John Richardson:

I was in the side door of Arline's. I saw this Pontiac pull up to the curb and the driver struggle to get out the passenger's side. The patrol car didn't cut the siren on until it got to the corner of Jelliff and Clinton. By the time the car had turned the corner the man was out and the patrol car rolled up to where they could see him running through the alley. I heard one shot and I saw the man spin around and he fell. The patrolmen got out of the car and went over and shined a light on the man and

checked his wallet while the other held the light. Others got out of the patrol car and started searching the man's car. As they couldn't get the trunk open but they didn't find anything inside the car. Moments later the area was full of patrolmen but there still was no ambulance. I went in the restaurant and called the precinct; then after a short time an ambulance and a police emergency wagon came. The emergency wagon was full of patrolmen who got out and blocked off the street and told everyone to get inside.

I saw a patrol car pull up about five minutes before the shooting (about 12:25) and then I heard glass breaking. I went to the front of the restaurant and saw policemen coming out of the hallway next door and one breaking empty bottles in a trash container on the street. There were about six or seven just walking around with their riot guns. One policemen came in and said to Rachel "Miss, don't have anyone drinking around here," and left.

She about six or seven came in and started searching through

the whole place.

I asked a captain (I'm sure it was a police captain) if he needed a search warrant; he said not during a riot. He said, "I'm a police officer and that's enough."

When I looked behind the counter one or two were washing their hands in the sink; I don't know why.

I called headquarters (still before the shooting) and asked ~~why they needed a search~~ if they needed a search warrant; the man downtown said, "I think they don't, not in this case." He said a woman had called up and reported that stolen goods had been thrown into the restaurant.

all the searchers left before the shooting started; they had only been there a couple of minutes.

After the shooting a news car pulled up. They got the story of the patrolman who had shot the man and took his picture. As they were going back to the car I said, "There are witnesses who saw it. Don't you want to get their side of the story?" They just got in their car and left and that was it.

After they had left another fellow and I went back in the alley to where the man had been shot. As we were coming back a patrol

car came by and a cop asked us what we were doing. We told him a man had just had his brains blown out. We said, "You must like that" and left.