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Riots Follow Hayakawa's Speech

There were basically two incidents Thursday night resulting in 31 arrests, 15 policemen and an undetermined number of students injured, and \$5000 damage to Northeastern property.

The first incident, occurring during Dr. S.I. Hayakawa's speech, began when students hurled rocks, billiard balls and bricks at the Ell Building. In some cases, the objects struck members of the detachment of off-duty, hired Boston police assigned to augment the campus security police.

The second phase, witnesses said, was unprovoked and occurred after Dr. Hayakawa's speech. Many students, in no way connected with the earlier demonstration, told the News of instances where police officers beat students indiscriminately.

The hired Boston Police called for reinforcements after they cleared the demonstrators from the quad shortly before 10 p.m., Dean Gilbert G. MacDonald, vice-president of Student Affairs, said the next morning.

The quad filled early Thursday night with students waiting for admission to Dr. Hayakawa's 8:30 p.m. speech. Because of

clearing of the Ell Center steps. Police asked students to leave the steps and when their request was not heeded, they proceeded to push people down the stairs.

Police set up a wall of defense at the foot of the Ell and more rocks crashed windows of the student center's doors to cries of "Right on!"

One youth, about 16 years old, after encouraging two friends to throw rocks, urged them to "Go get some more."

The call went out to storm the Ell and the police readied their clubs behind their backs with their familiar elbow to elbow stance.

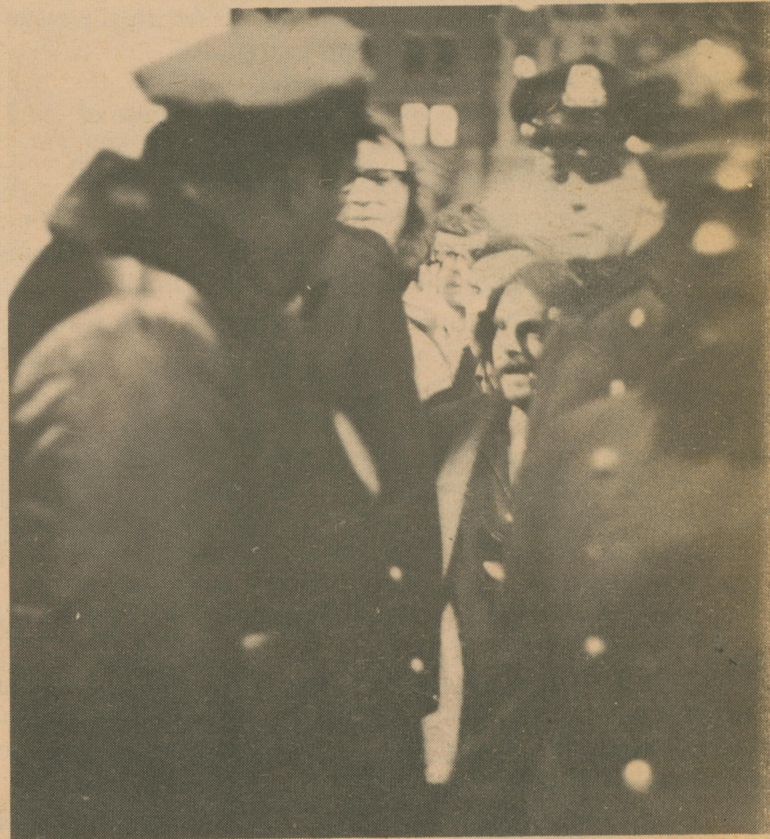
A number of girls from the crowd started a "Skipping" picket line which balked at the line of police and then mingled back into the crowd.

Close to 9:30 p.m. at the center of the quad the chant of "Plainclothes Pig!" was repeated over and over, and then "Get the Pig!"

A plainclothes officer wearing a black overcoat was pulled to the ground, beaten and kicked by a few demonstrators. A second plainclothesman was roughed up but managed to stay on his feet.

