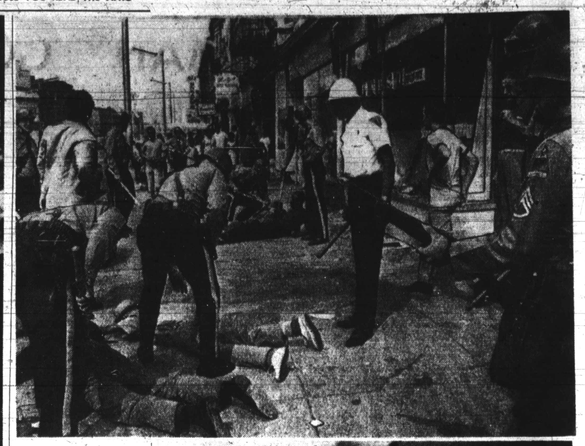
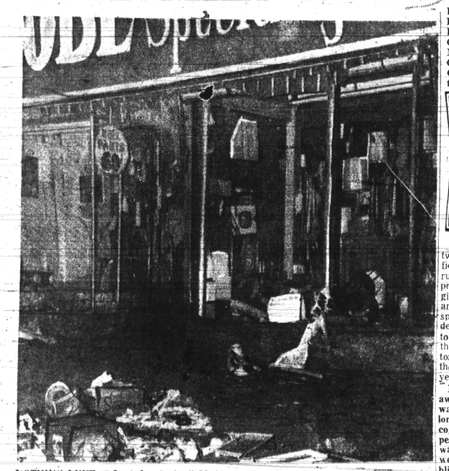


FACES OF DEFIANCE — Enraged youngsters jeer at bayonet-wielding National Guardsmen in Newark. More than 5000 National Guards were called out by Gov. Hughes to help quell the disorders.

'I WANT YOU FACE DOWN' — National Guardsmen and state police force suspected looters to lie prostrate on pavement on Newark's Springfield Ave.



NOTHING LEFT — Looted store along Newark's Springfield Ave. was typical of many storefronts hit during night and early morning hours on disorder-damaged avenue.

Bob Queen's Review

Arriving in Newark, N.J. two weeks ago, it wasn't difficult to detect the ominous rumblings of undercurrent pressure — the kind that gives off the prediction that an earthquake is about to split the ground — or the sudden swirling winds that begin to lash about before you see the death-dealing funnel of a tornado . . . Would it be in the next second, an hour, a year?

No, it was just five days away, but more than that it was a rumbling that began long before it became recognizable as anything so tendous and fearsome . . . It was not so much that people went around Newark mumbling that they were going to erupt in frenzied and violent disorder, nor that facial expressions were of such reflective intensity that you could read the bloody results — but the mere fact that people who didn't want it to happen were continuously saying that it would — at anytime.

"I expect another Watts around here," was an expression mentioned often two weeks back, or a "Boston", or whatever early racial outbreak they could recall . . . But the predictions were always followed by "any time" . . .

When this kind of blow strikes for the first time, many white citizens are bewildered and unable to realize or comprehend that the most cruel jabs at them were struck by their own predecessors who short-changed them in the history books . . . They have been taught that this colored American is docile, satisfier with his status quo, happy-go-lucky. To ok him in the face, and he'll wilt and cringe, give him a hole in any wall, a few cents, liquor and music and he's in the bag and sucker-bait for any kind of deal, scheme or whim . . .

But if their forbears had honestly placed in the history books that the Old Confederacy was so beset with slave revolts and rebellions that the South was obliged to hold large contingents of troops from the fighting fronts, then no one today would be so shocked and surprised that this docile, happy-go-lucky colored American can explode within with no less fury than the Frenchmen who smashed in the doors of the Bastille and launched the Revolution.

IT MUST BE only a momentary flash of anger that causes many of these same people to feel that every colored person alive is in on this thing . . . I feel that there must be a mighty high degree of guilt complex (regardless of race, creed or color) to use a worn-out cliche, on the part of those who call, howl out someone without any kind of introduction — and refuses to identify themselves . . .

I have cat-napped in the N.J. AFRO office until dawn, caught by the 10 p.m. 6 a.m. curfew, and the windows have rattled the night through from the fire just behind us in Wright St. and Sherman Ave. — and these snipers, using some advance-type firearms judging from the sounds, seem not to be choosy as to whether the target is a white head of a black head . . . I have moved the typewriter from Ralph Matthews' office which has two windows, to Circulation Director Brogden's office that has no windows . . .

