

Trouble in Central Ward Called Isolated Incident

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Mayors Bruce J. Addiswitz this afternoon said the trouble in Newark's Central Ward early today was an "isolated incident" resulting from an argument between a taxicab driver and two Newark policemen.

"There was no raid alert. We're concerned but not unduly disturbed," the mayor said.

The arrest of the cab driver, charged with violence outside the Fourth Precinct police station by about 200 Negroes, some of whom live in the neighborhood were discussed and several hundred demonstrators was staged in front of City Hall.

Addiswitz made his statement after conferring for nearly two hours with Police Director Donald A. Spina, James L. Thorne, executive director of the Newark Human Rights Commission, and other top city officials.

Emergency Steps

The mayor announced that these steps would be taken for publicity:

The two policemen involved with the taxi driver, John De Siano and Vito Stanich, who suffered minor injuries, will be re-assigned to administrative duties pending an investigation of the case.

Spina and Thorne were directed to make separate, independent investigations and to report to the mayor by Monday.

The entire case was referred to the FBI in Newark

because, the mayor said, of his said it was difficult at this the circumstances surrounding him to say what role they the case played.

"There may be charges of Albert Black, chairman of the police neutrality committee from Newark Right Committee, said this incident between the police. His investigation showed that men and the cab driver. "The negative attitude of the mayor said.

Customary Procedure

He added, however, that no charges had been filed against the police as of mid-day.

The mayor said it is always taken over whenever necessary to reassess policemen in this a provocation." Black said relevant to incidents of this nature commission staff members have provided an investigation.

The mayor said that he was largely closed into the Newark meeting later today with his Housing Project and leaders anti-Tax Free-on-Summer Job, inspired by police. He said, but said that the meeting had these complaints would be given arranged two weeks ago, settled in the mayor and his group members of the anti-Spina. The housing project for civil rights leaders. Addis supports the Fourth Precinct right says authoritatively local Statute. night's trouble will come under. "All of the work that has been done by our organization in just

The mayor said there was no law-enforcement relations was evidence of any outside or on toward the drama last general situation during the night," Black asserted.

trouble last night and today. The tension built up last night

after the cab driver, John W.

Liam Smith, 40, of 514 Seymour

ave., had been arrested. A crowd gathered outside the police station, and during the next several hours, three Molotov cocktails, stones and bottles of

The mayor said it was not the bombing. Four policemen and several civilians were injured severely in the area for during the night, more apparently seriously.

Addiswitz said it was his impression that there were some solicitude agents personnel involved in the incident.

'Isolated Incident'

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But windows were broken in Melvin's suite. "At the request
of two dozen citizens and some were
joined, a check along Belmont Street
earlier today, a shot was directed
from the station thought to be
carried with windows had been
broken. Two of the windows had been
broken by the general windows.
There also were police
reports of other windows
broken in the general vicinity.
Report of Central Ward.

The police station at 57th Avenue and Livingston Street, is in
the heart of Newark's Central Ward, which is almost entirely
Negro.

According to Pitney, Inspector
Kenseth, Melvin, Smith, a
driver for the Safety Gas Co.,
and "Fitzpatrick," a patrol car
on 14th Avenue at 1:45 p.m.,
when he pulled past the bar on
the right side, the patrolman,
Pitney and Dr. Simon
stopped the taxi at 9th Street.
Melvin said Smith began using
profane language and struck
both officers when they told him
he was under arrest.

"After he hit the officers,"
continued Pitney, "an exotic
dancer finished in the radio car,
had to be carried out the station
when he refused to walk, and
then declined to give his name."

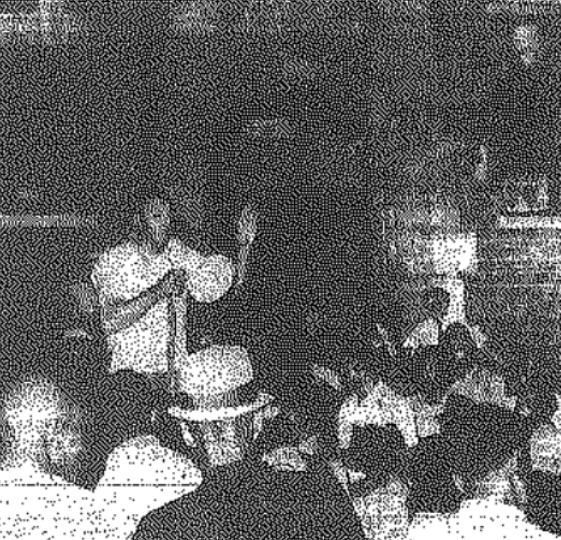
Assault Charged

Smith was charged with using
loud and abusive language, re-
sisting arrest, and assaulting a
police officer. He also was ac-
cused of driving on the rounded
edge.

About a half-hour after Smith's
arrest, residents of the area
had collected in front of the sta-
tion, shouting and chancing for
the driver's release.

"I arrived at 14:45 p.m." Mel-
vin said, "and I allowed a
group of civil rights leaders
(Area Board Two can and
poverty agency), to see the
prisoner."

"At the inception there were
no persons outside, except our-
selfs and the drivers."



SPEAKER—Civil Rights leader Robert Curvin calls for attention of aggressive crowd outside of 5th Precinct last night before outbreak of violence in city's Central Ward.

The ranks of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during calling for the end the first sign in a chain
of street. The Negro sent 100 police Headquarters, at Broad Street, to end
the rioting running for cover, and Franklin streets.

Harry's Liquor Store at 12th Street, where a black aboard the taxi and went into
the bar, where a window was shattered, calling for immediate help into—

Newark City Hospital reported
that four policemen and two
citizens were treated and re-
laxed. In addition, another four
citizens were similarly treated

about the time of the disturbance, but the hospital adminis-
tration was not certain that they
had been involved.

The policeman were the two
who arrested Smith, Dr. Simon
(Area Board Two can and
poverty agency), and Gerald Carroll

The two citizens reported in-
jured in the Belmont Avenue
area were Earl Waymond of 219
Springfield Avenue and John
Schoeller of 66 Bond St.

All were treated for cuts
and bruises.

During or immediately after
the initial of 12 persons, includ-
ing the taxi driver, were arrested
on charges ranging from assault
and battery to looting.

Those arrested other than
Smith and the charges were:
Walter Marshall, 20, of 212
Sherman Ave., found and offen-
sive language and littering;
James Paul, 27, of 102 S. 10th
St., passed and assault on
Hansong Parolman; Charles
Smith, resulting arrest and
creating a disturbance.

John Butler, 41, of 299 14th
Ave., larceny of property from
Jack's Tavern, 41 Pitt Ave.

David Smith, 38, of 483 Avon
Ave., public indecency at Pitt
Ave. and 14th Avenue.

Walter Cooper, 22, of 672
Astor Ave., West Green, 19,
of 39 Madison Ave., and Lester
Albert, 30, of 198 Ridgewood
Ave., all charged with larceny.

James Oliphant, 35, of 102
Belmont Ave., Julius Brown, 21,
of 123 Livingston St., Sam Green,
30, of 51 Morris Ave., and Mrs.
and Mrs. Sarah Clark, 25, of 7
Avon Ave., all charged with pos-
session of stolen whiskey and
beer.

The names of all those arrested
were postponed today until July
when they were called in
Magistrate's Court.

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