

EXRIS

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(MONTGOMERY)---RACIAL TENSION BOILED INTO VIOLENCE IN MONTGOMERY

TODAY WHEN TWO WHITE MEN BEAT A NEGRO WOMAN WITH MINATURE BASEBALL

BATS. THE ATTACK ON THE NEGRO WOMAN OCCURED IN FRONT OF A DEPARTMENT

STORE ON BROAD DEXTER AVENUE, MONTGOMERY'S MAIN STREET WHICH RUNS

FROM THE CENTER OF TOWN TO THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL.

WITNESSES SAID THE WOMAN WAS STRUCK ABOUT THE HEAD SEVERAL TIMES

WITH THE MINATURE BASEBALL BATS WIELDED BY TWO MEN. WITNESSES SAID

SEVERAL POLICEMEN WERE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY, HOWEVER, THERE WERE

NO ARRESTS.

POLICE CHIEF OLIVER HODNETT AT TUSKEGEE SAID A LINE OF NEGRO STUDENTS

FROM TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE MARCHED TWO ABREAST INTO THE CITY SQUARE THIS

MORNING. HODNETT SAID THOMAS C. STOREY, A WHITE MAN, AND NEGRO CLYDE

HOLLIS, A TUSKEGEE STUDENT, WERE ARRESTED FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE AND

CAUSING AN AFFRAY.

WITNESSES SAID THE WHITE MAN STARTED THE SCUFFLE.

THE WAVE OF VIOLENCE FOLLOWED A SITDOWN PROTEST AT THE MONTGOMERY

COUNTY COURTHOUSE BY 35 NEGROES WHO TRIED TO ORDER COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

IN THE WHITE SNACK BAR SHORTLY BEFORE NOON THURSDAY.

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