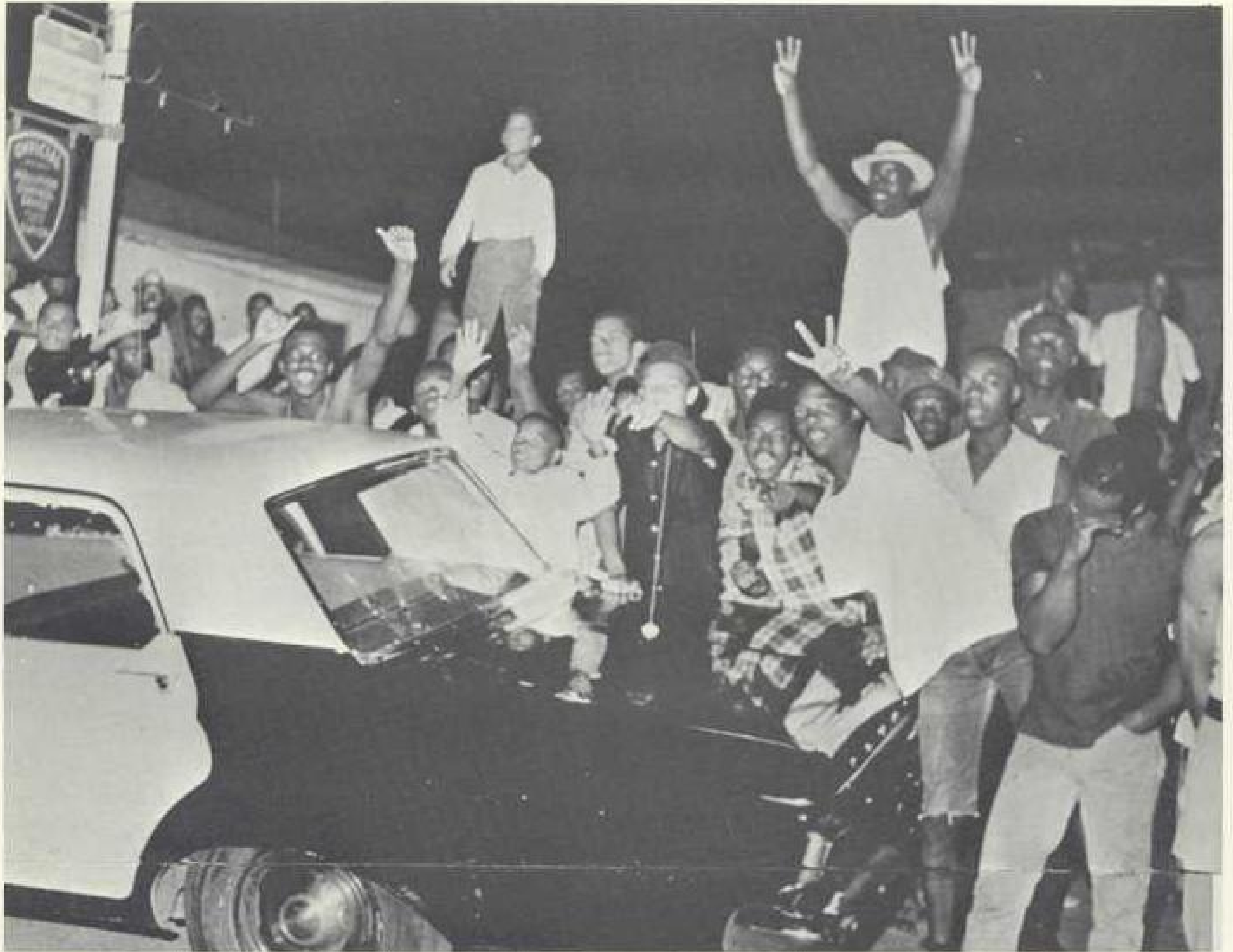


At least four police officers struggle to control a suspect during the peak of the August, 1965, rioting. In the background, another policeman tensely stands guard with a shotgun to hold back the angry, surging mob that was attacking passing motorists and looting stores. Long Beach Independent, Press-Telegram Staff Photo



This photograph taken during the first night of rioting shows a laughing crowd pressing against a patrol car while police officers attempted to disperse the mobs plaguing South Los Angeles. Associated Press Wirephoto via Wide World Photos

minutes later, the circle of curious onlookers had grown to a crowd of nearly 300 persons clamoring for vantage points to see what was happening.

