

REPORTS 'DISTURB' FISK

Campbell vows probe if brutality indicated

Mayor Tom Campbell said today he will ask the attorney-general to appoint an impartial inquiry into Saturday's Gastown disturbances if preliminary reports by the police department indicate any police brutality.

Campbell said it would have to be taken out of the hands of the police commission — of which he is chairman — because the commission may be "a bit too close" to the department to be completely unbiased.

The department report was being prepared today by Police Chief John Fisk.

Fisk told a news conference he was "disturbed" by reports of plainclothes officers hitting people with riot sticks.

He repeated that all un-

formed police are trained in riot control in which the stick is held at both ends and pushed towards adversaries.

But he admitted some of the non-uniformed officers involved, Saturday night may have been rookies involved

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in the Operation Dustpan drug round-up.

Fisk's report is to go to Campbell later today.

It will be brought before the police commission Tuesday and they will discuss it at a special meeting Thursday.

Presumably it will be at that meeting that a decision will be made on whether to

Witnesses tell of police beatings

A Gastown coffee house gathering Sunday heard witnesses to the Saturday night Gastown riot give accounts of the beatings they saw police administer to "smoke-in" demonstrators and innocent bystanders.

Merchants, street people and a Burnaby housewife were unanimous in their condemnation of the city police force, and said they saw groups of two, three and four policemen attack young and old persons trying to flee the scene of the disturbance.

They recounted what seemed like an endless list of attacks which started when mounted police charged a crowd which had gathered for a marijuana "smoke-in" to protest the crackdown on the drug traffic in Gastown.

Shoe store owner Peter Fox said the "satanic arrogance"

of the officers who dragged a kicking, screaming girl by her hair across half a block of broken glass to a paddy wagon "has converted my whole view of society."

"I wept openly," he told the meeting in the Gastown Saloon.

"I have a law and order background. I have always believed, that the police were right. I never would have believed it if I hadn't seen it.

"This teenage girl was dragged by an officer. She was screaming, 'My hair, you've got my hair,' and then another officer took her by her leg. There was broken glass on the street where they were dragging her."

Fox was one of several Gastown store proprietors who said they had been partial to the police before Saturday's riot but were stunned by the brutality they saw.

"I always prided myself in thinking Vancouver was free of this sort of thing, although I've seen it in other places," said Charles Traynor, owner of the Tin Ear record shop.

"But the senseless brutality

ask Attorney - General Leslie Peterson to appoint an impartial inquiry.

Peterson, however, could appoint such an inquiry without being invited.

He was away from his office and not available for comment today.

Such an inquiry was being demanded by some city aldermen over the weekend.

And Gastown merchants called on the witnesses and victims of the battle of Maple Tree Square to swear affidavits to be presented to city council Tuesday.

What started as an orderly demonstration by about 1,200 to 1,400 persons against the police crackdown on drug use in Gastown turned into a riot after the police moved into the crowd.

Four policemen on horseback were followed by the stick-swinging city police tactical squad. As they moved in Hare Krishna monks were playing bells.

At least a dozen people, including one policeman, were treated in city hospitals. One was kept overnight.

The police flailed at the crowd with their three-foot-long riot sticks. Some demonstrators responded by hurling bricks and bottles.

Some store windows in Gastown were broken.

Seventy-nine persons were arrested.

Thirty-eight were charged. Police said they had to

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Moscow backs India in dispute

NEW DELHI (AP)—India and the Soviet Union signed a 20-year treaty today, in effect putting the Russians firmly on the side of the Indians in their angry dispute with Pakistan.

Foreign Minister Swaran Singh and visiting Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko signed the pact of "peace, friendship and cooperation."

Informing a cheering Parliament of the treaty, Singh declared the pact should provide "a stabilizing factor in favor of peace," adding: "It is also a treaty of non-aggression."

With tensions between India and Pakistan mounting steadily over the Pakistani army's repression of the independence movement in East Pakistan and the flight of seven million East Pakistani refugees to India, the treaty could set the stage for a new confrontation in which Russia would side with India and China with Pakistan.

The Pakistan government announced today in Islamabad, that sheikh Mujibur Rahman, whose Awami League followers led the independence movement in East Pakistan, will go on trial Wednesday before a special military court for waging war against Pakistan and other offences.

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HIDE-AND-SEEK IN STORM

Pirated yacht nabbed

HONOLULU (AP)—A U.S. Coast Guard cutter escorted a pirated yacht back to Honolulu today after a pursuit on the high seas that included hide-and-peek behind a storm and setting the yacht's crew adrift 140 miles at sea.

On board the 78-foot motor-sail launch Kamalii were three unidentified men the coast guard says stole the vessel Friday after threat-

ening the crew with knives and pistols.

