

Seven Indicted for Melees on W. Division Street

Seven persons were indicted yesterday by the county grand jury on charges related to the recent disturbances in West Division street.

Anthony J. Hernandez, 20, of 1949 Crystal st., was charged with aggravated battery and assault against a policeman. He allegedly threw a beer bottle that hit Patrolman Rudy Rodriguez of the Wood street station in the head.

Shooting Starts Melee

The incident occurred June 12 at Crystal street and Damen avenue. Rodriguez had gone there to help Patrolman Thomas Munyon after Munyon had shot Arcelis Cruz, 21. Munyon said Cruz pulled a gun on him when he stopped Cruz for questioning. The shooting of Cruz touched off the disturbances by Puerto Ricans in the area.

Four persons were indicted on charges of looting a cigar store at 2759 Division st. on

June 13. They are Feliciano Davila, 24, of 2734 Haddon av.; Hertrudes DeLeon, 43, of 2847 Division st.; Jose Garcia, 20, of 2718 Haddon av.; and Luis Crespo, 20, of 1222 N. Kedzie av.

Two Plaques Stolen

Sonia E. Cruz, 18, and Paulino E. Roldan, 25, were indicted on charges of burglarizing the Waldren Furniture company at 2322 Division st. on June 13. Two plaques were taken after a front window of the store was broken.

Testimony in the cases was heard by the grand jury last week.

Meanwhile, a Catholic church leader who has worked for some years in the Puerto Rican community spoke out yesterday against a proposed Puerto Rican protest march on City hall scheduled for early next week.

The Rev. Gilbert A. Carroll, chairman of the Cardinal's Committee for the Spanish Speaking, said the march, planned and organized by officials of a New York Puerto Rican community group, "could touch off frustrations in the West Division street area all over again."

Others Oppose Protest

Many others have voiced their disapproval of the planned protest.

Policeman Thomas Munyon was transferred yesterday by Supt. O. W. Wilson from the Wood street district to the Foster avenue district.

The transfer order also switched Lt. John Looney from Prairie avenue to Grand Crossing, and Lt. Ernest Taylor from Grand Crossing to Prairie avenue. Thirty-four sergeants and 246 policemen also were transferred.