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Mobs Burn and Loot 800 Stores; Troops Move In; Emergency Is On

Many Detroiters spend the first day of the riot unaware parts of town are under siege because officials convince the media to embargo news until Sunday afternoon. The Free Press won a Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the insurrection.



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We're preparing a computer exhibit which is supposed to be able to predict the next U.S. president. To do it we have to process all kinds of voter information—including the number of registered voters in Michigan. Everyone we've called says they only keep track by routine.—M.E.

Feed 9 1/2 million into the machine. Last count was in April, 1966, when 3,337,730 voters were registered. Robert Montgomery, director of state elections, says that's a good estimate. Things should be better after Oct. 3, when a new law will require cities, townships and villages to report figures to the county clerk within 15 days after registration closes. They still won't be exact, though. Since a precinct has to divide it if it's over the quota 11,000 in machine precincts, 800 for paper ballots, they get lots of counts that say 799 or 1,399. Montgomery says "prevent people lie a little."

Has a woman ever been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor—L.W. Warren.

Once—they took it back. Dr. Mary Walker, a nurse for the Union Army in the Civil War, got the medal in 1866 for battlefield duty. He nominated her for the medal to get her off his back. It didn't work. She was back posing the Army a year later for a military pension, which she got in 1876. A 1914 review board scratched her—and 910 others—from the honor roll when they found out the medal had been awarded to shut her up. Mary went on to become one of the nation's first suffragettes lectured on women's rights while wearing a frock coat and trousers.

When we opened a hold our own sign had to be back at least 100 feet from the road. The other resorts in the area aren't abiding by this rule, and they're getting all the tourist business. If the rule no longer applies, we want to move our sign back to the road. Call us—Mrs. C.S. Osocka.

Will till the legislature decide. A 1925 law says no commercial signs may be placed on the highway right 100 feet—which means no signs for 50 to 75 feet on most streets.



Smoke, harricades and helmeted police: Detroit's scene of violence

Blind-Pig Raid Was Spark

From a dingy, second-floor apartment in the heart of the city's high crime area, the ugly ripples that would become Detroit's first major racial disturbance in 30 years spread like tiny tongues of gasoline, volatile and angry.

The events that brought the city to the edge of urban warfare began more than six weeks ago when the 100th Precinct's clean-up squad first identified an illegal after-hours liquor operation in the apartment at 9215 Twelfth St.

ON THE SECOND floor of the building is a second of...

Sgt. Arthur E. Howison and his squad entered the building and arrested more than 80 patrons who were drinking.

Squad cars and paddy wagons from the 100th Precinct made repeated runs, transporting those arrested to the precinct station to be booked and taken downtown. The process took time—too much time, it would seem later.

Howison's squad cleared the building at 4:45 a.m., 35 minutes after it had arrived. Attracted by police cruisers, a crowd had gathered on the sidewalk to taunt officers, mock friends now under arrest. People with girl friends...

Just these hoodlums on-looters who had no business being there started shooting.

As the last of the prisoners were loaded into cars, someone whose name may never be known was prompted to act. He picked an empty lot off the street and from the protection of the crowd, hurled it toward the building. The bottle crashed in a lay are and smashed through the rear window of the squad car.

The crowd cheered. An incident had begun.

At 5:10 a.m. the 10th Precinct received the first of the calls from the Twelfth St. neighborhood. Why are all the burglar alarms ringing, the callers wanted to know.

The number of calls grew quickly, then impossible. More men were dispatched in cruises to the area. Their reports were relayed to headquarters. A major outbreak seemed imminent.

At 5:20 a.m., Police Commissioner Ray Girardin was called at home and told of the developing crisis. He immediately called Mayor Vawter.

Looter Killed; 724 Held as Riot Spreads

Gov. Romney called in the National Guard and clamped a state of emergency on Detroit Sunday night in an attempt to quell spreading Negro sniping, burning and looting that broke out in the Twelfth and Clairmount area on the city's West Side.

Tanks, jeeps and 2 1/2-ton trucks moved ahead of infantry units to clear a sealed-off area bounded by W. Grand Blvd., Chicago, Linwood and the Lodge Freeway.

The state of emergency—a step just short of martial law—was ordered by the governor at 9:05 p.m. amid reports of sporadic rifle fire throughout the city. Three police were wounded early Monday, one fatally.

When the emergency order was issued, more than 80 stores had been looted, more than 200 persons were arrested and hundreds had been treated in hospital emergency rooms.

At 3 a.m. Monday, Police Commissioner Ray Girardin said a total of 724 persons had been arrested. This includes 600 adults and 124 juveniles. The charges ranged from breaking and entering, through felonious assault to curfew violations.