The Fries reached the scene coincidental with the arrival of Minikus' motorcycle partner, Bob Lewis, the patrol car sent to transport Marquette Frye to jail, and the tow truck that would impound the automobile.

The sequence of events was important because the things that transpired at the scene were to spark the rioting. The California Highway Patrol handling of the arrest later was to be scrutinized minutely.

Almost as many variations as to what happened as there were people in the crowd were to emerge after the incident.

Police Chief William Parker believed that the affair would never have gotten out of hand if his men had

handled the situation.

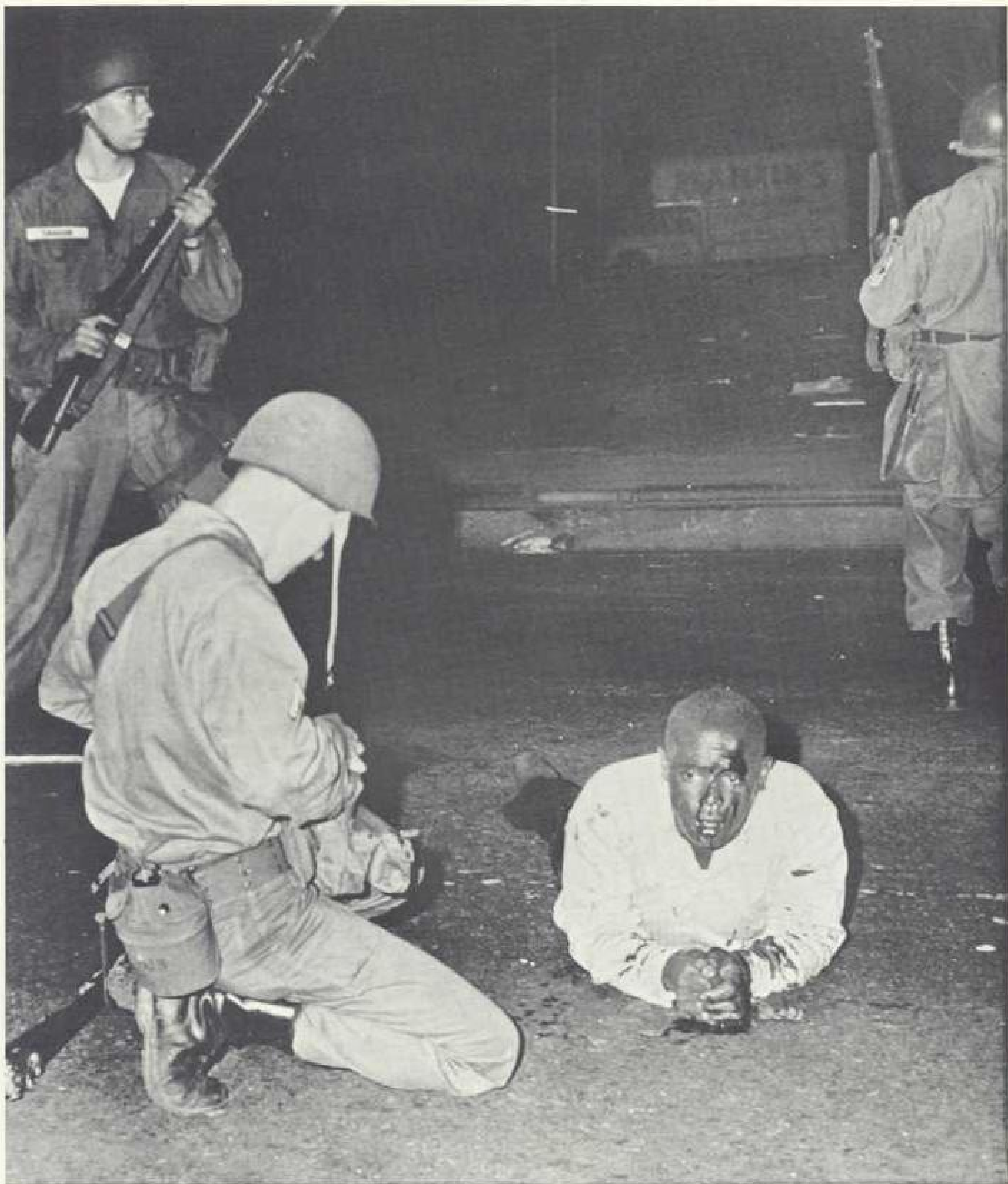
"I believe that if our officers had made this arrest," Parker later said, questioning the experience of California Highway Patrol officers, "which marked the beginning of this (violence), that this riot would never have occurred."

