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# POLICE HERE PUT ON 12-HOUR TOURS

## 6-Day Week Also Ordered as Emergency Measure

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Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary early yesterday ordered the entire 28,788-man New York Police Department on an emergency 13-hour-a-day, six-day work schedule until further notice.

The order means an 80 per cent increase in the number of men available to patrol the streets, according to Deputy Police Commissioner Jacques Nevard in charge of press relations.

The order was issued at 3:15 yesterday morning after disorders erupted in Harlem and in the Bedford-Stuyvesant sections of Brooklyn following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

About an hour earlier, the police established emergency field headquarters in Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant. The police asked that the exact location of the headquarters not be published for security reasons, and officials followed the usual practice of declining to say how many men were on duty.

To increase protection on the subway, the Transit Authority joined the Police Department in ordering its 3,100 policemen on extended duty.

At the Harlem headquarters yesterday afternoon, a sergeant briefed about 800 patrolmen on the department's riot-control policies as they began their extended tours in the area.

### Caution Stressed

Addressing a succession of 12-man patrols, the sergeant said: "There will be no indiscriminate use of the gun. In these situations, a firecracker can get everybody to draw his weapon. You will not use your revolvers to pick off snipers. In case you see snipers, take cover, notify the command and a special sniper team will be sent."

As for looting, the sergeant

said: "We want looters arrested, but if you have 100 looters and 10 cops, wait for reinforcements. We don't want to hurt anyone."

Discussing looting at a news conference, John J. Cassese, the president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, charged that the police had been instructed "to keep their hands off, to contain the disturbance, but to take no direct action."

Mr. Nevard, commenting on this charge, said, "Looters were arrested last night. They will be arrested today and they will be arrested in the future."

Mr. Cassese also accused the city of indifference and dereliction in not providing riot helmets for all policemen. He said that only about half of the patrolmen assigned to Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant last night had been issued protective helmets.

Mr. Cassese said the association would defend any policeman "against any kind of departmental charges" in the event he refused to go into a dangerous area because he did not have a helmet.

### 9,000 on Hand

Mr. Nevard said that the Police Department had more than 9,000 helmets and that "every available helmet is being issued to men in hazardous areas."

The Police Department did not have helmets for about a third of the patrolman who came on duty at the Harlem field headquarters late yesterday afternoon.

At 7:15 P.M., however, hundreds of helmets were delivered to the field headquarters and given to the men on duty.

The police strategy to suppress disorders flooded troubled areas with as many men as possible. The department tried to maintain a large reserve force that could be moved out quickly.

Because Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant are so far from each other, the department had two reserve forces. Generally such specialized forces as the department's 800-man Tactical Patrol Force are used for street patrol and patrolmen from other precincts on extended duty are used as the reserve force.