But all through this night have come calls from anonymous whites, and I will not give the names of the honest two who did say who they were . . . Everyone thinks the whole thing is Communist-inspired and formulated, which is a favorite gimmick to use in believing that "I" have done no wrong . . . They asked ME who was going to pay for the damaged goods and windows, even as I reached up and snapped out the light when an unseen rifle out back was popping off . . . I did have a feeling of sympathy for the woman who said they (rioters, I guess) had killed her pet dog . . .

Then came the parade of colored callers . . . One-young-lady screaming with hysteria, baby screaming, "Boom" "boom" "crack" "crack," outside the window of the office, and she's calling the governor all kinds of names because "they've killed 16" . . . She had the next headline for the AFRO she said and offered a rather gruesome set of words relating to the governor — But she hadn't read the AFRO in some time, she admitted . . . The hoped-for calm as of this hazy, humid Sunday afternoon in Newark, N.J., is remote as during the early morning curfew hours scores of colored-owned businesses were smashed in retaliation — the witnesses say, by N. J. National Guardsmen and N. J. State Police.

Comparison: Watts-Newark

The following is a comparison of the Watts riot in Los Angeles in 1965 and the current rioting in Newark, N.J.

Watts — what triggered the riots: Arrest of 21-year-old man on a reckless driving charge on Aug. 11, 1965.

Riot duration: Five days.

Number killed: 34 persons.

Injured: More than 1,000.

Arrested: More than 4,000.

Property damage: Estimated $50 million.

Aftermath: Progress has been more real than is physically apparent. The most important result was that lines of communication between the colored people and whites were established and awareness of the problems have improved on both sides.

NEWARK — WHAT triggered the riots: Rumors that an arrested taxi driver had been beaten by police.

Duration: Now in fifth day.

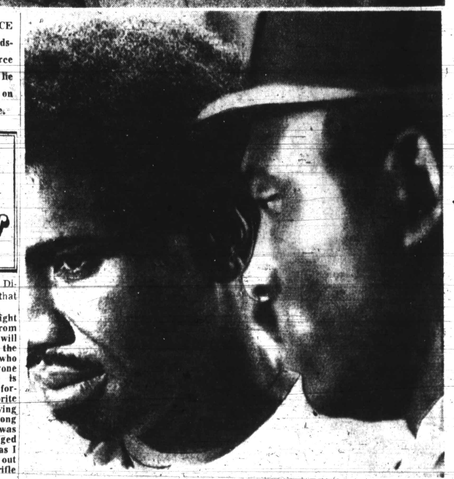
Number of killed: 23 persons.

Injured: More than 1,120.

Arrested: More than 1,000.

Property damage: No accurate estimate yet available, but in the millions.

Aftermath: Remains a question.



TRIGGERED RIOT — John W. Smith, left, the cab driver whose arrest sparked the outbreak that has cost 23 lives in Newark. He is outside police headquarters with his attorney, Oliver Lofton, after his release on bond.

Orgy of destruction ravaged Newark: sniper fire deadly

By BOB QUEEN
(AFRO Staff Correspondent)
NEWARK

The city of Newark on this third day of rioting appears as if it has been ravaged by Satan himself. It is a city that has disemboweled itself in an orgy of self-destruction and bloodletting . . .

It is Saturday afternoon at this moment, (July 15), 4 p.m. and over the din of traffic can still be heard the sound of sporadic gunfire as a compliment of nearly 5,000 national guardsmen, N.J. State Police and Newark police prowl the entire area above Broad St.

Across the street from the N.J. AFRO office, 190 Clinton St., on the edge of the explosive central ward, helmeted guardsmen turn cars away from entering into Monmouth St.

ENROUTE TO NEWARK this morning from Phila-delphia, I was stopped by N. J. state police at the Hamilton Township line on Route 130 — 56 miles south of this embattled city that let loose in a spectacle that when the smoke is gone, will have probably exceeded the carnage of Watts in Los Angeles.

Within the past hour, too, the death toll rose to 23.

A suspected looter of a liquor store felled by law enforcement shots, and a policeman dead — a heart attack. The Newark police department has suffered three fatalities, two by sniper fire.

Most unprecedented, and on indication of the terrifying brand of violence exhibited, was the firing of sniper bullets into Newark City Hospital where Medics were already working in a state of exhaustion treating hundreds of gunshot wounds.

