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SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN.; RM.

THIS A.M., SA'S OBSERVED ABOUT SEVENTY FIVE SCHOOL AGE YOUNGSTERS, ALL NEGROES WITH EXCEPTION OF FIVE WHITES, MARCH FROM CLAYBORN TEMPLE TO MAIN ST. AREA OF MEMPHIS AND BEGIN PICKETING DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS STORES CALLING FOR ECONOMIC BOYCOTT FORCING MERCHANTS TO PRESSURE CITY OF MEMPHIS TO SETTLE SANITATION STRIKE. THIS SPONSORED BY MEMPHIS INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE. NO INCIDENTS. NO ARRESTS.

INSPECTOR G. P. TINES, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED DURING NIGHT MARCH EIGHT-NINE, INSTANT, ABOUT SEVEN FIVE MINOR TRASH FIRES STARTED IN VARIOUS AREAS OF MEMPHIS, MOSTLY IN HEAVILY NEGRO POPULATED SOUTH MEMPHIS. ALL QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED. ABOUT THREE A.M. TODAY NEGRO TEENAGERS THREW BOTTLES AT MEMPHIS PD SQUAD CAR INVESTIGATING ACCIDENT NEAR GAYHAWK RESTAURANT IN SOUTH MEMPHIS NEGRO AREA. SQUAD CARS SENT IN TO CLEAR AREA. NO ARRESTS.

NOTE: Source 1 is Dr. VASCO A. SMITH JR., liaison source and Executive Vice-President, NAACP.

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