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## Protest

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... as 80 of the 270 police officers from Minneapolis, St. Paul and the Hennepin County Sheriff's department, involved in the confrontation yesterday, suffered minor injuries.

Moss arrived home from a business trip in Canada late last night and went to his home on E. Mississippi Blvd. in St. Paul.

They were still in session at midnight, discussing whether or not to close the university today as requested by some student leaders.

Police used tear gas, Mace and a Pepper-Fogger gas machine in dispersing crowds which totaled up to 1,000 persons in a number of locations.

Eyewitnesses said some headlines were passed with Mace and struck by police the latest. Rocks were hurled at officers at various points during the afternoon when the demonstrators were routed at Hennepin County General Hospital for the afternoon. Twenty-five others were treated at University Hospitals.

The climax came when about 50 riot-equipped officers broke up a crowd of about 1,000 demonstrators in a collision between the Mall and Coffman Avenue. The demonstrators on the pedestrian bridge at Washington Avenue were dispersed, some of them being sprayed with Mace.

Officers then used tear gas grenades and a Pepper-Fogger machine which sprayed a choking gas, in routing a crowd up the Mall toward the auditorium.

The decision to ask Minneapolis police to move came earlier in the afternoon when an estimated 500 demonstrators tried to break into the campus ROTC Annex, according to Wesley Peterson, university director of safety. Later, 100 St. Paul policemen came as the request of Minneapolis police.

Assistant Vice-President Eugene Edenberg, who acted in the absence of President Malcolm Moss and agreed to the request, said later that he did not think the use of gas was necessary.

Edenberg said he told Minneapolis police that university officials "would try to talk to the crowd and persuade them to clear the intersection."

He had asked the police to divert traffic around the intersection, but "the next thing I know, I heard reports that some of the policemen were putting in gas masks."

"I put in an urgent call to the chief of police to see if gas was being used, but I did not get an answer."

Edenberg said he was in contact with the general office, during the afternoon and said, "I advised them the situation does not require the use of the National Guard."

Later on, after the guard had been activated, Edenberg reiterated that it had not been requested.

Paul Cashman, vice president for student affairs at the university, said, "We're taking a neutral view on the closing of the university."

He said he saw no reason to call the guard. Cashman said, "I share his view."

Last night a police administrator said, "Edenberg ordered us off but we only paid any attention to him."

Storvig said last night that he had not heard of a request from Edenberg to remove the guard. He had talked with Edenberg three times during the afternoon when Edenberg asked for help. He said he understood Edenberg was trying to reach into another time but he said he was here with other matters.

On the matter of the guard, the report said the police had been working for two days and would not be criticized for calling in the guard early than for calling it too late when a building burst or something.

The trouble began after a noon rally in front of the auditorium attended by about 500 persons. The demonstrators then headed toward the Armed Forces Recruiting Station, 115 St. Ave. S.

They found the door locked. A few were thrown at the building. The police station had been evacuated earlier, and reports that could be burned were received.

The marchers then went to the army, some of them shouting, "ROTC down!" They broke windows, tore off screens and pulled down part of an iron fence and used it as a barricade across University Ave.

Apparently without any single leader, some of the protesters then overturned a car they rolled out of a driveway parking lot at the intersection of 18th and University Ave. S.

A fire bomb was thrown near the car, but the car did not burn.

The demonstrators then fled in the face of a police attack. Rocks were hurled at officers.

Several hundred protesters then moved to Oak and Washington Ave. S., blocking traffic at the intersection. Police moved them out, and the scene then shifted to the large demonstration on Washington Ave. at the Mall.

Police made two gas attacks on that area in the second attack, at 4 p.m., the Pepper-Fogger, an engine-powered device with a 4-foot-long nozzle, sprayed gas the length of the Mall, from Washington Ave. to the Auditorium steps.

After the mall was cleared some 200 demonstrators returned to Washington Ave., continued, still rioting, and some were routed in Coffman Ave. at about 6:30 p.m., began building barricades.

The biggest barricade crossed Washington Ave. at Church St. It was eight feet high by 10 p.m. It was made of snow fences, saw horses, trash cans, concrete blocks, lumber that the students had picked up around the campus, and parts of the chain-link fence that divides the traffic lanes in Washington Ave.

A smaller barricade was built a block west.

Earlier in the afternoon Michael Ash, 1201 Portland Ave. St. Paul, a member of St. Paul Police Department's Explorer Scout Post 454, was hit by a car near Church St. and Washington Ave. S.

Ash, who was assisting the police in traffic control, was charged about a half a block by the car. He was taken to Hennepin County General Hospital.

The driver, identified by police as Roger Peterson, 1966 25th Ave. S., was arrested and held on a charge of rioting.

Late in the afternoon, Minneapolis police sprayed tear gas from a helicopter misted from a private company on some 300 persons in Indigym near the University campus.

A university football scrimmage was interrupted.

At 3:30 p.m. for five minutes when the wind carried the tear gas into Memorial Stadium.

After dark the occupation took on a festive air. At 10 p.m. a student put a television set in a classroom window. The demonstrators watched themselves on the news. They cheered for themselves and booed the police.

By midnight they had built a bonfire in the street and were singing songs.

The business of activating the guard was started by a formal request to Gov. Anderson from Storvig.

"The situation of law and order in and around the University of Minnesota campus has reached a very critical stage. Had some within our community threaten the life and property of both members of the police force and other law-abiding citizens."

"The situation has currently used an available manpower to its limit. We are concerned about maintaining an adequate level of protection for all the citizens of our community."

"I am therefore asking that you, as Governor of the State of Minnesota, activate the 25th Division Military Police Company which is drilling this evening at the Minneapolis Armory to be held on standby basis at the Armory."

"We further request that a representative of the Adjutant General's office of the Minnesota National Guard immediately contact the Chief of Police Gordon Johnson to determine further measures needed."

Three Minnesota National Guard units were activated.

At about midnight last night, the 47th Military Police Company of St. Paul with 100 men, moved from the St. Paul Armory to the university campus to take up security positions.

All of the units have been trained in riot control tactics. Brig. Gen. William S. Lundberg of Ancker is the commanding officer of the 47th and the 25th Military Police Companies.

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