There— is no semblance of any kind of "protest" demonstration, for the ravaging has resulted in private homes being fired into — one little girl of 3, shot through the eye. She was Debbie Jackson, of 67 Mercer St., drilled as she watched from an apartment window . . .

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GOV. RICHARD J. HUGHES, who called the riot, a "criminal rebellion" has set up temporary headquarters in the city and invoked a state of emergency.

The decision to invoke even stronger legal measures wer withhld, spokesmen for the governor said to minimize any further ruffling of general feelings in the colored community.

Of the scores of fires set, firemen were made sniper's targets as they battled the blazes. Today, armed National Guardsmen are riding the firetrucks — and in the last half hour a false alarm — one of "firemen" — was struck one-half block from the AFRO office.

The magic words of "Soul Brother" are emblazoned on most colored businesses, private automobiles — and also company, on establishments of a scant few white merchants who have the reputation of being exceedingly "decent" . . .

One such merchant in the Elizabeth Ave., sector, spared damage, is said to have recently donated $20 toward the burial of a little colored girl.

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THE DEADLIEST factor is sniper fire — police say that apparently as of the third day, the supply of guns and ammunition seemed on the upgrade.

It is a city of grim contrasts, as children's laughter can be heard against the rattling whine of two helicopters sweeping over the 10-square block area of destruction and shooting.

What few stores that could be found open on Saturday were swamped with customers, weekend groceries and meat purchases per customer, tripled.

Most were "stowing away" food and nourishment in preparing for a long "siege" — even beyond the weekend if necessary.

Amidst the rubble and tension late Saturday, a group of 300 colored and white citizens, all wearing green armbands, and with the well-wishes of Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio and Gov. Hughes, walked through the remaining shambles of a neighborhood, pleading for law and order.

The rains that law enforcement officials and residents alike prayed for, came in torrents Saturday evening at 7 p.m., but the clouds dropped their moisture and the setting sun peeped through just before the dreaded nightfall.

The governors curfew of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. will be in effect over the weekend if recommended this afternoon, and all concerned hope it will silence the guns that lurk in the high places and unseen corners.

On Sunday morning a group of community representatives from all walks of life met at The Leaguers Inc. hall at Clinton Ave. and Giard Pl., in an all-out effort to pick up the pieces left of a city and mould it back into something recognizable.

Call the Central Ward a "ghost town", a "total wreck," or a "disaster area," as of this moment, it has nowhere to go but up from physically nothing.

UNMOURNED — An unidentified Newark resident, who, according to police had refused to heed an order to stop, lies dead unnoticed and unmourned by police officers.

23 are dead, 1,123 injured by gunfire

NEWARK

The death toll in four nights of violent "open rebellion" reached 23 Monday. A total of 1,123 persons have been injured by gunfire that raged throughout the night.

More than 1,200 persons have been arrested.

Not all of the dead have been identified. . .

The known dead are:

Jessie Jones, shot Thursday night.

Edward Moss, 19, shot Friday.

Robert Lee Martin, 24, of Morgan City Miss., shot fractured skull Friday.

Rufus Council, Jr., 35 shot Friday.

Richard Talifarro, 24, shot Friday.

Albert Mercier, 40, shot Friday.

Frederick Toto, 34, Newark Detective, shot Friday.

Cornelius Murray, shot Friday.

Unidentified woman, auto crash Friday.

Unidentified male, shot Friday.

William E. Furr, 24, shot Saturday.

Mrs. Rose Abrams, died Saturday of shotgun wounds.

Unidentified male, early 20's shot Saturday night.

Unidentified woman, shot Saturday.

Debbie Jackson, 3, shot Thursday night.

Tedock Bell, shot Thursday.

Mrs. Hattie Gainer, shot Saturday night.

Fire Dept. Michael Moran, shot Saturday night.

Elise Spellman, shot Sunday morning.

Patrolman Shelly Gordon's arm was blown off by a shotgun that accidentally discharged as he and a fellow patrolman, Terry Carney, baited one of three men they were attempting to arrest.

House erred

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Now that the tumult and the shouting have died down, the House should admit it erred in deprriving Adam Clayton Powell of his seat, a Pennsylvania lawmaker said Thursday.

Rep. Robert N. C. Nix (D-Pa.) told his colleagues the American people have had time to think about Powell, and he was sure they would say to Congress that the Harlem preacher-politician did not receive a fair trial and the Congress was "honor bound to admit its error, and to correct its wrong."

