

started moving the crowd toward Canyon. Fifteen young people were arrested either in the park or coming out on Canyon Street, taken to the precinct, and ticketed under "Miscellaneous Ordinances for Loitering in a Public Park after Dark (Posted)".

One citizen's complaint was subsequently filed (August '3) by parents who claimed two teen-age girls had been confined in a precinct detention room, without police supervision and with the door locked, in the company of adults.

Tuesday, July 28, 1970

Assistance of Tactical Mobile Unit requested. Both Inspector Sikora and Lieutenant Bohde, of Fifteenth Precinct, on the scene. Park closing announced at 8:20 P.M. All cars and motorcycles began to leave the area. About 150 persons on foot began walking north toward Chandler Park Drive.

When the park area below Chandler Park Drive was cleared, a scout car drove around the streets on the perimeter of the park and saw the walking crowd in the wooded picnic area of the park, north of Chandler Park Drive. Some were pulling branches from the trees and shouting obscenities.

At 8:35 P.M., the Tactical Mobile Unit was called in by radio. A TMU group of 25 men commanded by a lieutenant and two sergeants arrived in eleven scout cars at the Chandler Park-Canyon corner, and began to move northward through the wooded area,



dispersing the crowd.

TMU personnel arrested 24 persons, four on charges of felonious assault. The rest were ticketed for loitering and released to parents. Precinct personnel arrested eight persons, four for felonious assault and four for violation of state narcotic laws.

Four persons were injured resisting arrest, and were taken to Detroit General Hospital for treatment. Two police officers were slightly injured by thrown missiles.

The windshield of a private auto was smashed by a precinct officer who claimed the driver tried to hit him with the car.

Of the eight arrests for felonious assault, warrants were denied in four cases, one was turned over to the Women's Division, and single warrants were issued for felonious assault, simple assault, and assault and battery. Of the four arrests for narcotics violations, three individuals were subsequently released and one held for traffic warrants.

Subsequently, beginning July 30, citizens' complaints were made by or on behalf of nine individuals, claiming eleven instances of police misconduct.

Eight allegations involved injury or physical abuse; two, verbal abuse; and one, property damage to a car. In six instances the alleged misconduct took place in or adjacent to the wooded



area north of Chandler Park Drive. Three of the complainants alleged mistreatment in the street several blocks from the park area. In addition, some of the complainants alleged mistreatment enroute to and at the precinct station.

Wednesday, July 29, 1970

Crowd of about 300; stones and bottles thrown when ordered to disperse at closing time. A precinct police sergeant was hit with a bottle. His alleged assailant was arrested for felonious assault, subsequently went to trial on a lesser charge of assault and battery, and was acquitted.

After the park was cleared, a traffic tie-up occurred along the half-mile stretch of Canyon on the east side of the main park area, from Chandler Park Drive south to East Warren. Police officers clearing the street were accused of striking and damaging a number of moving and parked cars with their night sticks.

Two persons were taken to area hospitals (Saratoga General, and Cottage Hospital) for treatment of injuries allegedly caused by police.

In addition to the felonious assault arrest, 17 persons were ticketed for loitering.

Subsequently, beginning that same night, citizens' complaints were made by or on behalf of 13 individuals, claiming 16 instances of police misconduct. Six allegations involved injury or physical



abuse; nine, property damage to a car; and, one, damage to a camera.

One case of alleged misconduct occurred in the park itself, while the other 12 took place on or just off of Canyon Street. A single police officer is alleged to have been the sole or a principal participant in at least half of these complaints.

Thursday, July 30, 1970

This case has become a public issue in the news media and in the chambers of Common Council.

At Balduck Park, District Inspector Henry Majeski, in command of the city's three east-side precincts, was on the scene, as well as Councilman David Eberhard. The Motor Traffic Bureau was placed on standby to assist. The crowd of about 300 dispersed at the closing hour, after being told there would be a meeting on the park situation before Common Council the next day.

Friday, July 31, 1970

Meeting at Common Council attended by Police Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy, Superintendent John May, of the Department of Parks and Recreation, and District Inspector Henry Majeski.

Monday, August 3, 1970

Citizens' complaints in the Balduck Park case assigned to the Citizen Complaint Section of the Internal Affairs Division for full investigation.



Wednesday, August 5, 1970

Meeting at Common Council for the general public to air grievances concerning the use of Balduck Park.

Monday, August 24, 1970

Citizen Complaint Section team interviews ten complainants or witnesses at 5705 Woodward, headquarters of the "Ad Hoc Committee", arranged under the auspices of a "People's Defense Committee" with legal counsel present, and typed statements already prepared for presentation to accommodate those with knowledge of the case who would not consent to offer testimony except under these conditions.