

## OUTBREAKS HERE RELATIVELY MILD

### Negro Areas Are Quiet, but Bands of Young Vandals Roam Midtown Streets

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The streets of Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant were generally calm last night after a burst of violence and looting early yesterday in the wake of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis.

Mayor Lindsay, appearing on television at 11:30 P.M., praised New Yorkers for keeping the peace and said: "We can work together again for progress and for peace in this city and in this nation."

Earlier in the evening, bands of youths—mostly Negro teenagers—swarmed into mid-Manhattan, engaged in scattered violence and some looting and were dispersed by a massive show of police force.

The police arrested 27 adults in the Times Square area, most on minor charges, and nine youths were charged with juvenile delinquency. Two persons were reported seized at Columbus Circle, where seven shop windows were smashed and

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one store was looted. Thereafter, the heavily-guarded midtown area appeared unusually quiet for a Friday night.

The midtown violence began at about 8:30 P.M., when a crowd of youngsters, apparently surging out of the subway at Columbus Circle, converged on the Martin Burns Men's Wear Store at 240 Central Park South.

Four plate-glass windows in the store were shattered; four clothing dummies were hurled into the street, and men's apparel—jackets, sweaters and shirts—was stolen. One stripped dummy was found a block away and a brick was found in one of the displays.

At Circle Foto, a camera shop adjacent to the clothing store,

three small windows—each covered by an iron grille—were smashed. Mrs. Josephine Abdulezer, the owner, who witnessed the violence from her apartment 14 floors above the store at 1806 Broadway, said nothing had been taken.

She said the crowd, estimated by onlookers at 50 to 100 strong, had set fire to a trash can before smashing the store windows.

#### Police Outnumber Crowd

As the temperature dropped and chill winds swirled through Times Square, about 100 young men swarmed into the area, which was saturated by plain-clothes and uniformed policemen.

At 43d Street, the police made 18 arrests. The crowd was heavily outnumbered by the police.

Some 55 policemen, including members of the Tactical Patrol Force, were massed in front of the expansive plate-glass windows in the Allied Chemical Tower, where the moving sign flashed news of racial incidents elsewhere in the country.

The arrests in Times Square took place just after some members of the crowd scuffled with some white youths outside the closed Toffenetti's Restaurant at Broadway and 43d Street.

Although it was dispersed, the crowd left in its wake a broken window at Leighton's clothing store at 47th Street and Broadway, shattered and looted windows in the Radio Shack at 1128 Avenue of the Americas, between 42d and 43d Streets, and shattered windows at the Natural Food Center at Eighth Avenue and 39th Street.

In Brooklyn, despite the deployment of policemen along Fulton Street, several windows on the Bond Street side of Mays Department Store were broken.

In Harlem, the general quiet was broken by some 200 youths who surged down Eighth Avenue from about 125th Street. At 117th Street, some bottles were hurled at the police, and after passing 110th Street on Central Park West, the crowd overturned some garbage cans.

#### Incident in Harlem

The police moved in then, and scattered the youths. No injuries were reported.

At 1 A.M. today, with the temperature at 35 degrees, crowds of hundreds that had been milling about earlier in Bedford-Stuyvesant had largely dispersed. Heavy police patrols were still in evidence.

At the same time in Harlem, a relative calm still reigned. At 117th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, however, a group of about 75 young men was de-

ing the question of going downtown.

After a lengthy discussion the young men headed toward the roadway and 125th Street. Along the way, they turned over two automobiles behind the 26th Precinct police station on West 126th Street. Some of the group were taken in for questioning.

Early yesterday, in the hours immediately after the death of Dr. King, there was some violence and looting that subsided with the coming of daylight.

Later, the police reported 94 persons arrested, 20 civilians and 10 policemen injured, and 158 incidents of looting, arson and rock throwing.

Most of the window smashing and arson appeared to be the work of youngsters, but the looting was undertaken by adults as well as young people.

Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary yesterday placed his entire 28,000 man force on an emergency basis, which means they will work 12-hour days, six days a week until further notice.

At 5:30 P.M., Fire Commissioner Robert O. Lowery declared that "a fire emergency exists in the city" and ordered all fire units held on an overtime basis. The order will put 1,000 more firemen than usual on duty.

Throughout the day, efforts were made within the Negro community and by Mayor Lindsay and the newly installed Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York to restore calm and prevent renewals of violence.

An atmosphere of fear cou-

pled with a sense of deep mourning for Dr. King gripped large segments of the city's white and Negro populations.

Many schools, colleges and businesses closed earlier than usual, partly out of respect for the slain civil rights leader and apostle of nonviolence and partly out of concern for the safety of students and employees.

On the East Side, 100 Negro boys and girls hurled rocks and bottles at the Dalton School, a private school at 108 East 89th Street near Park Avenue. Several windows were broken.

About 25 Dalton students—mostly 13 and 14 years old—were at play in front of the school when the Negro youngsters appeared armed with soda bottles that police said had been stolen from a nearby delicatessen.

"They came after our kids, but we managed to get them



**THURSDAY NIGHT: Dodging traffic, a looter races across Eighth Avenue at 135th Street, carrying what appears to be a television set. He just missed being hit by the car at left.**

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**ON LENOX AVENUE:** Firemen fighting blaze in a shopping center at 134th Street early Friday morning. The shopping center is part of the Lenox Terrace apartment complex, right; new Harlem Hospital is hidden by smoke at left.