A half dozen police moved to the scene immediately, beat and poked the

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—Peter Gray

CONFRONTATION—Students and police exchange words on the quadrangle after S.I. Hayakawa's speech Thursday night. Other confrontations during the night were less verbal and more physical.

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the rumors about forged tickets, the Distinguished Speaker Series refused to admit ticket holders unless they had a Northeastern University ID card.

Dr. Hayakawa began his speech shortly before 9 p.m., the delay resulting from the extra security precautions.

But at 9:10 P.m., a rock thrown from the midst of the 2,000 demonstrators outside broke an Ell Building window above the heads of policemen guarding the building's entrances.

This initial action precipitated the

What Happened Outside

- 1—9 p.m. police clear quad for first time.
- 9:45 police clear quad again. One group of demonstrators run up Huntington Avenue towards Massachusetts Avenue.
- 2—10 p.m. Police clear subway island; move down Huntington.
- 3—10:15 p.m. police attack students in parking lot and push down Forsyth Street.
- 4—10:15 p.m. police begin first of many attempts to clear Opera Place.
- 5—10:45 p.m. police clear Opera Place: start making busts on Spare.
- 6—10:45 p.m. police begin push down St. Stephens Street.
- 7—11 p.m. With crowds dispersed, police continue moving around, but are too dispersed for further busts.
- 8—11:30 p.m. A group of Weathermen and/or street people move down Westland Avenue breaking Shawmut Bank windows.

Strike Receives Little Support

A feeling of apathy prevailed on the quad yesterday at noon at the suggestion of a student strike. Leaders of the rally representing various political opinions spoke out again on what happened here Thursday night and what the student body should do about it. About 200 attended the rally.

They issued a plea that no one cooperate with the District Attorney's investigation of Thursday's activities.

Some of the issues brought up were abolition of ROTC and the college of Criminal Justice, racism, the co-op system, and student administration problems. Finally, a day of protest, possibly for today, was generally agreed upon by a few of the leaders, but was not wholeheartedly accepted by the crowd.

The day of protest would not necessarily mean a boycott of classes, but a discussion of what occurred

Thursday on campus. The purpose of the rally, they said, was to bring out the truth and to educate the student body.

Earlier, Dr. Asa S. Knowles issued a statement from his office detailing the events last week.

The statement said aggrieved students could receive legal aid from attorney Philip Boyd, in 139 Richards. Dr. Knowles' statement said a faculty member reported that the Weathermen planned to visit Northeastern Thursday armed with rocks. Dr. Knowles said students close to SDS confirmed the plans and added that the Weathermen planned to beat up Northeastern SDS members unless they became more militant.

About excessive police action, Dr. Knowles said: "Police called to the scene from other sections of the city may have had difficulty distinguishing between innocent students and those bent on destruction. Only a careful

investigation will reveal all the facts of what happened in the streets adjacent to the university."

He was asked for the names of those facing charges from the demonstration, the names of the injured, both police and civilians, and the police department's side of the story.

Suffolk County Dist. Atty. Garrett H. Byrne announced Saturday that his office will investigate the incident which resulted in the injuries of 28 policemen and an undetermined number of students.

"Police officers are not second class citizens," Byrne said this weekend. "If they are attacked in the performance of duty they have a right to defend themselves. I will use every means at my disposal to protect these officers in quelling these student riots."

Two members of Byrne's office Jack I. Zalkind and Lawrence Cameron are handling the investigation.

Zalkind refused to discuss any matters of the case with the News referring to the canons of judicial ethics. "I don't want to say anything that might prejudice the case against the defendants," he said.

He said he was unaware of press statements in Monday morning's Globe. "I don't know where it came from," he said.

He repeated his refusal to comment when asked about reports in Saturday's newspapers saying the district attorney was investigating why police were not issued helmets and who was responsible for throwing rocks.

Capt. John Kreckler, of the police superintendent's office, also refused to discuss the case with the News Monday morning.

"We prefer not to discuss it in view of the fact that there is going to be court action."

