

# BURN COPS' CARS; 35 HELD

## PUERTO RICAN SHOT; SETS OFF DISORDER

### 19 Hurt in Melee on N. W. Side

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Violence erupted on the near northwest side yesterday as an angry crowd hurled bricks and bottles at police and set fire to three squad cars. It continued into the early morning hours today with the looting and damaging of business places, and hurling of fire bombs.

The area near Damen avenue and Division street reached a tense calm at about 3 a. m. during a fairly heavy rain.

Hundreds of policemen were sent into the area after the dis-



Cruz Arcelis being carried from emergency ward of St. Mary of Nazareth hospital.

order resulted when a policeman shot and arrested a Puerto Rican youth. The patrolman said the youth drew a gun on him.

#### Face Several Charges

Thirty-five persons, including four women and two juveniles, were arrested. Charges against the adults included criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct, interfering with police, and assault. The juveniles were released to their parents.

At least 19 persons, including three policemen and a fireman, were injured, tho apparently not seriously.

A screaming, jeering crowd of more than 1,000 formed rapidly after the policeman shot the youth. Many were women.

During the height of the melee, patrolmen charged the group but were repeatedly met by a hail of bricks, bottles, and debris.

A hose was torn from the hands of firemen attempting to extinguish the burning squad cars.

#### Hurl Fire Bomb Into School

After midnight bands of young Puerto Ricans and others broke into business establishments, many along Division street. A fire bomb was thrown into the Schley Elementary school at 1240 Oakley blvd., causing \$25 damage to a classroom.

Police said a gang broke into a cigar and candy store at 2761 Division st., smashed racks and showcases and scattered merchandise about the premises and on the sidewalk outside.

Windows were broken in a meat market at 2759 Division, in the Park View restaurant at 2757 Division and in a currency exchange at 2755 Division. Norman's jewelry store at 2714 Division was looted of an undetermined amount of valuables.

Many merchants locked up their stores and restaurants after the outbreak.

There were conflicting reports on the incident which touched off the melee. Police

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# THREE POLICE CARS BURNED; 35 ARRESTED

## Puerto Ricans Angered by Shooting of Youth

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and witnesses agree that Patrolman Thomas Munyon shot Cruz Arcelis, 21, of 1265 N. Winchester av., after Arcelis pulled a revolver.

Munyon said he and his partner, Raymond Howard, were cruising in the neighborhood when they saw a group of youths fighting at the mouth of an alley at 1205 N. Damen av. He said he and Howard left their squad car to investigate.

"I turned around and saw Arcelis reach into his belt" said Munyon. "I shot him in the left leg and he started to run. I fired two more times. I caught him at Damen avenue and Crystal street and saw him throw his gun away." He said Arcelis was four feet from him when the shooting started.

**Another Version of Trouble**  
However, Tony Volkodav, 26, of 3852 Elston av., who said he witnessed the entire incident, gave a different version.

He said Arcelis and another youth shouted insults at Munyon and Howard as the policemen passed in their squad car. He said Munyon got out of the



[TRIBUNE Staff Photos]

Thomas Munyon

car and approached the pair. The second youth fled, but Arcelis reached for the gun and Munyon opened fire. The two were across the street from each other at the time, said Volkodav.

The second youth later was identified as Anthony Hernandez, 18, of 1949 Crystal st., who was accused of throwing a bottle at the squad car.

Another witness saw two dogs released by police. One bit a youth identified as Juan Gonzales, 20.

### Pick Up Youth

Members of the crowd picked the youth up and carried him up and down Damen avenue so the others could see him, the witness said. Then he was put into a squad car and taken to a hospital.

Also injured was Patrolman Edwin Ruby, a task force policeman who was struck with a brick when he and other policemen charged into the crowd. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital.

Ray Foster, a TRIBUNE photographer, was beaten and kicked while taking pictures. His camera was taken away from him before three Puerto Ricans could rescue him.

It was only shortly after Arcelis was shot that a fire was started in one of the squad cars damaged. A blaze was discovered in the front seat and was quickly extinguished.

