

RACE

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From Houston to Detroit -- from Tucson to New York --
an air of tense apprehension tonight. With local, state
and Federal officials in a dozen or more cities -- striving
desperately to keep the lid on. Hoping to head off another
night of terror -- in the most widespread racial strife in
the nation's history.

In ² Detroit, at least -- it appears that the situation
is finally under control. Police, National Guardsmen and
tough Army paratroopers today putting to rout -- the last
of countless rioters, looters and snipers. At this moment
-- still enforcing the peace at gunpoint. Yet even so --
the death toll is still going up.

Latest addition -- a policeman felled early today by a
shotgun blast. Raising to twenty-five the number of dead in
Detroit -- in three days of violence. Along with fifteen
hundred injured -- and thousands more under arrest.

Next big question: What will happen when night comes?

What will happen in Detroit -- in Cambridge, Maryland -- IN Toledo, Ohio --

in New York's Harlem -- in any of a hundred other potential trouble spots.

For now though -- nobody knows. The nation ^{Simply} forced to

wait -- and hope for the best.

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WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, a political storm -- brewing back in Washington
Republicans, in particular, demanding a full-scale
Congressional investigation -- of riots across the country.
Senate Republican Leader Everett Dirksen and Democratic Leader
Mike Mansfield -- both endorsing the idea of a joint House
and Senate Committee; to explore every phase -- of big-city

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Adding that "violence and disorder are intolerable threats
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life."

ATLANTA

More on the same subject -- from Atlanta. Where Dr. Martin Luther King today became the first civil rights leader -- to endorse the use of Federal troops in Detroit. Said he: "I am very sorry that Federal troops -- had to be called in; but there's no question that when a riot erupts -- it has to be halted."

Be that as it may -- Dr. King also sent a telegram to President Johnson. Warning that Negro riots will spread -- unless Congress act "immediately upon some massive program to end Negro unemployment."

Dr. King going on to say -- that "revolts come out of revolting conditions." Adding that "a riot -- is the language of the unheard; it is a suicidal act -- that last desperate act -- when the Negro says, 'I'm tired of living like a dog.'"

IKE

This just in. Former President Eisenhower -- tonight

joining the chorus of protests against racial violence.

Calling for a Constitutional Amendment if necessary -- "to restore the powers of the police" in handling such situations.

Ike's remarks -- in a copyrighted article in the Reader's Digest. One in which he further asserts that the nation -- seems "to be plunging into an era of lawlessness -- which in the end can lead only to anarchy." "We ought to be ashamed" -- said he.

Halfway round the world -- *news today of a* ~~the U.S. Navy struck today~~

strike
1 at the heart of North Vietnam. Navy warplanes and the mightiest guns of the U.S. Seventh Fleet -- pounding a key thermal power plant near Vinh. This -- the first such attack of the war.

On the debit side -- another brazen terrorist raid to the South. Viet Cong guerillas -- invading a hamlet on the outskirts of Saigon. Marching five men and a woman -- to busy Highway Thirteen; where each was executed -- with a bullet in the back of the head. The bodies of the victims -- left lying in the road; bearing signs saying they had been condemned to death -- for serving as "government spies."

In Saigon itself -- President Johnson's two personal envoys conferred today with top government leaders. General Maxwell Taylor and Clark Clifford -- winding up the first leg of their Asian swing. They leave tomorrow for Bangkok -- expected site of the President's next Asian "summit conference."

RED CHINA

Latest from Red China -- word today of full-scale revolt in the Red Army military district of Wuhan; largest industrial center -- in South Central China.

Reports reaching Hong Kong -- telling of a head-on collision between pro and anti-Mao factions. Threatening the province and the entire country -- with a relapse into war lord rule -- maybe civil war. Even Peking now admitting -- there is a "bitter struggle" for power in Wuhan. Adding that Mao supporters there are defending the central government -- "at the cost of their lives and blood."

The situation coming to light -- with news of the kidnaping of two major ^{officials} ~~men~~ in the Peking government. A kidnaping allegedly committed -- on direct authorization from Wuhan's top military command.

The two men later released -- at the insistence of Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai. However, Nationalist Chinese sources calling the incident -- "a punch right on Mao's nose -- and an open challenge to his authority as a dictator."

PARIS

Speaking of weather -- fall and winter fashion showings are just getting underway in Paris. Today's premier presentations -- ~~--- a striking~~ study in contrasts.

First up -- the Italian husband-and-wife team of Simonetta and Fabiani; whose models frugged and jerked -- to the beat of latest hit records; while wearing abbreviated pants dresses -- mini-skirts about as long as beach jackets -- along with leather hip boots to keep milady's thighs warm.

Reverse side of the coin -- next door at the collection of old reliable Pierre Balmain; who showed not one model -- wearing pants or a mini-skirt? Instead, pegging hemlines just below the knee -- for daytime wear; just above the ankle -- for evening wear.

By way of explanation -- Balmain telling fashion buyers that current mini-trends -- are "too childish" for too many women." These -- said he -- ^{mature} women; for whom "the kindergarten style is flattering -- only when it is seen from behind."

LONDON

From London, England -- news today of a television first -- almost. Here's the story.

TV's magic eye -- trained on a cricket match; when play-by-play announcer Henry Blofeld spotted a man in a bathing suit -- watching the game from a balcony overlooking the cricket grounds.

"That's the way to watch cricket" -- said Henry.

And the camera zoomed in quickly for a close-up -- only to zoom out again just as fast. A fellow commentator advising Blofeld: "Careful Henry -- that's a woman."

And it was -- a woman in a topless. Blissfully unaware of the vast ~~big~~ television audience -- that nearly caught her sunbathing.

CARLETONVILLE

Here in the East -- another sizzling day today.

Temperatures soaring to ninety and above -- with humidity to match. Before a welcome rain -- came to "cool it."

On the other hand -- it's winter now South of the Equator. Especially in South Africa -- a country in the midst of a cold snap. Which accounts for this next -- a strange mine disaster reported today from Carletonville -- about fifty miles from Johannesburg.

Some ten thousand native miners -- huddled in the morning chill; waiting to report for work at the Western Deep Levels Gold Mine -- said to be the richest in the world. ~~When,~~

finally, the gates do open -- setting ~~off~~ a mad rush to escape the cold. Except that one of the miners ~~tripped~~ ^{TRIPPED} -- then another and another; and suddenly -- a tremendous pile-up.

Before it was over -- fifty miners crushed to death.

Another forty nine -- suffering broken bones, cracked ribs and so on. South Africa's Department of Mines -- quickly ordering a full investigation.