes Stir

All police ears were tuned to the radio. At 11:30 p.m. there were reports of a sniper. Then only silence. Half an hour, silence.

Suddenly the radio crackled, "25 cars all in line are heading down Cottage Grove!"

Immediately the police dispatcher sent three tactical units, 12 cruisers with four men each, to the area, visioning a mass move by a large angry mob.

The late shift employees at Doehler-Jarvis had quite an escort home.

### Concert Canceled

The concert in Garfield Park scheduled for Thursday night has been canceled because of the emergency curfew. The band, made up of members of Local 56, American Federation of Musicians, will present the concert in Garfield Thursday, Aug. 3.

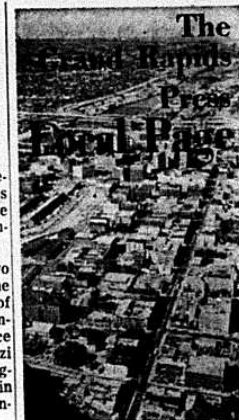
## Trips to Detroit Resume for Draft

A group of 150 Kent County young men, scheduled by local Draft Board 281 for pre-induction examination, will definitely go to Detroit on Aug. 1. Mrs. Christine Knight, draft board clerk said Wednesday.

Mrs. Knight said that the draft board office had received many calls from parents and the young men themselves about possible cancellation.

"The group will report at 1:30 p.m. at the Greyhound Bus Station on Aug. 1 as ordered," Mrs. Knight said.

She said that a scheduled trip to Detroit for one group had been canceled earlier this week because of the tense situation in the Motor City. These young men will be ordered to report in September, she said.



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## Four Men Ask Tests On Weapons

Four men charged with separate offenses of carrying concealed weapons demanded Municipal Court examination Wednesday.

Judge Louis Simhauser set Aug. 3 for hearings for Douglas D. Flowers, 24, of 436 Franklin St. SE, David L. Stanek, 20, of 1218 Marwood Dr. SE, Larry L. Fields, 18, of 634 Oakland Ave. SW, and Frank L. Stedman, 19, of 135 Gordon Ave. NW.

Bond for Flowers was set at \$5,000; at \$2,000 for Stanek and Fields; and at \$1,000 for Stedman.

Wyoming police said Flowers, Fields and Stanek were arrested after two handguns and a knife were found in the car in which they were riding. Stedman, stopped at a different time, had a bayonet in his car, police said.

## Relations Unit Meet Canceled

The scheduled meeting of the city's Human Relations Commission Thursday night at the Church of the Redeemer Methodist, 1072 Jefferson Ave. SE, has been called off. HRC Chairman Douglas Hillman announced Wednesday.

He said the postponement was caused by "present uncertain conditions . . . including the existence of a curfew."



# The State Police and Our Peril

Every civil disorder spawns excessive acts on the part of those trying to put it down. The disturbances in Grand Rapids this week were no different from similar situations elsewhere in this respect. As the trouble died down, reports of rough tactics, particularly by the State Police, increased.

It is indeed possible that some of these charges are accurate. We should not argue that the officers in every instance were justified in what they did. But it is easy to understand why their tempers sometimes flared and their patience gave out. They were under constant pressure. Not only did they have to be concerned for their personal safety; they had at the same time to protect the innocent, the people who were not involved in any way in creating or adding to the disorder. Often they had to make decisions in a split second. Rarely did they know whether the person they were facing was friend or foe.

To add to the strain of the moment, so far as state troopers were concerned, there were long, pressure-ridden hours behind many of them, those who had been on duty in Detroit and who, with little rest or respite from the strain, were shifted to Grand Rapids. They are human beings; their nerves get frayed just as other people's do.

The result was that some innocent persons were ill-treated; and some not-so-innocent were treated more roughly than they would have been under less highly charged circumstances. This is inevitable in any situation that

bears the marks of an insurrection. It is proper that all complaints of maltreatment be brought to light and thoroughly examined. Police supervisors need to know where the personal weaknesses are in their organizations, and the public needs to know what to expect if it becomes embroiled in disorders of this kind. Everyone needs to know what may happen in moments of great tension.

Despite the complaints, however, every fair-minded person must concede that the police—all of those who were on duty here—did a magnificent job. They kept the trouble fairly well localized. And they did it with a minimum of force. It is to the everlasting credit of the men who were on the firing line that no one was killed and that in fact there were no more than a couple of serious injuries, none of them fatal.

It must be remembered, too, by a grateful Grand Rapids that the State Police made the difference between control and chaos. Without the troopers, the beleaguered Grand Rapids Police Department could not have spared the overwhelming majority of peaceful Negro and white citizens from further damage and injury.

There have been complaints, too, that the right to a prompt hearing in court was denied some of those arrested in the 48 hours in which scores were picked up and lodged in jail cells. It must be remembered, however, that we have only two police court judges here. Well over 200 persons were arrested in the 48 hours. A dozen judges couldn't have handled the rush in a manner that would have

satisfied defenders of our civil liberties. Nor could enough attorneys be found to represent all of the accused. This was an emergency—and no one could say when it would end, or how many would be involved before it had ended.