After 17 hours of rampaging by Negroes, triggered by an early-morning police raid on an illegal after-hours liquor spot, the area was a shambles of shattered and demolished stores and blazing buildings.

ROMNEY SAID 700 guardsmen were in the city and 1,300 more had been mobilized for immediate call-up. In addition, the governor said, 3,000 more troops had been alerted at Camp Grayling, where they have just completed summer training.

The state of emergency, which Romney extended to cover the adjoining cities of Highland Park and Hamtramck, includes a 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. curfew on all but essential travel, a ban on the sale of alcoholic drinks, and a prohibition against carrying arms or flammable liquids.

"I hope we can handle this situation without resort to whole force," Romney declared. But he said he would move whatever equipment and men were needed in the city to protect life and property.

Detroit Police Commissioner Ray Girardin ordered police to return fire if they were fired on. In addition to the guardsmen and Detroit police, 300 state troopers were called in to help put down the violence.

Disaster Teams Go Into Action

DEAD AT DETROIT General Hospital was Walter Orzanski, 45, of 641 Charlevoix who police said was shot in the chest by an unknown person in the same area of the Temple Market and Temple and Fourth. Police said the store had been looted earlier in the riot.

to be Hanged Today in Milan; Plea Refused

Slayer of King Calls Penalty Just

Milan, Sept. 1.—(A.P.)—The execution of King Umberto I of Italy was held today in Milan. The king was hanged at 10:30 a. m. after a brief trial. The execution was witnessed by a large number of people. The king's last words were 'I die for my country.'

Illness Described to Food

Department of Health says that a new illness has been discovered. It is described as a food poisoning. The illness is caused by a bacterium found in food. The illness is characterized by vomiting and diarrhea. The department is warning the public to be careful of their food.

Emergency Refused for Cash Kidnap

Philadelphia, Pa., July 7.—(A.P.)—The Philadelphia police today refused to issue a writ of habeas corpus for a man charged with kidnaping a woman for a cash ransom. The man's lawyer argued that the man should be released because he had no money to pay the ransom.

18 Hurt in Burying Rush

Berwick, Pa., July 31.—(A.P.)—Eighteen people were injured today in a rush to bury a man who had been killed in a train accident. The man's body was found in the wreckage of the train. The rush was caused by a shortage of coffins.

German Warplanes Bomb Poland's Capital; Nazis Annex Danzig; Heavy Border Fighting

Hitler Formally Takes Free City into Reich

BERLIN, Sept. 1 (Friday)—(A.P.)—Adolf Hitler today accepted the Free City of Danzig into the Reich. He declared that the city was now part of Germany. He also announced that Germany would use force to defend the city against Polish attacks.

Fuehrer Tells Reichstag Why He Went into War

BERLIN, Sept. 1 (Friday)—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler addressed the Reichstag today and explained why he had taken Germany into war with Poland. He said that Germany had no choice but to defend itself against Polish aggression.

Nazi Gives War Orders; Hiti Navy Blockades Poles

BERLIN, Sept. 1 (Friday)—(A.P.)—The German Army today issued orders for a full-scale invasion of Poland. The orders called for the army to advance into Poland from the west. The German Navy also announced that it would blockade the Polish coast.

Paris Caught by Surprise; Envoy Charges Nazi Guilt

PARIS, Sept. 1.—(A.P.)—Havas (French news agency) today said that the Polish Embassy in Paris had been surprised by German soldiers. The embassy envoy charged the Germans with the responsibility for the invasion of Poland.

London Evacuates Children; Parliament Summoned

LONDON, Sept. 1 (Friday)—(U.P.)—Almost one half million school children were evacuated from London today to other parts of the country. Parliament was also summoned to meet today to discuss the situation in Poland.

Other Towns of Poland Raked by Berlin Planes

WARSAW, Sept. 1.—(A.P.)—The Foreign Office said today that German planes had bombed Krakow and Katowice, in southwestern Poland. The bombings caused considerable damage and many casualties.

Foreign Office Immediately Charging Germany with Aggression

The Foreign Office immediately charged Germany with aggression and announced that it would take all necessary steps to defend itself. The office also announced that it would support the Polish government in its fight against German aggression.

WILDCAT STRIKES POSSIBLE

Mailmen Are Told to Work

Mailmen are being urged to continue working despite the possibility of a wildcat strike. The National Labor Relations Board has ruled that mail delivery is an essential service and that mailmen are not entitled to strike.

Reds Kill 300 Trying To Flee

Reports indicate that 300 people were killed while trying to flee from the advancing Red army in Poland. The deaths were caused by machine gun fire from the enemy.

Hopes High For New Contract

There is high hope for a new contract between the government and the labor unions. Negotiations are currently underway and it is expected that a new agreement will be reached soon.