Mayor Samuel Yorty also charged the C.H.P. officers with "bad judgment" and questioned their training.

The commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, Bradford Crittenden, retorted by declaring that his officers "are the best-trained law enforcement men in the world" and branded the Parker and Yorty charges as "unwarranted."

"Particularly is it difficult for me to understand why," Crittenden said after the charges were made, "if my men are so poorly trained and qualified as he





A Negro wounded in the head by a National Guardsman lies on the street while a soldier opens a first aid kit. The man, a passenger in a car on which troops fired when it went through a roadblock, was dead on arrival at a hospital. The driver of the automobile also was killed. Associated Press Wirephoto via Wide World Photos



Holding two guns, a police officer questions a youngster found in a grocery store in the riot area. Police said the child told them he "was just browsing" after looters fled from the store. United Press International

children, Ricky, 14, and Ronald, 13, who miraculously escaped injury.

The coroner's jury that later ruled the death "justifiable homicide" received evidence that Flores' blood contained enough alcohol for him to be regarded as intoxicated. Nevertheless, the man's family reported that Albert and Richard went to the troubled section to take the latter's in-laws to safety.

Fireman Warren E. Tilson, 31, died tragically when a wall collapsed on him while battling a market fire set by rioters at 120th Street and Central Avenue.

Surviving him was his wife, Carole, an expectant mother.

The day-long rioting was to continue into the night despite the curfew and increased number of troops, whose numbers were to reach 13,900 by midnight Saturday.

National Guardsmen began riding on fire trucks to protect firemen from snipers and rock throwing mobs.

Troops and law enforcement officers waged a gun battle with rioters against the backdrop of blazing buildings during Saturday night's biggest fire. The blaze engulfed stores on Broadway between 46th and 48th Streets and because of the gunfighting, firemen were forced to stand by as the buildings were destroyed.

While the curfew cleared the streets of the immense mobs which reigned the previous nights, smaller groups of arsonists and looters made their way fanatically and furtively through the area.

Blasts of gunfire frequently broke the stillness of the warm night.

Sniper fire began to plague the Watts police station, 1526 East 103rd Street, from the second floor of an adjoining building. Troops fired back and the harassment stopped.

Investigators later found the body of Andrew Houston, 41, dead from gunshot, in the building along with two loaded rifles. He had arrived in Los Angeles only two weeks earlier from his native Louisiana.

Despite the increased number of troops supplementing the law enforcement officers, the frequent armed patrols, and the reports of rioters being shot, the looters furtively and fanatically continued to pillage stores. It was almost as though they were tempting death.

Many of the deaths, even though coroner's juries later ruled them "justifiable," had pitiful aspects.

William V. Caston, 37, a widower and a Negro, was discovered in a liquor store at 4881 Compton Avenue at approximately 9:45 p.m. holding a revolver, identified by the shop's owner as one he left in the premises. When Caston failed to drop the weapon at their command, Police Officers Nicholas Bakay and Charles C. Hudson fired. Caston fell mortally wounded.

With Caston at the time, police reported, were his son, Larry, 12, and the boy's cousin, Henry Burroughs, 15. The youths were not hurt.

