

500 POLICE KEEP WATCH ON N. W. SIDE

Clear Streets of Crowds

CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE

Tribune reporter walks along Division street; reports a carnival-like atmosphere. Story on page 2.

More than 500 policemen were massed in a northwest side Puerto Rican neighborhood last night to prevent a recurrence of the violence that rocked the area Sunday and Monday nights.

Police moved crowds out of Humboldt park and from street intersections near the park. For the first time, police used a helicopter in crowd control action, keeping tab on the neighborhood until it became so dark the helicopter had to land.

Twenty-five adults and 15 juveniles were arrested.

Five of those arrested were seized for hurling home-made fire bombs in the 600 block of north Leavitt street. They were charged with reckless conduct, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.

Holzman Takes Command

Capt. James Holzman, who was named acting deputy chief of patrol yesterday by Police Supt. O. W. Wilson, took per-

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sonal command at Division street and Washtenaw avenue to disperse a crowd there.

"Please clear the streets. I want you all to go home and stay off the streets," Holzman said to the crowd, which appeared to be made up largely of onlookers. Few moved in response to his appeal.

"We are going to clear the street," said Holzman, turning to the policemen. "We'll lock up anyone we have to in order to clear the streets. But do it with a smile."

The police pushed forward and the crowd backed away and gradually dispersed. Another danger point had been passed, as had so many others in the course of the day.

Rocks Hurling at Police

From time to time, rocks flew thru the air at police, but no one was injured.

Police sent tear gas and heavy equipment cars to Leavitt and Ohio streets, six blocks south of the strife-torn area, in response to a report that a crowd had gathered there.

They found about 150 youths who asserted that they were assembled for self-protection because rocks had been thrown thru car windows the night before. They dispersed upon orders of police.

"I expect there will be more

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Directing Police Action



Capt. James Holzman giving instructions to policemen on duty near Humboldt park.

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peace on the streets as a result of this meeting with the mayor," said the Rev. Donald Headley, assistant pastor of St. Theresa Catholic church.

Father Headley, who is chairman of the archbishop's committee on Spanish speaking people in the Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, said the committee that met with the mayor intends to "find a direct channel for the airing of grievances."

The "be tough with a smile" police attitude was in line with the policy laid down by Holzman to a group of Puerto Rican ministers in the Youth Welfare commission office at 1123 N. Ashland av.

He told them frankly there would be many policemen in the troubled area last night, as contrasted to Monday night. After Sunday night's violence, community leaders had asked police not to concentrate in the area along Division street at Damen avenue and nearby. Consequently, police were not in the area and had to be rushed in when rock throwing, window smashing, and store looting broke out the second night.

Won't Tolerate Disorders

"It is not police policy to permit this sort of thing," Holzman told the ministers. "Law and order will be enforced."

Mayor Daley said essentially the same thing later after a three and a half hour meeting with various city officials and leaders of the Puerto Rican community. He said that police would "move promptly" to maintain order.

Several persons were arrested in the vicinity of Washtenaw avenue and Crystal street, including Reyez Analicio, 24, who allegedly threw rocks at police.

All taverns in the city were closed until 6 p. m. yesterday because of the election, and police ordered all those in the area bounded by Chicago, Bloomingdale, Ashland, and Kedzie avenues to remain closed for the night.

The troubled area stretched along Division street from Damen avenue for eight blocks to California avenue, and spilled over into Humboldt park on the west and into intersecting streets along Division street.

A Day of Quiet

The tenseness last night followed a day of quiet in which merchants boarded up broken windows and doors and swept up the glass off the sidewalk from the disorders of the night before.

Mayor Daley appealed to all citizens "to join together in keeping law and order" and in keeping young people and children off the streets.

Daley said that in the conference he had with Supt. Wilson, other city officials, and the Puerto Rican leaders, he had heard of no grievances from the Puerto Rican community that could have accounted for the violence.

"The problem seems to be mainly one of communications," Daley said.

Supt. Wilson said that as a result of the conference the committee members were planning to have volunteers work in teams with police. The volunteers would be Spanish-speaking people who are acquainted with the people in the areas where the disorders occurred.

In addition, the leaders of the community will send representatives to roll calls at police stations to give police guidance in how to deal with residents of the community, Wilson said.

"The problem is simple from my point of view," Wilson said. "If no law is violated, there will be no disturbance."

While Wilson was announcing this at City hall, the rear window of a squad car parked at Ashland avenue and Division street was smashed by a brick.

Witnesses said the brick was thrown by one of a gang of six youths who fled. No policemen were in the car.

Besides Daley and Wilson, city officials who attended the conference included Robert J. Quinn, fire commissioner, and Ely Aaron, chairman of the commission on human relations.

Those on Committee

The community representatives included Claudio Flores, editor of a Spanish language newspaper; Luis Machado, director of immigration in Chicago for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; William Muniz, director of the Spanish Speaking Residents Association of Illinois; the Rev. Miguel S. Sevilla, pastor of the Wicker Park Methodist church; the Rev. Gilbert Carroll, a member of the archbishop's Committee on Spanish Speaking People; Anthony Perdomo, assistant state's attorney; and Carlos Castro, a Y. M. C. A. worker.

Wilson said police would not

use sound trucks in an effort to head off further trouble, but that the community leaders would. Police strength is to be maintained at the level used on the two nights during which eight persons were shot, many others injured, and 81 arrested.

Other steps taken to insure peace included closing of all taverns in the area last night and action by Wilson to limit the use of police dogs. Wilson said that henceforth police dogs would not be used unless ordered by a district commander or an officer of higher rank. The use of police dogs Sunday night reportedly was one of the things that inflamed the crowd.

Officer Takes Leave

Holzman, who only recently was named commander of the East Chicago avenue district, replaces Deputy Chief John Ascher. Ascher, who had suffered heart trouble, found the events of Sunday and Monday nights too difficult and went on a month's furlough.

There appeared to be no disposition on the part of the police to give way to rowdy elements who have made Division street from Damen avenue to California unsafe for two nights.

In the four blocks from Western avenue to California avenue, there were 38 policemen and 4 sergeants yesterday. Three squadrols and three squad cars were parked at the intersection of California and Division, the center of Monday night's disorder.

Six other police cars were parked in the area between Damen and Western. Several squads of detectives in plain clothes and unmarked cars cruised the area.

Capt. Thomas Hoban of the

Monroe street district led 40 helmeted policemen in a march thru Humboldt park, dispersing 80 persons in a crowd and another 50 off the corners of California and Division.

The police column marched east in Division street, clearing idlers from the street and warning people to stay off the street unless they had business.

Capt. Hoban also barred all vehicular traffic from Division street between Western and California avenues.

Street Is Littered

The street itself showed the after effects of two nights of violence. A reporter counted 67 broken plate glass windows in business establishments in Division street between Western and California. In the early morning hours yesterday the sidewalks and gutters were littered with broken glass.

Merchants whose windows were broken made no attempt to replace them. Instead, they boarded up the front of their establishments, cleaned off the walks, and opened for business as usual.

A woman who owns a drug store in the troubled area, and whose store was both damaged and made the target of looters on both nights of the trouble, said long-time residents of the neighborhood were staying indoors to avoid trouble in the streets.