### Set Fire to Another Car

Later, members of the crowd spread a flammable liquid on the hood of a second squad car and set fire to it. A policeman put out the fire.

The crowd jumped into a third police car and tore out the radio and wires and broke the windshield before they were chased away by police.

It was at this point that firemen drove into the intersection and tried to extinguish the blazes. The fire hose was ripped from them and two firemen were knocked to the ground, witnesses said.

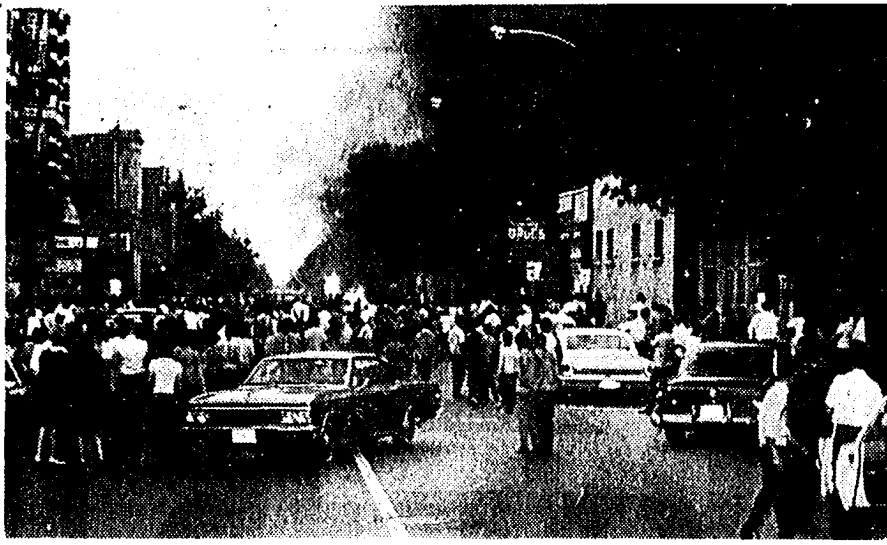
### More Arrests Made

During all this more arrests were made. Among those arrested were Luis Allende, David Perez, Omega Martinez, and Patty Diaz, 18, of 2112 Division st., police said. Ages and addresses on Allende, Perez, and Martinez were not available.

More than 100 policemen under the command of John E. Hartnett, assistant deputy superintendent, were sent to the area to quell the disturbance and cordon off the area.

At one point, Hartnett told the crowd that he would pull his policemen back if the dem-

## Burning Squad Car Blocks Street



Smoke rises from burning squad car as crowd surrounds it during near northwest side disturbance.

[TRIBUNE Staff Photo]



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Tribune Photographer Ray Foster checks pictures he took before crowd roughed him up and smashed his camera.

onstrators would return to their homes. He removed the policemen from the immediate area, but had to send them back when the crowds continued to fight.

Police Supt. O. W. Wilson praised Hartnett's handling of the situation.

Hartnett had called in Spanish-speaking policemen to help speak to the crowds.

### Crowd Surge Continues

Despite these efforts, the crowds continued to surge around the intersection. At one point, a witness saw six persons knocked to the ground.

Lozanda Brigido, 27, of 2108 Crystal st., was taken to St. Mary's hospital for treatment of lacerations and bruises.

Several Puerto Ricans also attempted to calm the crowd. But while one man was speaking thru a megaphone, several persons overturned an automobile and set it on fire.

Several tavern operators voluntarily closed their bars to prevent the mobs from obtaining liquor. However, police were struck repeatedly with beer bottles.

Among others injured was Patrolman Gerald Tavalacci, assigned to the Damen avenue area task force, struck by an auto while diverting traffic from the area.

Fireman Walter Schwartz, 30, was struck on the arm with a brick when his company responded to a false alarm in the area.