Worst riot hits Fresno, poverty worker injured

FRESNO, Calif. (UPI) — A Fresno poverty worker was wounded and 30 persons arrested Sunday night in one of the worst outbreaks of racial trouble to hit this city of 150,000.

Dennis Mathis, 28, head of a summer crash program to find jobs for colored persons, was wounded in the right arm and side after he and other poverty workers left a meeting called in the wake of the second consecutive night of random vandalism on Fresno's predominately colored west side.

Arrested on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon was Spencer Carter, 66, a colored private patrolman, who said he fired his gun when someone threw a bottle at him.

SOME 23 minor fires, most of them set by firebombs, flared up in the district during the night. Firemen said one fire destroyed an auto parked on a street and the largest blaze consumed several piles of wood at a lumber yard. Damage estimates were not immediately available.

Trouble began Saturday night after some 200 youths were requested to leave an amusement park for its mid-night closing. A $1,400 fire was later started at a lumber yard and several windows were smashed before morning.

Numerous carloads of youths gathered in the downtown area and had to be dispersed by police.

BOXING: SO MANY GOVERNED BY SO FEW

By SAM LACY

It will do little good, of course, but A to Z feels compelled to point up, once more, the dastardly behavior of white politicians in the continuing harassment of Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay . . . This has nothing to do with the 10-day jail sentence imposed on the heavyweight champion the other day, by a Miami court for a traffic violation . . . While the penalty seems somewhat severe, it is common knowledge that a driver's permit is required if one wishes to drive a motor vehicle . . . If, as the police claim, Ali has never bothered to obtain such license, he was asking for the book.

But that action by the California Athletic Commission last week, in refusing to grant Clay a license to stage a benefit for the starving poor of the Deep South, was just about as scurvy as anything the high-handed American political machine has done to its own needy . . . The California commission, like so many others over the nation, has repeatedly sanctioned so-called benefit promotions (from which a cause is given five and ten percent of the profits) . . . and it has done so without so much as a frown . . . But when Ali asks for the opportunity to make a solid donation to charity, he is met with a snarling rejection.

'Drop in the bucket'

Said one member of the commission, Dan Kilroy, he hoped there'd be no after charge that his group was responsible for "rampant starvation" in the areas involved, but "this proposed contribution toward alleviating the situation would be a drop in the bucket" . . . Another commissioner, Jules Berman, said he admired Ali for whatever good intent he may have, "but the commission must think of the welfare of boxing."

This sort of holier-than thou double talk is typical of the "political appointee" . . . Kilroy might be reminded that this action against Clay is little more than a slap on the wrist of a man who already has been put to the lash by other political leeches . . . Is a slap on the wrist more important than a drop in the bucket which Danny Boy figures is better off dry? . . . And, as for Berman's concern for the welfare of boxing (what boxing would he have to worry about were it not for Clay and the thousands of other colored fighters who make up 82 percent of the game he and his white counterparts are controlling?

What, no colored?

The World Boxing Association, is now trying to organize an elimination tournament to succeed the man it refuses to recognize as the best fighter in the world . . . The WBA, after a great deal of soul searching and scrounging, has come up with six colored and two white gladiators — any three of which Ali could lick in a given week.

Now six of eight means that the WBA admits colored people make up 75 percent of the personnel who keeps boxing alive . . . Actually, it is a low estimate in that 82 of every 100 active boxers in all divisions are non-white . . . And the WBA, which sets itself up as the ruling hierarchy of the sport, is run by the bloodlines of Germany, Lithuania, Scotland, Ireland and white America.

A year ago, and '24'

The Baltimore Orioles team which looked up Saturday and discovered it was buried in seventh place, nine-and-a-half games behind the leading Chicago White Sox, was six games out in front of Detroit at the same point (July 15) last year.

The numeral "24" was a busy number in the 38th Major League All-Star game last week at Anaheim, Cal. . . . The most famous uniform bearing "24" belonged, of course, to Willie Mays, who was on the scene for the 14th consecutive year . . . But "24" was also on the back of Cincinnati's Tony Perez who hit the game-winning homer in the 15th inning to beat the American League, 2-1 . . . and it was the identifying number for Houston's Jimmy Wynn, unveiled as baseball's runs-batted-in leader, and for the Yankees' Al Downing, who tossed three scoreless innings for the AL when they needed to hold off the big NL hats . . . Also, Number 24 adorned the back of Los Angeles' Walt Alston, who, thanks to Perez, etc., was the winning manager.