The yacht's owner, millionaire oilman E. L. Doheny, was on the coast guard craft.

The \$150,000 Kamalii was intercepted shortly before midnight Sunday about 300 miles southwest of Honolulu.

The capture ended a pursuit that began when the three crewmen, set adrift in a life raft 140 miles off Hawaii Saturday afternoon, were picked

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Riot-equipped police scatter Gastown pot protesters

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move on the demonstrators because they were blocking traffic at the busy intersection of Water and Carrall and property had been damaged. But witnesses said no damage occurred before police moved in and that excessive force was used by police. And some pointed out four B.C. Hydro buses had passed through the crowd without incident only minutes before the police moved.

The demonstration was organized to protest Operation Dustrain, the police drug swoop which, started after Campbell and senior policemen described Gastown as the drug capital of Canada.

A mock 10-foot-long marijuana "joint" was carried across the square at the start of the demonstration and several youths took turns smoking it.

The police allowed the protest to go on for about two hours, then moved in at 11 p.m.

Alderman Art Phillips and Ed Sweeney called to the crowd by a television microphone, both called for a full scale inquiry, and promised they will bring the matter of the policemen's conduct to the attention of council.

Sweeney said he saw police club and beat young people, drag them by their hair and ride them down with horses. Of their use of the riot sticks, the alderman said "They are using them like you'd use a stick to beat a dog."

Ald. Ernie Broome, who wasn't there, called the event a "police riot" and said some senior policemen might have to be suspended.

Ald. Harry Radwin said the riot was Mayor Campbell's fault.

Campbell said he will await the police report — it is to be ready for Tuesday's council meeting — before passing judgment. Sweeney made his comments in an interview while

the battle raged only two blocks away. "I've actually seen the police run after people and beat them as they ran away," he said.

Sweeney said he and Ald. Phillips, who was also in the group, were phoned at home by (a town) entrepreneur Larry Killam and told there was something going on they should see.

"I'm shocked to see the use of the police are making of the sticks," he said.

Sweeney was among the aldermen who voted in favor of giving the police the riot sticks.

"They are supposed to keep both hands on the sticks," he said. "What they are doing is not at all like the demonstration we were given in council when we gave them the sticks."

As Sweeney was speaking a police car loaded with officers drove almost into the group. Phillips, who was forced to jump away from the vehicle, took the licence number. "They sure don't pick their targets," he said.

Sweeney said many people told him they had been injured by the police.

"I asked Inspector (Bob) Abercrombie what started it and he told me rocks and bottles were thrown and property was damaged before the police acted," Sweeney said.

"How ever, many people have told me there was no provocation at all."

Sun reporters on the scene at the time the disturbance started did not see anything broken, nor anything thrown until the four officers on horses rode into the crowd.

The initial charge by police took place at 10 p.m. just after several youths had gained access to a balcony of the Eurique Hotel and hung two flags.

About 100 persons were sitting in the centre of the square at the time. They sat at first, screaming into the rest of the crowd that packed the square. Earlier a number of youths

held a noisy demonstration at the north foot of Carrall.

The gathering had been organized by the Youth International Party and billed as a Grastown Smoke-In and Street Jambores.

The Yippies were protesting the "streets" of more than 100 people during the past few weeks in a police crackdown on soft-drug traffic.

The Yippies demanded the legalization of marijuana and an end to what they claim is police brutality against long-haired people in Gastown and in the Fourth-Avenue district.

Until the violence broke out, the demonstrators milled about in the square, listening to the Beat of Tom Tom and chanting words like "Power to the people."

The initial clash between police and the people in the square lasted about 10 minutes. At the end of that time police were in control of the square, with the crowd pushed back to the sidewalks.

During the next three hours Sun reporters saw:

● Officers on horses driving people into doorways and pinning them there while they lashed out at them with their sticks.

● A young woman being dragged, screaming, by two officers who held her by the hair and one arm, about 100 yards over broken glass to a waiting wagon.

● A police officer struck on the right leg, just below his knee, by a large chunk of cement. The crowd jeered as he staggered.

● A young woman marching towards a group of officers shouting "You might as well take me too." They took her. As they shoved her into the wagon, bent over so she was almost touching her feet, an officer shoved his riot stick into her seat, pushing her inside.

● A young man cut down by a blow to his kidney area from a stick. As he slumped on the street a young woman knelt beside him, crying, not have them," he said.

● Anapher youth held down on a parking lot and struck three times with a policeman's stick. Still another boy loaded into an ambulance. He had a bloody bandage on his head.

● A bottle flying out of the crowd and shattering between an officer's legs. He sprinted into the crowd, raised his stick, but did not strike with it.

