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RIGHTS CRUSADER

Beaten by Negroes,

By MAURICE HOBBS Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

of Negro youths in Powder-horn Park when Gary R. Schoener jumped in and Virginia in connection with The responsibility of the connection with the yelled, "Stop!"

for the other man to scram- Harlem. ble away. Then they turned on Schoener and beat and kicked him.

By the time they quit, One was that "the Negro Schoener had been beaten community has to accept rebadly enough so that he may lose the sight in one eye.

people were Fourteen treated at General Hospital that night, last Thursday. Only Schoener and a 14-year-old youth from Farmington were injured seriously enough to require hospital stays. Police arrested 17 persons in connection with the incidents, which included vandalism in South Minneapolis.

Both Eyes Covered

Monday, four days after the incident, Schoener lay in a General Hospital bed, white cotton patches taped over both eyes.

"It doesn't change my con-cern for Negroes at all," he

They stopped, long enough volved in civil rights work in don't happen," said Schoen-

But he did have a couple of messages.



Minneapolis Star Photo by Charles Bjorgen GARY SCHOENER In General Hospital

sponsibility" for incidents like those last week.

Another man was down said. Schoener, 23, who is and being kicked by a group working for a Ph.D. in psy meed better training to han-

The responsibility of the the Mississippi voter regis- Negro community is to watch

The incidents last Thurs-day offered a "clear-cut ex-One was that "the Negro responsibility" he said.

He denied the claim of Mayor Arthur Naftalin, who said Friday that the incidents after the Powderhorn fireworks display and at the Wallace-for-president rally in Convention Hall Wednesday "are not to be regarded as racial incidents."

Claim Denied

"It was clearly a racial thing," said Schoener. "These kids were screaming 'Kill, kill, kill!"

"The casualty lists printed in the paper are all whites and those arrested are all Negroes."

Schoener said he doesn't believe there were enough police at the park, and although "some of those police were really on the ball," he thinks they need more training to handle such a situation.

One police officer, he said, could have stopped the beating of the man he tried to help by shining a flashlight at the youths, and would probably not have been hurt.

He said there was apparently an "appalling" lack of communication if the police were not aware that there might be trouble at the park.

One thing needed, he said, is more Negro policemen.

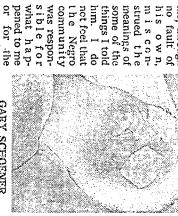
Make Violence E O LEO, Thing, Beating Victim Asks

Editor's Note: The writer of the following letter is in General Hospital recovering from a bealing suffered in the recent Powderhorn Park incident.

was kind enough to allow me to express my views on certain local civic problems .hat I inadvertently became involved in. Kennedy assassination over a year ago, it enough to print my five articles on the To the Editor: Just as The Star was kind

rambling manner of speech, The Star's reporter who and exhaustion, Due to my condition of heavy sedation and my confusing and

not feel that the Negro community meanings of some of the things I told him. I do me, through no fault of sible for was responm is construed the his own, nterviewed



GARY SCHOENER

words "racial incident." Park incident, although I feel there were racial overtones and that's why I used the Powderhorn

a sense of responsibility for their actions. is the need for both the Negro and white community to develop among individuals The major thing I hope to communicate

In this particular instance, there were Negro individuals who lost control, but

the reverse has also been true in many instances. As a matter of fact, I have personally been beaten by whites while trying to defend ione Negroes.

munity" rather than of a community of people or of mankind, those who lead each of these communities and in one way or another affect the attitudes of youths or groups should consider both the example they must set and the way in which they train their youths. Given that in these troubled times I feel constrained to speak in terms of the "Negro community" or the "white com-

because they were creating violence nor because they were "Uncle Toms," but rather because elements in our society who were opposed to them realized that they were becoming effective. fellow Negroes attain equality, and economic and political security. Even Malcolm X was not killed until he was becoming more moderate in his views. It seems to me that these men were killed neither It is ironic that Negroes who have recently meet violence for the cause of civil rights have been moderates like Martin Luther King, the Rev. James Reeb, and Medgar Evers, who sought to help their

were taught to Negro children and hopefully whites, too, then perhaps in the future youths of this sort who attacked me will not think that violence is the "in" thing to do. If these men's histories and their ideals

Minneapolis.

—Gary R. Schoener.