

Racial Violence Rampant In Diverse Areas

40 Persons Arrested In Ohio

ELYRIA, Ohio (UPI) — At least 40 persons have been arrested in connection with a continuing civil disturbance on the Elyria's southwest side where firefighters were shot at. Bands of youths rioted the streets and smashed store and automobile windows, police said today.

Gov. James A. Rhodes ordered the Ohio Highway Patrol into the racially-rioted area Wednesday night in an attempt to restore calm to this usually placid city of 23,000. But as one hurried police dispatcher said: "It looks like the same thing all over again. But it's spreading more into the city."

Rhodes's executive assistant, Tom Moyer, said the troopers were sent in at the request of Mayor Leonard P. Reichlin because "apparently they are concerned about the possibilities of looting."

At least three businesses about a mile from downtown, were burned and looted and several motorists were dragged from their cars and beaten, while some white residents took to the streets with firearms, police said.

"The situation might be over in a week if we're lucky," said Patrolman H.R. Riley, who also noted several black adults were also out trying to soothe passions. "Then again, we might not be lucky."

The 80 highway patrolmen, police and deputy sheriffs from Laramie County moved to regain a 30-block area on the city's southwest side which they had surrendered to gangs of black youths for nearly four hours Wednesday night.

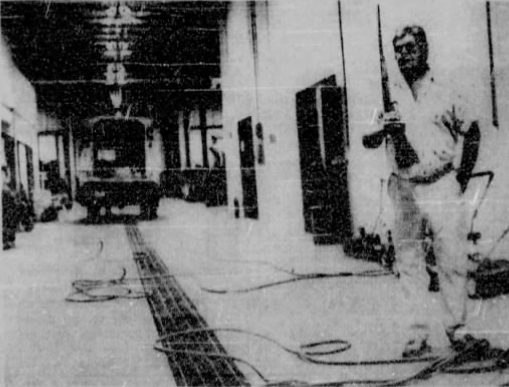
Reports of firebombings, shooting, looting, rock-throwing and assaults were common throughout the night.

Authorities speculated the disturbances were set off Tuesday when Daryl Maxwell, 19, Elyria, a suspected burglar who is black, was shot and killed inside the Mayfair Bar by Patrolman Michael Killian, who is white.

Maxwell was unarmed when shot in the head by Killian, who has been suspended pending an investigation of the incident by City Solicitor J. William McCray. Wednesday afternoon about 100 blacks, led by Maxwell's older brother, Walter, converged on City Hall and asked to meet with Reichlin, mayor here 10 years. Afterward, 12 blacks met with Reichlin and Safety Service Director James T. Tracey and struck a bargain.

Reichlin said the group complained about police harassment and a lack of recreational facilities in the city. They also insisted that police should have fired a warning shot to stop Maxwell, the mayor said.

"I feel some regret that I had not in the past paid more attention to the problems of the black community," Reichlin said after meeting with the black group.



A CITY EMPLOYEE stands guard in Elyria, Ohio, in the city's maintenance garage after a second night of racial disturbances. The Ohio State Patrol was sent into the area Wednesday to restore order. (UPI Telephoto).

Boston Riots In Fourth Day

BOSTON (UPI) — The fourth consecutive day of racial unrest Wednesday brought — for the first time — reports of whites stoning vehicles. Mayor Kevin White said he would deal firmly with the increasing violence.

Most of the incidents Monday through Wednesday involved blacks throwing objects at police and at cars

driven by whites.

Police overfired a black man fired two shots into the air to frighten white youths who stoned his delivery truck in South Boston Wednesday afternoon.

"We will not abandon this city to any hoodlums, white or black, who act under the cover of some alleged injustice or infringement," White said.

However, the mayor added, "the police cannot do the job alone... people have to get involved."

Police said white youths stoned passenger buses in South Boston and a black man told an official of Boston City Hospital he was stoned while in a car in South Boston. A white woman said she was caught in a hail of rocks thrown at the black man.

Trouble began Sunday when 4,000 whites and 2,000 blacks faced each other at a demonstration at Carson beach in South Boston. Insults were exchanged and some threw objects in that confrontation.

On Monday, police reinforcements were sent into a predominantly black section of the city when groups of blacks threw objects at cars. Similar trouble broke out on following nights.

Spokenmen for three hospitals said 38 persons were injured, including eight policemen, between Wednesday afternoon and early today.

Three people were arrested, including two blacks, aged 16 and 15 who were picked up after a policeman was hit by a rock. One man was arrested after he allegedly tried to run down a policeman with his car.

"We've got close to 300 police now," in addition to the regular men on duty said police spokesman Norman Halliday. The reinforcements included all of the 12-man riot-trained Tactical Patrol Force, canine units and detectives from various bureaus.

The tactical units were sent to the Barbary section Wednesday to protect firemen hoisting down a burning car near one of three housing projects. Police Information Officer George Landry said most of the trouble occurred along the streets that border the projects.

"Mostly what's being bombed" is now in police vehicles, Landry said. "All the roadways are blocked off around these projects anyway."