We are as devoted to civil rights as the next person. But we are aware that when the lives and property of thousands of law-abiding citizens are in jeopardy, the rights of an individual sometimes may be trampled on for the sake of protecting the greater good. The first task this week was to restore order in the southeastern section of the city and to protect the overwhelming majority of the city's Negro citizens who were in no way responsible for the outbreaks. That was done.

Now that comparative calm prevails, we have the time and opportunity to take inventory, to assess the rights and wrongs in this situation, and where possible to redress whatever wrongs may have been committed in the name of the law. But let us also bear in mind that we have come through a great civic disaster with relatively little damage to the innocent. This could not have happened except for the immense patience, courage and dedication of the police and firemen and others who worked around the clock to keep our community from becoming a city of permanently scarred memories. The decency of this community has been under siege. The siege is now lifted. We have now to bind up our wounds and try to understand why it happened, that it may not happen again.

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## Carmichael's Out of Step

Stokely Carmichael, if he has been quoted truthfully, has now succeeded in forfeiting any claim to a role of leadership among American Negroes who seek equality among races.

As much as any man, and more than most, Carmichael should know that Negroes and whites must work together if the problems of the ghettos are to be solved so that Negroes have available to them the equality of opportunity that should be their American birthright.

But in the statement attributed to him in Cuba, where he had gone to attend a conference aimed at brewing trouble throughout the

Americas, Carmichael appears to have taken a position that serves only to alienate himself further from responsible, ambitious American Negroes.

The Prensa Latina agency of Castro's Cuba quotes Carmichael as saying, "In Newark we applied war tactics of the guerrillas. We are preparing groups of urban guerrillas for our defense in the cities . . . This is going to be a fight to the death."

If that's his position he disassociates himself from an honest effort to repair the injustices done American Negroes. That effort must continue, but it must continue without Carmichael.

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# Mayor Is Eager to Erase Scars of Disorder

City officials started discussing causes and remedies Friday in the wake of the disorders that shook the city's South Side Negro area this week.

"We now must begin to rebuild — and I mean physically and mentally," declared Mayor Sonneveldt who was in the thick of the round-the-clock surveillance and countless meetings with police, administrative aides and residents of the Negro area in the last few days.

"We have to start rebuilding the relationships we had before this occurred, and to better them," he said.

Friday morning the mayor and City Manager Henry Nabers toured the area damaged by the mob action and requested city building inspectors to move immediately in advising businessmen whose building suffered fire damage on whether the structure may be repaired or must be demolished.

The mayor said that, if it is necessary the city could move ahead with razing the buildings and assess costs to the private owners.

He indicated he was eager to clean up the area and wipe out the signs of the disorder as

quickly as possible.

Looking refreshed, the mayor spent some time with reporters Friday morning in the calm of his City Hall office, discussing sessions he had held with disgruntled youths and young adults of the troubled area.

"My concern is not with the 99 per cent of the residents of the area, but with the hard core taking part in this. They really have no leadership," he noted, recalling frustrations in trying to reach a meeting of minds on complaints.

He agreed with charges that the Negroes lack suitable hous-

ing but said, "basically, we will have to start with the new public housing that is planned."

The federal government works slowly, he conceded, noting that a start on building the first 150 units in the Campau Park School area still is several months away. "I wish there was some way to speed things up."

A suggestion was made for creation of a new committee to help develop housing not tied to the public housing effort, but the mayor said the problem always boils down to the need for federal funds because of low personal incomes and high in-

terest and construction costs. But he indicated the United Community Services Leadership Committee might be the logical unit to look into such a possibility.

Housing needs also were stressed in a Human Relations Commission statement Friday, released by HRC Director Eugene Sparrow.

The HRC deplored this week's disorders. It said, "We believe, however, that all of our citizens can be thankful of the conscientious efforts of the Grand Rapids police and other city authorities in their difficult task to

protect life and property.

"Likewise recognition and thanks should be extended to the many Negroes in the area who assisted and are continuing to assist the authorities in restoring an atmosphere of law, order and reason . . ."

The statement warned disorders will only end permanently "when there is a new and radical change in the social and economic conditions which give rise to them."

"Good intentions are not enough. It is the judgment of the (HRC) commission that the entire community must insist

upon immediate action for upgrading housing for Negroes.

This means nothing less than the elimination of the ghetto and what it stands for. It is imperative that all of our citizens be made aware of the substandard housing, overcrowding, unemployment and lack of representation which exists in the ghetto area. Only through effective personal involvement and acceptance of responsibility by residents of every section of our city, including religious, business, labor and government institutions, can we hope to . . . eradicate conditions from which such incidents arise."



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**FUTURE MARINE?** — Ricky Kurlenda tries on the Marine cap of his pen pal Gunnery Sgt. L. D. Christian, for size. The two met for the first time this week.