Names with lyrics

That was a lyrical as well as talented contingent of African runners who helped represent the British Commonwealth in last week's dual meet in Los Angeles . . . Aside from Kipchoge Keino, who won so handsomely over world record-holder Ron Clarke in the 5,000 meters, the British were given a win in the steeplechase by Benjamin Kogo and a second place in the 800 meters by Wilson Kiprugut.

Hi, Cousin!

Africa also has produced some promising athletes to be heard from in the near future in women's track . . . Ronke Akindele is a 19-year-old sprinter from Nigeria, who has done 100 yards in 10.1 seconds and the 220 in 24.4 . . . And Violet Odogwa, also from Nigeria, accomplished 20 feet, 2¼ inches in London in early June for a third place in the long jump . . . It was the first and only medal ever won in track by her country.

"Meanwhile, in this country, there also is a raft of promising newcomers to the distaff cinder scene . . . One of these is a long-limbed charmer named Ordellia Smith . . . Though only 15, she already has done the 100 in 10.6 seconds and the 220 in 25.1 . . . she also competes in the long jump and high jump . . . Her home is in San Jose, Cal., and she's a cousin of San Jose State College's world record-holder, Tommie (the Jet) Smith . . . Or, did you guessed?

Other gal stars fresh in the track and field picture are sprinters Patricia Atkinson and Dorothy Myles of Texas Southern, Vilma Charlton of Pepperdine College, Orietha Woodson and Jarvis Scott of Los Angeles . . . Also quarter-milers Norma Harris and Mercedia Jackson of Texas Southern, and Shelley Marshall of Frederick, Md.

Equally tan and . . .

Equally tan and equally talented are Allia Mohamed Serrour and Torika Varo . . . Allia holds national records in the United Arab Republic in the 100, 200 and 400 meters, and has been a winner at 800 meters, the long jump and penthalon . . . She's a member of the law faculty at the University of Alexandria (Egypt) and still single.

Torika is the greatest all-round athlete known to her compatriots in the Fiji Islands . . . Her best marks indicate that she may be a contender in the 100 and 200 meter races and the long jump of the Olympic Games in Mexico City next summer . . . Torika reportedly has been competing in South Pacific championships the past 11 years and; reportedly, gets better each year, despite the fact she is 29 and the mother of five children.

On a recent morning, a fan dropped Mrs. Varo in the Suva marketplace. 8-year-old Semisi at her side and baby Mere in her arms . . . "Do you ever give thought to retiring?" she was asked . . . "Retire," she replied with a show of mocked irritation, "why next season I'm going to learn hurdling . . .

SAM LACY

AFRO SPORTS

Joe Frazier eager for Chuvalo bout

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. — Unbeaten Joe Frazier showed signs here over the weekend that he is thoroughly confident he will remain so following Wednesday night's fifth at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Frazier, putting on the finishing touches for his 12-round bout with George Chuvalo, feels he'll score his 17th straight victory without a loss.

He feels he'll go on from Chuvalo to win it all, and if he does, he'll do it with a completely uncluttered mind.

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FLOYD PATTERSON, currently involved in the WBA's heavyweight elimination tournament which Frazier declined to enter, says he'll never really believe he's champion until he beats Cassius Clay. That could be the day after forever.

Frazier doesn't go that route.

"If I became champ," he said, "it would not bother me at all. I'd still feel I was really the champion. The map's title has been taken away. He was the one responsible. Not anyone else. That's the way things go. Why should I let what happened to him bother me?"

In his own mind, Frazier has it figured out he's a better fighter than Chuvalo because he has beaten the Canadian with Oscar Bonavena. The stocky, hard-hitting Argentine, also had Chuvalo and then was licked by Frazier last September.

"I saw Chuvalo against Bonavena and he whipped him," said the 23-year-old Frazier, nonchalantly chewing on gum while sitting in one of those big sofas in the lobby of his Concord training quarters here.

"If Oscar beat him and I beat Oscar, then I have to say I should be able to beat Chuvalo. That's the way it should work out anyway."

"IT DOESN'T always work out that way," said Eddie Futch, who handles Frazier along with Yancey Durham.

"I know it doesn't," Frazier agreed. "But I'm just saying that's the way it should work out."

No matter how it works out, Frazier doesn't seem at all worried about what will happen Wednesday night.

"The closer I get to him, the better I feel," he says. "When it's all over, what I'd like to do is take a rest. I'm gonna go home, see mama and play dead for awhile. I wanna rest."