● A man approaching an officer in a police line and asking permission to go by because he'd lost his wife. He was allowed to pass.

● An elderly Chinese woman picking vegetables out of the shattered plate glass from her grocery store window.

● Police horses galloping down sidewalks filled with pedestrians scattering them in all directions.

● Rocks, stones and bottles thrown at police by gangs of youths who roamed streets within six blocks of Maple Tree Square.

● Youths and middle aged men and women dragged, lifted and thrown into the rear of waiting paddy wagons.

● No police badges or numbers on officers' uniforms.

● Numerous groups of youths shouting obscenities.

● Police entering shops and restaurants to grab people who ran from the streets.

● Several plate glass windows in stores smashed.

● Riot equipped police standing guard outside the public entrance to the police station at 312 Main.

As the action died down Ald Phillips joined a number of persons sweeping shattered glass and chunks of cement from the square.

Sweeney said "I've seen some pretty primitive police methods down here tonight." He said the police should have been wearing their badges.

"I think the question should be raised as to why they did

Sweeney said he understood from a number of people who had recognized him and spoken to him that charges would be laid against officers.

"There has definitely been provocation on both sides here," Sweeney said.

"This is going to hurt Gastown."

Phillips said the police "are going to alienate thousands of young people who didn't want any trouble."

As he watched another carload of police cruising by, Phillips said: "I think that's sad." Phillips arrived on the scene about 45 minutes after the initial police charge.

Gastown merchant Killam said he called Phillips and Sweeney because "I wanted them to see first hand what the situation was — what a total disgrace this was for the police force."

"I've never seen a situation so completely black and white," he said.

The responsibility for all the damage to persons and property rests right on the shoulders of Tom Campbell and the chief of police," Killam said.

"I just saw every kind of atrocity here tonight."

"I wager they (the police) scored highest on tourists," he said. "They bagged more property owners than anything else."

Most of the people who talked to The Sun following the disturbance claimed they hadn't heard any order to disperse before the police charged.

One man, however, claimed to have heard the order given by Insp. Abercrombie, but he said the warning was too faint to be heard more than a few feet away.

Ed Hicks, Gastown museum owner, said he and a number of other persons were putting up speakers for a dance when the violence began.

"The mood of the crowd was just beautiful at that point," he said.

Mark Meredith, publisher of the Gastown Guide magazine said he and Hicks were standing outside Hicks' office at 1 Alexander when a policeman on a horse suddenly appeared chasing a group of youths.

"We were all herded into a corner and the policeman began belting people indiscriminately with his stick."

"I was struck over the back of my right shoulder."

"It's left a long red mark. Here, see for yourself," he said lifting up his shirt.

Meredith said he had not shouted at police nor acted in any manner which may have prompted the police action.

Marcena Levine, wife of the proprietor of Brother Jones restaurant said she was "amazed" that the police moved into the crowd, although she said she was at Maple Tree Square.

"Sure there were a lot of people standing around. But no one was hassling anyone. It was really cool until the police moved in."

"The only thing that happened before the police moved in was a couple of people climbed onto the balcony of the Europe Hotel to put up flags. But there was no violence of any sort."

Police said one of those who climbed onto the hotel exposed himself.

Among those arrested was one man who has been charged with performing an indecent act.

Fisk called in two teams of detectives early Sunday to begin the police investigation.

"The inquiry has begun in response to complaints made to city officials about police activity in Gastown Saturday night," said spokesman inpector Vic Lake.

"We hope a full report on the affair will be completed Monday or Tuesday and presented to the board of the police commission."

Lake said the police investigators, headed by Detective-Inspector Alistair Shepherd will interview independent witnesses.

Told that some organizations such as the B.C. Civil Liberties Association take a dim view of the police investigating themselves because of the danger of a whitewash, Lake said:

"We like to think these investigations are impartial. Of course people will say they are not, but we believe in letting the chips fall where they may. We want to get at the truth."

Lake said the police moved into the crowd on horseback as part of standard dispersal tactics.

"The road was misused and we asked the people to move. When they didn't respond we moved in to disperse them," he said.

Lake denied there was a police charge.

"I wasn't there, but in no way could there have been a charge."

Told that impartial observers were prepared to swear affidavits testifying that there was a police charge, Lake said: "We are making a full

investigation. The truth will come out."

Lake said that prior to the police action a man climbed on to a hotel balcony and pulled down his pants.

"This was an unlawful action and the man has been charged with indecent exposure, he said.

Lake added "It's our duty to keep the streets clear. If we didn't we would be failing in our duty. There would have been no trouble at all if the people had obeyed the request to move."

Told that few people heard the inspector's commands to move on, Lake said "This will be investigated along with everything else."

