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St. Louis, Sept. 25 [UPI]—A shotgun blast today wounded three policemen and a bystander during a tumultuous demonstration by hundreds of Negroes protesting the fatal shooting of a 19-year-old youth by an elderly policeman in suburban Kinloch.

A rash of fires hit the 98 per cent Negro community, razing an elementary school and damaging the police chief's home, and a telephoned bomb threat drove 320 students from Kinloch High school.

A force of nearly 100 county and suburban police dispersed the shouting, shoving crowd and stood by today to enforce a 10 p. m. curfew declared by Mayor Clarence Lee.

Considers Calling Out Guard

Gov. John Dalton alerted the Missouri highway patrol and asked aides to check whether the situation "warranted action by the national guard."

"We will do whatever is necessary to preserve the peace," Dalton said in Kansas City.

The crowd estimated at more than 300 Negroes massed in front of the Kinloch City hall early today and chanted "We want Mason. . . . "We want Mason." They demanded Israel Mason, 74-year-old Negro policeman, who was suspended pending a hearing into the fatal shooting Sunday night of Donnel Dortch when the youth resisted arrest on charges resulting from a drag race.

Lee announced today that Mason had submitted his resignation and it had been accepted. He announced that police and county officials were investigating Dortch's death and planned to present information to the St. Louis county grand jury.

Bystander Also Wounded

Police said the three policemen, all white, and a Negro bystander were injured by a shotgun blast fired from the window of a slum clearance project.

County Policeman Kenneth Armstead, 29, and Hugh Hodges, 26, were reported in serious condition at a hospital. Policeman William Rushing, 33, was in satisfactory condition. The bystander, Anthony Williams, 32, was treated and released.

Police said up to 10 fires broke out, most of them apparently set by arsonists. One destroyed the Dunbar Elementary school. Another damaged the newly completed home of Police Chief Roosevelt Hoskins. The chief, acting on a hunch, drove home, discovered the blaze and extinguished it himself.

About 85 county and suburban police poured into the town. With riot guns, machine guns, and police dogs, they cleared the streets. Fire alarms continued past dawn.

Students poured out of the high school when a board of education secretary received a call warning of a bomb. Students returned to classes after police and firemen searched the school and found no explosives.

More than 50 Quizzed

Police rounded up and questioned "more than 50 persons" in the shooting and burnings. They charged Henry Bradford, 24, and Charles Williams, 19, with felonious assault in the shooting.

Mayor Lee huddled with the police chief to plan safety measures to maintain order.

Kinloch has a population of 6,500. It is one of several predominantly Negro suburbs in the St. Louis area which date back to Civil war days.

Policeman Shot

[AP Wirephoto]

Patrolman Ken Armstead of St. Louis county shows shotgun pellet wounds after he was target of gunfire in Kinloch, a St. Louis suburb.

[UPI Telephoto]

Hugh Hodges, another county patrolman, who also was struck by some of pellets.

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