$100G pact for young schoolboy

By BRAD PYE, JR.

LOS ANGELES — Centennial High School's Wayne Simpson, author of two no-hits the past season, became one of the richest bonus babies ever produced in Southern California last week when he inked a contract with the Cincinnati Reds.

Atty. Charles E. Loud, the man who negotiated a reported $600,000 contract for Ernie Ladd with the Houston Oilers last season, handled all the contract arrangements for young Simpson with Cincinnati.

Asked if Simpson received as much as the $100,000 sum the Los Angeles dodger pitcher, former Fremont High ace, Willie Crawford, two years ago, Atty. Lloyd refused to comment.

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SEVERAL LOCAL scouts assert, however, that Simpson, who also starred at quarterback on Aaron Wade's title winning Centennial High football team along with the celebrated Mickey Cureton was the best young prospect in the nation.

His 1967 record at Centennial was 12 and 3 including two no hitters. Wayne had a 5 and 0 record with the Compton Travelers, independent team.

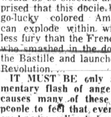
They claim he is every bit as good as the Reds' present young star, Gary Nolan.

The Reds reportedly signed Nolan for a sum in excess of $80,000.

Nationwide TV slated for welter title bout

NEW YORK — A coast-to-coast network of television stations will carry the world welterweight championship bout between champion Curtis Cokes and Gypsy Joe Harris at Dallas on July 24.

T.V. Sports, Inc., will telecast the 15-round fight and Les Keiter will provide the commentary.



CASH COLLECTOR — Cliff Brown, making one of his rare appearances in a major tournament, shot a creditable 292, to earn $893 in the $100,000 Speedway Open golf tourney at Indianapolis last weekend. He and veteran Charley Sifford had identical scores for identical shares of the cash, main portion of which was won by champion Frank Beard.

FAMILY FUN — Heavyweight contender Joe Frazier takes moment with family during respite in training camp at Kiamesha Lake, N.Y. Embraces for Wednesday night's heavyweight elimination bout with George Chuvalo of Canada, a fight that is to be televised nationally. — Freddie

Top young prospects nix T. Southern in riot's wake

HOUSTON (UPI) — Race riot at Texas Southern University May 17, caused the school to lose several prospective athletes, including a 6-4 end from Port Arthur, a sprinter from Victoria and a quarter-miler from Columbus, Tex., according to a survey of coaches Wednesday.

The rioting, which resulted in the fatal shooting of one policeman and wounding of two persons as police and dormitory residents exchanged shots, came about 1 a.m. on the same day the school was to sign athletes to national letters of intent.

"IT MADE the job hard," football coach Cliff Brady said. "We had a lot of explaining to do."

Paul said one of his assistant coaches, Ivory Black, was a student counselor who lived in the dormitory with the students. He was arrested as police took every dormitory resident to jail.

Black was scheduled to go to Port Arthur that day to sign Paul Merlon, a 6-4, 230-pound end to a letter of intent. Black was not released from jail until late that afternoon and by the time he got to Port Arthur, Merlon was signed by the University of Wisconsin.

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BLACK ALSO was scheduled to fly to Baton Rouge, La., to sign quarterback David Mays, a 6-2½, 215-pounder who, Paul said, is "probably the greatest passing high school quarterback I've ever seen."

Mays, a national merit scholarship finalist, had offers from 117 universities, including Rice and the service academies, Paul said.

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When he found out Black was in jail, Paul, who was in Dallas, decided to fly to Baton Rouge to sign Mays.

"His mother is a teacher and his father is a doctor so you can imagine the trouble I had, especially since he is a national merit scholarship finalist," stated Paul. "I had quite a bit of explaining."

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BUT PAUL had been through the explaining process during earlier in the day in Dallas at the home of all-state end Steve Chapman.

Chapman, who lives in Dallas, was scheduled to sign a letter of intent with Texas Southern Friday morning. Chapman's father, Alton Pines of Houston Washington-linebacker James Ford of Jacksonville, Fla., end Fred Hill of Houston, Kashmere Garden, and a passing combination from Beaumont Hebert, quarterback Arthur Butler and end H. K. Foster.

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TRACK COACH Stan Wright was not as fortunate because he was in track season and could not lay the groundwork before the rioting.

He said he lost half miler Alvin Dotson of Columbus, and sprinter O'Neil King of Victoria, because of the rioting. He said Dotson's brother, Shelton, a freshman at TSU, was knocked down during the rioting.