# Police Cars Burned, Wrecked in Disturbance on Near Northwest Side



One of three squad cars burned by crowd, largely Puerto Rican, in disturbance last night at Division street and Damen avenue. A fire hose was ripped from firemen who sought to extinguish blaze. (Story on page 1)



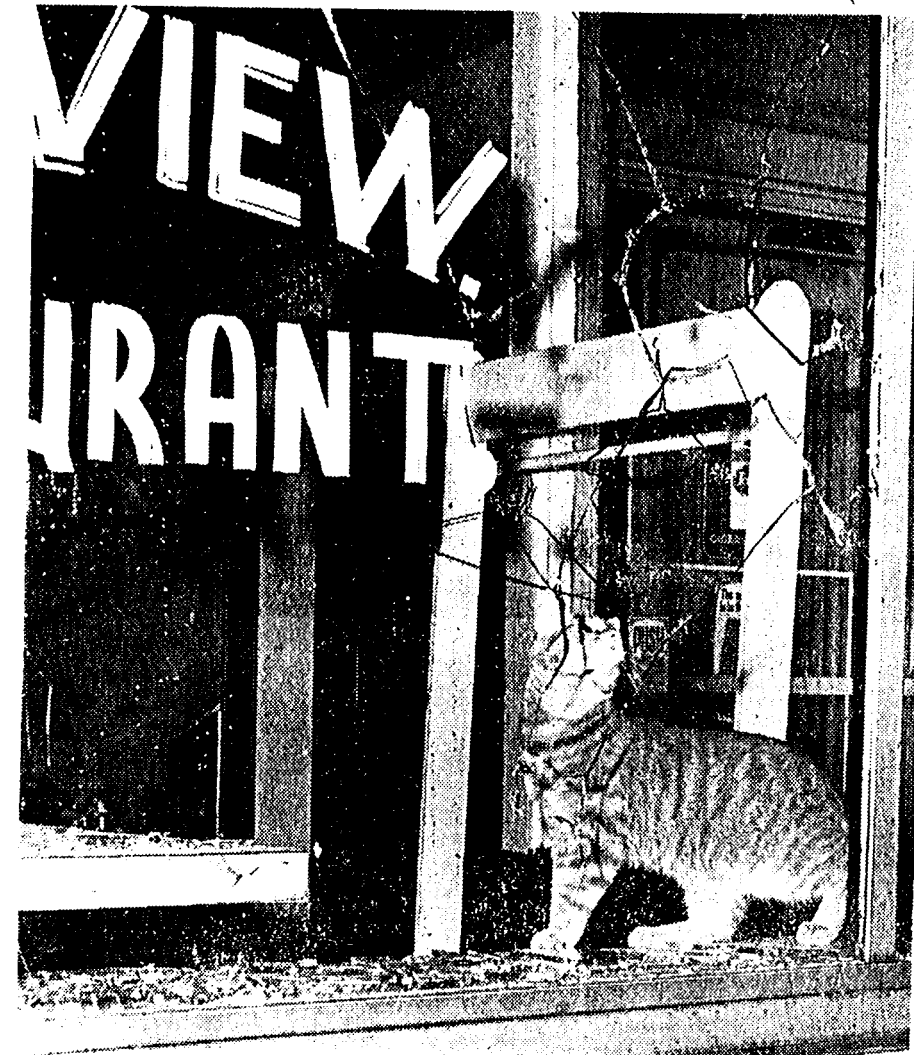
TRIBUNE Staff Photos of Disturbance by James Mayo and Ray Foster

Crowd is joined by children as it carries Juan Gonzales (arrow), 20, thru streets after he was reportedly bitten by police dog. Incident was one of several which witnesses said encouraged disturbance. The

action was marked by almost continuous fighting between policemen and Puerto Rican youths. Many merchants locked their stores, some of which were looted early today.



Another squad car is pushed by crowd in apparent effort to tip it over as police try to drive it away the tires are flat.



Cat surveys damage to Park View restaurant, 2757 Division st., whose windows were smashed during looting that followed disturbance resulting from policeman wounding a youth.



City policeman duck as bottles and stones are thrown at them during their advance to quiet crowd. Two policemen, a fireman, and several other persons were injured during the melee which lasted into the early morning hours.