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New Year's Revelers, Police Clash

After Disturbance Erupts, Police Move In With 'Pepper Foggers'
. . . no one was seriously injured in the milling crowd of 2,500.—(UPI)

By United Press International

Police arrested 100 persons yesterday in a skirmish in Key West near the Key Lime Village Motel and Sloppy Joe's Bar—once the hangout of author Ernest Hemingway—but officers denied they used too much force as charged by area motel owners.

Operators of a Key West motel complained to Gov. Reubin Askew yesterday that police used excessive force in a clash with hundreds of young New Year's Eve revelers.

MOST OF THE arrests were made between 10 p.m. Wednesday and 2 a.m. yesterday against college age youths on charges ranging from drinking in public to disturbing the peace and resisting arrest.

Four youths were injured and a policeman suffered a broken leg.

But Tampa law enforcement officials, meanwhile reported an unusually quiet night of celebrations with no major incidents.

In a disturbance at Fort Lauderdale, police used pepper-fog type tear gas to break up an unruly crowd of more than 2,500 along the beach. Police said about two dozen arrests were made but there were no serious injuries or property damage.

KEY WEST POLICE Chief Jimmy James denied using excessive force and the use of teargas. He said one teargas canister went off, but that was by accident.

Richard Kitzler and Francisco Archilla, who run the Key Lime Motel, charged in a telegram to the governor that police "went wild with clubs and water hoses and tear gas" during the disturbance.

"The police broke heads, closed down bars, arrested people who were just standing around if they didn't get off the street fast enough," Kitzler said.

K. Michael McKenzie of New York said "they pushed people like cattle into police cars and paddy wagons and beat several people up with billy clubs."

JAMES SAID police have had problems with celebrating youths on New Year's Eve for the last four or five years.

"We fought this battle last year, so last night we really went down there in force," he said.

James said police moved into the area near Sloppy Joe's around 10 p.m. and stayed until about 1 a.m.

"THEN THEY started congregating and seemed to take over the street," he said. "Police were getting in trouble so we went back after a little while and the trouble lasted until 2 a.m."

At Fort Lauderdale, police said the crowd got in a "destructive mood" and began throwing trash cans and bottles after two youths pulled down a hanging traffic light.

Merrymakers Tear Down Traffic Signal
. . . celebrants were dispersed by police.—(AP)

Outlaws' Celebration Quiet

Hillsborough County Sheriff's deputies said yesterday they have had little trouble with about 100 hard drinking members of the Outlaw Motorcycle Club who sprawled have over 18 acres near Carr ollwood Village for a New Year's beer bust and barbecuke.

A handful of the Outlaws, who replaced the Hell's Angels as the nation's largest travelling "outlaw-type" motorcycle group, have been arrested for driving while intoxicated, a sheriff's spokesman said.

The club, which area lawmen said has so far avoided serious trouble in the three months since their local chapter was formed, will continue under heavy surveillance until the "Jamboree" ends Sunday.

Deputies estimated no more than 100 members at the campground last night.

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—Tribune Photo by Gobe Panisko

First Baby Of The New Year

Heather Nichole Richardson was not far behind the New Year as she became Tampa's first baby of 1976. She arrived at 7:19 a.m. in Womens Hospital, weighing in at five pounds, 12 ounces. The proud parents are John and Deanna Richardson, 6811 Robinswood Lane, who have another daughter, age 6. The infant "was about two weeks early," a hospital spokesman said. Just enough to win the first baby title as all three local hospital delivery rooms reported considerable business after 2 a.m.

Poll Shows Most Of Legislative Delegation Will Back Amendment

By RICHARD ALLEN
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A Tribune poll of the Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation finds most members in favor of Gov. Reubin Askew's so-called Sunshine Amendment.

The most outspoken booster of the amendment was State Sen. David McClain, R-Tampa, who called himself "a poor old Republican who has signed a petition" to get it on next year's ballot.

"IF THEY want to know my sources of income — my clients — I have nothing to hide," McClain said.

He added that other legislators, whom he did not name, are calling the amendment "a fine idea, but saying 'we ought to do it another way.'"

"A lot of that kind of talk is genuine, but a lot of it is saying that they really don't want it," McClain said.

McClain said his drive to get an anti-bussing amendment on the 1972 ballot marks the closest anyone has come to amending the state constitution through the petition-referendum method.

IN THAT drive, with only 15 workers, 172,000 signatures were obtained, although 256,000 were needed, McClain said.

Askew, who has mounted a statewide campaign with committees in each of Florida's 15 congressional districts, needs 210,000 signatures to get his amendment on the ballot.

Rep. James L. Redman, D-Plant City, a strong contender for the post of speaker of the Florida House, said yesterday that he has signed a petition favoring the amendment.

"I'm in favor of the sunshine," Redman said.

AND REP. Ed Blackburn, D-Temple Terrace, said he not only favors the amendment, but pioneered sunshine legislation in 1963, when he obtained a legislative act forcing sheriffs to make financial disclosure.

Blackburn was Hillsborough County sheriff at that time.

"The Sunshine Amendment will require what I have already been doing — filing income tax returns and financial statements," Blackburn said.

He added that the amendment "wisely did not include municipal offices and appointed boards," but gave cities the right to include such officials in their own sunshine legislation if they saw fit.

IN ADDITION, the amendment "will strengthen sunshine legislation by requiring the judges to file disclosure too," Blackburn said.

Rep. Ray Kroplin, D-Tampa, said he favors the amendment "but it's going to

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Thieves Hit Hangers At Private Airport

B. J. Gilbert, chief pilot of Tampa Flying Service Inc., inspects the engine of a Piper aircraft at the Peter O. Knight Airport where 12 hangers were broken into early yesterday. Gilbert said the thieves, however, only stole two magazines from the Piper. He said nothing else was missing and no vandalism was committed. The electrical parts, valued at about $500, were probably wanted by someone building an airboat, Gilbert said. It was the first incident of its kind since the airport opened in 1945, he added.

—Tribune Photo by Fred Fox

Water Walker Still Walking

Fame can be fickle and fleeting, casting men and women into the spotlight briefly only to plunge them back into anonymity a few days or months later. In this series, The Tribune looks back at what the year 1975 has been like for some of those people and what the New Year may hold in store for them.

Looking Back..

By SUSAN TAYLOR MARTIN
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Walter L. Robinson is all wet.

For being such a drippy character, Robinson will get to walk across New York's Hudson River in mid-January.

A native of Tampa, Robinson is slosh-ing his way to fame and fortune with his "water shoes." And as they say in the ads, he's come a long way, baby.

A YEAR ago this time, Robinson thrilled the hometown folks with a walk down the Hillsborough River.

Now Robinson and his invention have been invited to the New York Boat Show, where Robinson hopes to catch the eye of a manufacturer.

On Jan. 12 or 14, Robinson is scheduled to push off from the 79th Street Pier and walk to the boat basin, "wherever that is."

But there's one thing he knows for sure.

"That river is cold," he said. "So I've been practicing around here on ice-covered ponds."

ROBINSON 18 x 3per .5 at Fort Bragg, in North Carolina, which is not as cold as New York but is a lot colder than Tampa.

Since he last demonstrated his shoes in the bay area, Robinson and his wife

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