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TROUBLED CITIES BACK TO NORMAL

Troops Are Withdrawn and Curfews Are Lifted

By United Press International

Tangible signs of racial peace appeared yesterday in some of the nation's most troubled cities. Federalized troops were withdrawn, curfews were lifted and life returned to normal even though, as one Kansas City policeman said, "It's like walking on eggs."

However, in Kansas City, scattered gunfire and minor arson were reported last night in the Negro section on the East Side where six persons were killed in disorders Tuesday and Wednesday.

Cruising police cleared the streets of "potential trouble-makers" during the day and Mayor Ilus W. Davis imposed another tight curfew at night. More than 3,000 national guardsmen and law officers remained in the city.

Police arrested 133 more persons yesterday, most of them for violating the curfew. Total arrests since the disorder started Tuesday stood at nearly 700. Fifty persons had been injured.

Almost all restrictions were lifted in Washington, which was wracked last weekend by arson and looting. Washington's Negro Mayor, Walter E. Washington, ended the nighttime curfew and relaxed curbs on the sale of liquor. However, the sale of gasoline remained restricted to direct supplies for auto tanks and the sale of fire-

arms still was banned.

Mayor Washington asked President Johnson to withdraw troops from the streets. But before his request was officially acted upon, soldiers, marines, paratroopers and National Guardsmen began to leave in convoys.

Five thousand United States Army regulars left Chicago after seven days of emergency duty and 7,000 National Guardsmen were moving out after two days without disturbances.

Guard Leaves Pittsburgh

More than 1,000 National Guardsmen and contingents of state troopers were withdrawn from Pittsburgh Thursday night and a remaining 3,400 were being withdrawn yesterday.

Mayor Eugene Ruehlmann of Cincinnati rescinded a week-old riot proclamation on the fourth day of racial calm and Ohio National Guardsmen were gradually demobilized. A nighttime curfew in Youngstown, Ohio, was lifted Thursday night, but some 500 guardsmen still patrolled the streets.

Gov. Spiro T. Agnew of Maryland asked Washington for the withdrawal of Federal troops from Baltimore and defederalization of the Maryland National Guard "as soon as feasible." Demobilization of the 11,000-man force was expected to begin immediately.

Cavanagh to Fight Poverty

DETROIT, April 12 (UPI)—Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh of Detroit said today that direct action against poverty was essential now. "Time has run out," he told the people of Detroit in an address televised by all five of the area's commercial television stations. Mayor Cavanagh outlined plans for construction of low-income housing, and reorganization and expansion of the police force.