

Patrol leaves Elyria as disturbance eases

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ELYRIA — Most of a force of 90 Ohio Highway patrolmen, ordered into Elyria to help control roving bands of youths, left the city this morning.

A Highway Patrol spokesman said the force was reduced because, "We encountered no trouble whatsoever after midnight."

Gov. Rhodes ordered the patrolmen into the city at the request of Mayor Leonard P. Reichlin on the second night of firebombings, rock throwing, looting and assaults.

THE DISTURBANCE was triggered Tuesday night when Elyria policeman Michael Killean shot and killed a black man, Daryl Maxwell, 19, as he allegedly fled from a burglary at a tavern in the city's black section.

Police Chief Maurice Flood said 400 to 500 persons, mostly black youths, were involved in the disturbances. Despite Flood's statement, a spokesman for the Lorain County sheriff's office said about 20 of the 40 persons arrested for inciting to riot were white.

Twenty-eight persons were treated and released for minor injuries at Elyria Memorial Hospital.

AT ONE POINT Wednesday night, before the Highway Patrol was called in, bands of youths ran uncontrolled in a 30-block area of the city's southwest side, police said.

Police said several motorists had objects thrown at their cars, while firemen reported blazes in three buildings. Youths throwing rocks and cutting fire hoses made it diffi-

cult to fight the fires, firemen said.

Occasional gunfire also was reported, with two persons treated for gunshot wounds in the leg.

Mayor Reichlin said he was "surprised, very surprised" when violence broke out Wednesday night after he met with black leaders and a crowd of about 400 persons at a school parking lot.

HE SAID an agreement was reached that blacks could monitor the investigation of Maxwell's death by City Solicitor J. William McCray. In return, the black leaders were to attempt to relieve tension in the black community, Reichlin said.

Patrolman Killean was suspended from the force, pending results of the shooting investigation.

Musicarnival to after 22 years

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Musicarnival, Northwest Ohio's 22-year-old professional tent theater in Warrensville Heights, announced Thursday that it will cut short its 1975 season and probably will never reopen its nationally renowned theater-in-the-round next to Thistle-down race track.

Musicarnival founder and president John L. Price Jr., 55, said that Saturday's performances of "Grease" may be the last to play the circular stage of the big blue