## Small Pen Pal, Marine United

If 6-year-old Ricky Kurlenda's wishes come true, he'll be a Marine, just like his Vietnam pen pal, Gunnery Sgt. L. D. Christian who visited him this

Ricky told the Marine about his family and wrote of the big snowstorm last winter. He wanted to know how the war was

## Attorneys Aid Youths

The go-ahead has been given by the regional office of the Office of Economic Opportunity to allow the local Legal Services Program to provide legal counseling for youths arrested for misdemeanors in the recent disturbances on the southeast side of town.

Legal Services will not provide counsel to those charged with felonies such as arson or looting.

If one is charged with a felony, the court must appoint a lawyer for his defense, if he cannot afford an attorney. In misdemeanor cases, however, it is up to the discretion of the court whether an attorney should be appointed.

Many of the approximately 280 persons arrested are charged with violations of the curfew hours in effect Tuesday and Wednesday. The charge is a misdemeanor.

The approval for legal counseling was given by the OEO with a feeling of "uneasiness" said Wendell Verduin, director of the Community Action Program for United Community Services.

Since Legal Services was recently funded for \$115,721 by the OEO, Verduin said, the organization fears that citizens will accuse the federal government of giving support to those who perpetrate civil disorders.

Five lawyers are in the Legal Services program, but with the added load of cases at least five more lawyers have been recruited to give temporary assistance. Some will be paid while others have volunteered their services.

Thursday night, the 10 lawyers were present in Police Court arraignments of prisoners. Raymond Lynch, director of the program, said that of 25 persons arraigned, 7 entered guilty pleas and the others pleaded innocent.

Those pleading innocent were given consultation by the attorneys. After consultation four of them reversed their stand and entered pleas of guilty.



—Grand Rapids Press Photographer

## Award Winners in Aquinas College's Summer Upward Bound Program

Among nine award winners in the Upward Bound educational program conducted this summer at Aquinas College are these four young persons, chatting with Sister Harriet, who was in charge of the program.

The four are, from left: Terry Triggs, Mr. Up-

ward Bound; Miss Ranell Young, winner of chemistry and art honors; Miss Ruth Ann Booker, Miss Upward Bound, and Henry Bracey, Mr. Physical Fitness.

Others presented awards Thursday night at a Parents Night dinner at the college's Wege Center

included: Miss Bette Griffin, Negro history; Howard Gates, communication; Miss Marsha Carruthers, reading, and Miss JoAnne Turley and Miss Sherrie LaGrone, mathematics. Upward Bound is a federally-funded summer program designed to motivate high school students to college work.

## Riot Costs



## Troy Brock



# Riot Costs Hit Local Health Unit

Additional expense to the city for health inspection in areas damaged in civil disturbances Tuesday and Wednesday was cited Thursday by Dr. W. B. Prothro, city-county health director.

The cost was brought up at the budget meeting of the Kent County Board of Health.

## Expects Extra Work

Dr. Prothro pointed out that health inspectors are going to have to do some extra work in the near southeast section where fire bomb blazes, rock throwing and other destructive activities did extensive property damage.

"This is going to cost us money in inspection," he warned the board.

The board, however, was more occupied with discussion of last-minute city plans to retain its inspection services in the changeover to operation of the health services by the county. The city also proposed to keep the fees derived from the service.

Mayor Sonneveldt said last week, "I would hate to think of the county controlling inspection of our eating establishments."

One board member questioned the advisability of keeping this phase of the health department out of county hands and suggested political overtones. The issue was not resolved and it appeared the changeover might bog down over the question.

The board approved a request

## Charged Twice

Henry Holt Jr., 20, of 39 Graham St. SW, pleaded guilty Thursday before Circuit Court Judge John T. Letts of procuring for prostitution, but innocent of a second charge, accepting money for such prostitution. He was released on \$2,500 bond pending presentence investigation and trial. The alleged offenses occurred between March 1 and April 14.

by the city of Walker that the county assume the responsibility of inspecting and approving its septic tanks.

Dr. Prothro said, "I think they have the right to demand it, the same as the rest of the county." The move puts all the Walker's sanitation problems under the department's control.

Dr. Prothro informed the board certain cutbacks would be necessary in the school health program as a result of the merger of the city-county departments and the corresponding jump in the number of children, and a vacancy in the ranks of the vision and hearing technicians.

A special project, a well-baby clinic, actually the continuation of a program formerly financed and operated by the state, was approved. The project will include continued state financing with an estimated \$3,200, but administration will be done by the city-county department.

The board approved the tentative 1968 budget to be submitted to the finance committee, with the transfer budget from the Grand Rapids health department. The latter, amounting to \$326,794, will be partly paid for by a \$200,000 contribution from the city.

## Asks Larger Staff

In its own budget, Dr. Prothro is asking for three additional staff members. The director also recommended working the maternal and child health project in the poorer sections of Grand Rapids into a permanent position. He said it has already demonstrated its worth in revealing the social and economic aspects of disease and revealing many cases that might otherwise go untreated. The total health fund request amounts to \$511,545, less its revenue from fees and state and federal subsidies.

The largest budget increases in salaries. This amounts to about \$66,940.