

On March 15, 1968, at approximately 11:45 A.M. I received a phone call from Conrad Mallett asking me to go to Post Junior School as he had gotten word that trouble ^{was} ~~had been~~ anticipated.

I immediately left the Housing Commission and when I arrived at Post Jr. High School I saw one police car ^{sitting} ~~running~~ on Greenlawn south of the school. I did not notice any other police car in the vicinity. I then went into the school and proceeded directly into the office.

In the office there was the inspector from the 12th Precinct and 3 other uniformed officers. I identified myself to ^{A Board of Ed.} ~~the school's~~ administrator and asked if there had been any trouble. The answer was "no" but if there was going to be any trouble they expected it to occur in a few minutes after class changed.

When the bell rang, I went out into the hallway and the kids were shouting and making an unusual amount of noise but ^{for the most part} ~~was pretty much~~ going to their classes. The teachers and other school officials were having some degree of success with getting them in the classes until ^{was set off} the fire alarmed. This, of course, caused the kids to run, shout and go out of doors.

I then went back into the office and talked to a Dr. _____ a female administrator from the Board of Education and asked her if there was really a fire. She said she did not think so but doubted if there was a fire. In all ^{likely} one of the students had set off the alarm. I asked her where were the alarms located in the building. She said that they were located in various places throughout the building. I then asked her had they designated some of the staff to ~~man~~ ~~some~~ of the alarms so that the students don't set off the alarms she became upset and said they didn't have staff to do this.

I then preceded to go outside ^{to see what the students were doing} ~~because I saw the students were doing~~. Tactical policemen began to appear. The fire trucks came. The firemen went inside the building and did their usual routine and within a few minutes they came back out and got in their vehicles and started to leave.

As they were leaving some of the students outside began to throw snowballs ~~at~~ the fire trucks. The last fire truck to leave stopped and the fireman with the No. L24 on his helmet jumped off the truck ran into the crowd and proceeded beating on the students. This, of course, caused extreme excitement and the youngsters started to crowd around the fireman and the young boy. The police then moved ^{to the} in ~~the~~ scuffle and ^A ~~the~~ youngster was seized by them and was being roughed up by a police no. Badge 2606.

This same policeman ~~was~~ also shoved Mrs. James Garrett as she tried to aid in bring order on the scene. This same treatment was ^{ed} ~~accordance~~ by this same policeman ^{to} ~~by~~ Rev. Craig Head of 10600 Puritan who is a Presbyterian minister.

This officer's actions ^{were} ~~was~~ extremely abusive. All but approximately 300 of the youngsters who were outside the school gradually left the school area. ^{the} ~~A~~ Approximately 300 youngsters ~~was~~ collected in small groups on Greenlawn along the east side of the school. They were clustered in small groups milling around shouting, throwing a few snowballs and ~~general~~ ^{various} ~~misconduct~~ behavior. ^{generally} ~~generally~~ behaving in an unruly manner.

The police then ^{decided} ~~decided~~ they would disperse the youngsters and clear the streets. They formed a line reaching sidewalk to sidewalk and proceeded to move northward on Greenlawn.

One of the youngsters ^{evidently} ~~eventually~~ was not moving fast enough to suit a police officer and he was knocked down by two of the police officers; officer number 1301 kicked the youngster while he was down. The youngster in no way resisted. He ^{did} only ~~infracture~~ ^{move} seem to be not ^{moving} swiftly enough when the officer gave him orders to move out.

I was also told to move out and when I mentioned to this same officer ^A I was representative of the Mayor's office, he told me if I was going to stay around there I should get the youngsters back in school.

As the police proceeded to forced the remaining kids northward, on Greenlawn I walked down Greenlawn behind them. I notice one of the police officers walk up to a young white man walking along with the students and whose back was to the police officers get ~~shoveled~~ ^(Rev Townsend) almost down by one of the officers. After the man ^{recovered} his balance he continued to walk along and as near as I can tell did not respond to the police. This same man was almost ~~shoveled~~ down at least 3 times before they reached Puritan. The officer who did this had Badge No. 1393

The police continued their sweep all the way up to Puritan and for one block east of Greenlawn forcing everyone in front of them to move. I stopped to try to persuade some of the youngsters to move before they ~~eeul-~~ got hurt and was again challenged by officers Nos. 575 and 270. I again identified myself as a representative from the Mayor's office and was told by them that they didn't give a damn and that they had orders to clear the streets.

I noticed that several of the officers did not have their complete badge number on their shields of their chests. I'm wondering if this,

is by accident or designed to confuse identification.. The students
were disper^{sed} without further incident and I left the scene.