"THIS became an emotional thing with the parents and they changed their minds and refused to let him sign a letter of intent," Wright said.

He said he and Shelton had gone upto see them the day before the riots and he had brought Shelton back the night of the riots so he could study for final examinations.

Dotson signed with Prairie View A. and M. King sign with North Texas.

Wright said other coaches use the rioting against TSU.

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BASKETBALL coach Dave Whitney said he was in St. Paul, Minn., and had the same problem as Paul. He had gone to sign Jim Hill, a 6-3 forward, but Hill's mother met him at the airport and refused to let her son sign.

"He called me three weeks later at 12:30 a.m., and told me he could sign," Whitney said. "I was so excited I couldn't go back to sleep."

He said he also almost lost 6-0 Joe Kidd, 17, of Lake Charles, La. Kidd waited two weeks before signing.

Md. State QB star inks Colts pact

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. — The Baltimore Colts' fourth draft choice and Maryland State's prize student-athlete, Charlie Stukes, has signed his National Football League contract.

A native of Chesapeake, Va., Stukes led the Hawks offense from his quarterback position for three years while bolstering the defense as a safety. The Colts plan to use the 6-3, 210-pound youngster exclusively on defense.

Prodigal son is back to NFL Cards

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — The St. Louis Cardinals football club announced Monday that Harold Lucas, their 1966 second-round draft choice, has signed a contract for the coming season.

Lucas, a 280-pound defensive tackle from Michigan State, forfeited an estimated $200,000 bonus contract when he walked out of the Cardinals' Lake Forest, Ill., training camp last summer with the comment, "It isn't fun any more."

WEEK IN SPORTS

BOXING

RESULTS LAST WEEK
By UNITED Press International

PORTLAND, Maine — Larry Carter, 178, Lowell, Mass., outpointed Pete Ricciteli, 169, Portland (12).

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Dwight Hawkins, 138, Los Angeles, outpointed Jerry Dupree, 138½, San Jose, Calif. (10).

TOKYO — Hiroyuki Ebihara, 118½, Japan, knocked out Ga-Ha Wi, 118½, Korea (8).

SAN JUAN, P.R. — Dave Wynder, 154, Virgin Islands, outpointed Hector Hernandez, 149, Newark, N.J. (10).

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Sugar Ramos, 126, Mexico, knocked out Eugene Hart, 126, Las Vegas, Nev. (4).

TIJUANA, Mexico — Jose Napoles, 145½, Mexico, stopped L. C. Morgan, 145, Youngstown, Ohio (3).

Effrer (Alacran) Torres, 115½, Mexico, outpointed Porfirio Poppraset, 116½, Thailand (10).

ROME — Sandro Mazzinghi, 158½, Italy, outpointed Gerald Brenna, 60, Bahamas (10).

CARACAS — Julio Vieira, Venezuela, knocked out Wesley Hines, Jamaica (1).

SAN FRANCISCO — Rafael Guzman, 140, outpointed Nate Collins, 140, San Francisco (10).

LIVERPOOL, England — Harry Scott, 126½, England, outpointed Jose Cocco, 126½, Uruguay (10).

TELEVISION

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Tuesday
Washington at Detroit (8).

Wednesday
Boston at Washington, Va., George Chuvalo, heavyweight.
Washington at Detroit (8).

Thursday
Washington at Detroit (8).

Friday
Washington at Baltimore (8).

Saturday
Washington at Baltimore
Brooklyn Handicap, horse race
Sunday
Washington at Baltimore

'Lead the league? not me, Clemente,' argues Cepeda

ST. LOUIS — Once Orlando Cepeda makes up his mind, that's it.

He doesn't care who's leading the National League right now, he claims Roberto Clemente will be when it's all over.

Funny he should mention that because Cepeda is the one who's leading the league at the moment. Both of them, in fact he's batting .356 while Clemente is second at .349.

"Regardless, I still think he'll win the batting title," says the insistent Cardinal first baseman.

"Why? Because he's a great hitter, that's why. Maybe even the best there is. He has more experience than me at the plate and the way he waits on a pitch is beautiful. I watch him all the time."

CEPEDA and the free-swinging Pirate rightfielder live only a few miles from each other in Puerto Rico and the first impression one gets from Cepeda's remarks is that he only trying to be neighborly.

But that hasn't anything to do with it.

