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7 Die as Fires and Looting Spread in Chicago Rioting

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CHICAGO, Saturday, April 6—Six thousand National Guard troops were called up yesterday as rioters pillaged stores along a two-mile stretch of Madison Street in the Negro West Side. Seven Negroes were killed and about 350 arrested, the police reported, as the violence and ransacking tapered off late last night.

Half of the armed guardsmen, in fatigues and riot helmets, began patrolling glass-littered West Side streets about 10 P.M. The rest stood by in armories.

About 100 city buses were damaged by bricks and rocks. Drivers, passengers, policemen, firemen, motorists and pedestrians were among at least 75 persons injured.

Mother Beaten

Mrs. Bernadine Lasko, mother of three children, was pulled from her car by Negro youths and beaten. Some white pedestrians who were in the Negro slum suffered the same treatment.

Dozens of automobiles that entered the 12-square-mile riot zone emerged with smashed windows and dented hoods. In some blocks all store windows were boarded or broken.

Cab drivers refused to enter

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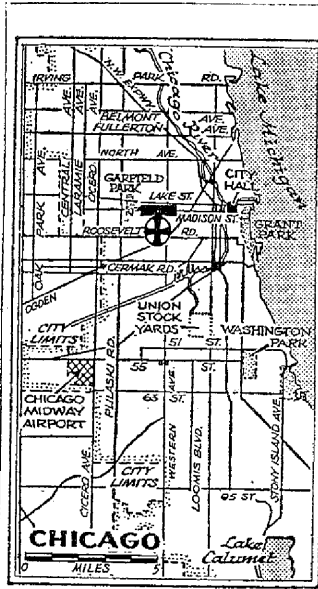
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an area bounded by Cermak Road on the south, Chicago Avenue on the north, Ashland on the east and Cicero, the western city limits, on the west.

More than 1,000 firemen, using more than 100 pieces of equipment, fought blazes on West Madison, west of skid row in a Negro slum. Fires also blazed on Roosevelt Road in the slum to the south of Madison.

As stores burned, looters pushed shopping carts loaded with pilfered merchandise down the streets.

Taverns were closed by police



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Cross marks site of fires

order. Electricity was cut off by fires and telephone poles burned to the ground, cutting phone service.

The police attributed some of the shooting to snipers. One fireman, Walter Rzonca, was nicked in the ankle and treated at Mount Sinai Hospital.

The fires burned from the 2000 block of West Madison, an artery that begins in the downtown Loop and stretches west for miles, to the 3400 block. All off-duty firemen were ordered to report to their stations.

As sirens wailed, Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn directed the battle against the holocaust from a helicopter. An aide of Mr. Quinn said half the city's equipment, including 55 engines, was used on the West Side. Seven suburbs sent replacement forces and equipment to man vacated stations.

Two police squad cars, meanwhile, were set afire in the 4200 block of West Madison.

Several stores burned simultaneously on the dingy street. Residents taunted firemen and policemen with the words, "A white man killed Martin Luther King."

The murder of Dr. King in Memphis Thursday night touched off yesterday's rioting.

While firemen worked, looters carried off furniture, appliances, television sets and liquor.

Mayor Richard J. Daley asked for the troops as Negro youths roamed downtown streets and the slum areas breaking store windows, looting, stoning buses and automobiles, and setting fires.

The troops were ordered into service yesterday afternoon by Lieut. Gov. Samuel H. Shapiro after consultation with Gov. Otto Kerner, who was in Florida.

Flames and smoke visible from the downtown Loop billowed from burning buildings in a West Side slum.

Circuit Judge Richard J. Fitzgerald, driving to the Criminal Courts Building on the southwest side, was bombarded with rocks and bricks.

More than 100 Negro youths, part of a group of 400 that was milling about, swept through the Loop before the Guard was called.