"That was my father," police quoted Larry as saying. "I went into the liquor store with my father."

The cousin's statement to police also was read into the record at the inquest where Caston's death was held to be "justifiable homicide during a riot in which he was committing a felony."

"I went into the liquor store with my uncle and Larry," police said Henry Burroughs told them. "We went in to steal stuff. My uncle found the gun inside and then the officer came and shot my uncle. My uncle was holding the gun in his hand and I guess he was trying to get away."

Caston, also known as William V. King, was a native of Louisiana, had resided in Los Angeles for 18 years,

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A New Battlefield in Riot Area



SCENE AFTER A ROARING GUN BATTLE IN FRONT OF BLACK MUSLIM TEMPLE ON E. BROADWAY. A suspect lies sprawled on ground, beside white patrol pickup truck, apparently used to haul weapons.

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By TOM NEWTON, BILL GOLD and HOWARD ADLSTEIN

Spotting several during the first night without notice in Los Angeles broke into a roaring gun battle early today between police and Black Muslims asserting valiantly holding arms at their Broadway temple.

More than eight men were injured at first reports as some 30 police officers poured a steady stream of bullets into the fortified temple at 3008 E. Broadway which "looked like a sieve" within 10 minutes of the first warning fire about 1:30 a.m.

The area was described as "swarming like a war zone" as fleeing Muslims laid a running fight with officers a block south of the temple.

Two men lay sprawled on the ground beside a white patrol pickup truck apparently used to haul the reported weapons to the temple.

Hundreds of Shots Fired

Police units poured into the area as the tempo of battle increased with hundreds of rounds of fire being exchanged. No deaths were immediately reported.

Fifteen of the men reportedly escaped through a back door and renewed their fight in front of the United Veterans of Columbia Club and a barber shop at 3088 Broadway. Those buildings also "looked like Swiss cheese," observers reported.

With fighting at the temple still raging, police shot out the back of a rear door, gaining entrance to find several men injured near within the building, which was littered with broken glass from shattered windows and wood splinters.

Shoot of Police Car

The battle began when police Lt. Martin Robinson and Sgt. William Hibbel arrived at the scene in response to a call that men were unloading arms from a truck into the temple, identified as Muhammad's Mosque of Islam No. 27.

Hibbel said: "When we pulled up, police started pounding the car and we were immediately in a state of heavy fire."

Many police units followed the rear car in, and reported sniper fire from the mosque's rooftop. They immediately engaged the occupants and the battle flared into a small-scale war.

Some 10 police cars converged on the scene and

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TODAY'S TOP FEATURES

23 NEGROES JAILED IN SYMPATHY RIOT

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 17 (AP) — Twenty-three youths were being held today as a result of a rock-throwing battle with police that climaxed a demonstration in support of the Los Angeles riot.

The youths, charged by the arrest of their leaders and the dispersal of their demonstration, were taken through city streets and sent to jail. They were held in a city jail.

Red Spies

NEGRO WOMAN SLAIN

A Negro woman was shot and killed accidentally by a Los Angeles police officer in a rioting area last night after the Los Angeles riot riot was ended, police reported today.

The woman, Patricia Carter, 34, died in a hospital about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in her apartment at 123 W. 12th St.

The scene was some blocks west of the Los Angeles riot center.

The woman was shot by a police officer who was patrolling the area.

Minor Trapped By Roof Fall Is Rescued

SPRINGFIELD, Pa., Aug. 17 (AP) — A child was rescued, unharmed, early today after being trapped by roof lumber ground for about 2 hours.

The child, 10-year-old William Raymond, 14, of

was hospitalized by Martin King, 34, of 308 E. 12th St., the victim's mother, who was present when the accident occurred.

Officers A. J. Brown and J. M. Askins, who arrived at the apartment with Higgins, said the woman attacked Higgins although they reported to the riot in order to protect her from a mob who demanded her with a rifle.

It's Still No Change

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Stomping a page from yesterday's headline, the Western Bureau publishes a good day pattern in the Los Angeles area today.

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