They're friends, all right, but Cepeda firmly believes in saying what he thinks. Friends or no friends, if he thought Rusty Staub of the Astros, would lead the league, he'd say so. But he doesn't think Staub will; Clemente's his choice.

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CEPEDA'S father, Perucho, was one of the finest hitters in Puerto Rico and Orlando still remembers his wise counsel.

"My father used to say that a good hitter is a good hitter here or in China," Cepeda said. "I believe that."

That's the way Cepeda feels about Clemente.

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GENERALLY SPEAKING, most National League ballplayers regard Clemente as the No. 1 hitter around. Nobody downgrades Cepeda, though.

"When Cepeda hits .300 It's what we call an honest .300," points out one veteran NL pitcher.

"With that knee of his, he doesn't beat out many infield hits."

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CEPEDA shakes his head at the suggestion he could win the batting crown.

"I don't even want to think about leading the league," he said. "I don't want to have it in my mind. It makes me press too much. Besides, I think Clemente will win it anyway."

ORLANDO CEPEDA headed for NL title?

ROBERTO CLEMENTE but he's Cepeda choice

Maury Wills to undergo knee surgery this fall

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Third baseman Maury Wills of the Pittsburgh Pirates said last weekend he plans to undergo surgery at the end of the season for removal of cartilage from his right knee.

"When this is done, I'll be the player I think I am," Wills said while the Pirates were here for the series with the St. Louis Cardinals. "Of the surgery, Wills said "I should have had it taken care of last year."

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WILLS SAID that his leg problem began after the 1966 All-Star game. He said it all started chasing Jack Fisher of the New York Mets in a run-down. Then, he said when he came to the plate to hit following the putout. Wills bunted. He said he felt some thing "pop" running toward first base.

Wills said that earlier this season pitcher Ray Sadecki of the San Francisco Giants, hit him in the same spot. But, Wills was quick to say that he can't blame Sadecki for the trouble.

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WILLS said he still hopes to have a good hitting season with the National Association of Baseball Writers.

They included Ivan Murrell, an outfielder for Oklahoma City of the Pacific Coast League, hitting .320; Bob Christian, second baseman for Montgomery of the Southern League hitting .323; and outfielder Willie Crawford of Albuquerque of the Texas League, hitting .336.

Aaron named NL 'player of month'

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves, was named National League "Player of the Month" for June Wednesday by the panel of 50 baseball writers and broadcasters who participate in the league's monthly poll.

Aaron won by one of the narrowest margins in the ten-year history of the award, drawing 17 votes to edge the Cubs' Ron Santo who collected 14.

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THE BRAVE slugger compiled a .370 average during June, with 40 hits in 108 at bats. He hit nine home runs and drove in 23 runs in 27 games.

Santo hit .355 with eight homers and 21 RBI's in 30 games. Aaron previously was named in the NL's player of the month in May of 1959.

Cepeda hikes NL bat lead

NEW YORK (UPI) — Orlando Cepeda, being rested for the night, came off the bench in the seventh inning to drill a base hit that set up St. Louis' winning run and moved him still further ahead of runner up Roberto Clemente of Pittsburgh, in the National League batting race.

Cepeda's hit lifted his season's average to .356 while Cardinal pitchers held Clemente to one base hit in four appearances to drop him to .349, a point ahead of Houston's Rusty Staub.

Hank gets No. 23

ATLANTA'S Hank Aaron hoisted his 23rd home run of the season the same night to move two ahead of runner up Jim Wynn of Houston, the runs-batted-in leader with 65.

Gary Nolan, Cincinnati's 19-yearold rookie sensation, won his eighth game in 10 decisions to become the leading percentage pitcher in the National League.

76er in crash

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Luke Jackson, star forward of the Philadelphia 76ers, and club trainer Al Domenico were injured, apparently slightly, Wednesday in a two-car collision in suburban Bryn Mawr.

Bird farmhand tops in June

COLUMBUS (UPI) — Outfielder Dave May of Decatur, was named Friday the International League "player-of-the-month" for June, the third time he has received the honor in the minor leagues.

May, property of the Baltimore Orioles, was first picked in June, 1964, while with Fox Cities of the Midwest League, and again in August, 1965, at Tri-Cities of the Northwest League.

He was hitting .320 and leading the International League in runs batted in with 44 during June.

LOST TO CARDS — Centerfielder Curt Flood has been put on the disabled list by the leading St. Louis Cardinals. Flood, who long has been one of their more reliable hitters and currently is batting .301, has been out of action with an injured right arm.