Police said later that about 80 policemen were involved in Saturday night's action, including four on horseback and about 10 plainclothes men.

Chief Constable Fisk postponed his vacation when he heard the news and the complaints. Lake said the chief did not witness the incidents.

Deputy Chief Tom Slatke was called to the scene about 10:30 p.m. He stayed until 2 a.m.

Asked about the allegations of a police charge, he said: "What charge?"

He said the matter was being fully investigated.

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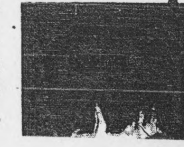
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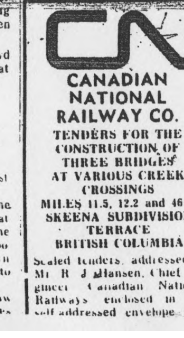


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had it sure vanished last night. A staff member of the Georgia Straight charged that undercover police agents he recognized from previous police operations in Gastown tried to incite the crowd to commit unlawful acts. Paul Watson said he saw the agents throw bottles

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Traynor said he stood on a planter in a corner of Maple Tree Square and watched the mounted police advance.

"They were just flailing away," he said. "A girl was pushing a wheelchair and the police beat her senseless, frisked her and threw her into a paddy wagon. All I could do when I was thrown there too was hold her hand."

"At another point, he said, two girls came up to him, one with a welt on her cheek and the other with her front teeth missing.

Twenty four persons were crammed into his 10 foot square jail cell. Traynor said:

"There was no water until 4:30 a.m. The prison was full. There were people in there with broken ribs, people who were very sick. None of us were allowed to make a phone call."

Traynor, who was later released without charge, was loudly applauded when he said:

"I'd like to see every member of the force that was out there incarcerated."

"The hate in the eyes of those guys was unbelievable — the glee!"

"This kind of fascism cannot exist in Vancouver. It must not exist and we've got to do something to stop it."

Bob Enosh, a member of the Partisan Party, said a man became trapped between two police cars and put his hands up in a gesture of surrender.



SHAM WILLIAMS
broken wrist

in the cafe how his wrist was broken.

"I was on my way home, going south on Hamilton, when a cop charged up behind me and said, 'Get going.' I started running and there were four more behind me, and one said, 'Let's get this guy.'"

"I don't really remember what happened, it was all so fast, but they clubbed my arm and threw me in the wagon."

"I got no medical treatment in my cell and it was four or five hours before a nurse came to see me," he said.

"It was 9 a.m. Sunday before I was taken to hospital and 10:30 before they got the cast on. If it don't heal right they'll have to fuse my wrist, because it's a pretty bad fracture."

Williams was later charged with creating a disturbance.

Mrs. Dell Carrell, of 5662 Booth Ave., Burnaby, said she and her husband were on their second visit to Gastown when they decided to see what was happening in the square.

"We could hear the drums and so on, but it wasn't exciting enough for us to stay around. People were mostly sitting down and it was just a group of young people doing their thing."

"Then we heard noises and everyone was scurrying for cover like insects. We saw a cop beating a really young boy on the corner."

Gastown Saloon owner Mark Derrick said a few people heard Insp. Bob Abercrombie warn the crowd to disperse over a loud hailer,



DELL CARRELL
everyone scurried

but the majority of the gathering did not.

"Someone climbed up to the balcony of the Europe Hotel and in the process some neon tubing that had never worked anyway was smashed," he said.

Derrick said he saw a horse trample an empty baby carriage.

"There was no organized resistance and there was absolutely no harm done at all until the police moved in," he said. "Any goodwill they ever

had, it sure vanished last night."

A staff member of the Georgia Straight charged that undercover police agents he recognized from previous police operations in Gastown tried to incite the crowd to commit unlawful acts.

Paul Watson said he saw the agents throwing bottles and rocks, and shouting, "Get the pigs! Get the pigs!"

Joanne Watters said she heard a police sergeant tell the assembled force on Powell to move up the street four abreast: two horses in the street and one on each sidewalk.

She said she heard a policeman tell one of his buddies:

"Let's go up the alley and beat the ... out of those long-haired ..."

Donna Liberson, proprietor of Leather and Things, told the group the highest bail — \$1,000 — had been set for those seven charged with possession of a dangerous weapon — a rock or a bottle.

She said the People's Defence Fund was arranging for the release of the great majority of those arrested, and would be providing them with free legal help. She said contributions from Gastown merchants and others were being channelled through her shop to the defence fund.

"We need people to come forward with property bonds of \$1,000 each to free those who are in there on \$1,000 bail," she said. "There is no risk involved. In two years and hundreds of cases, the defence fund has lost only \$100 when someone didn't show up in court."

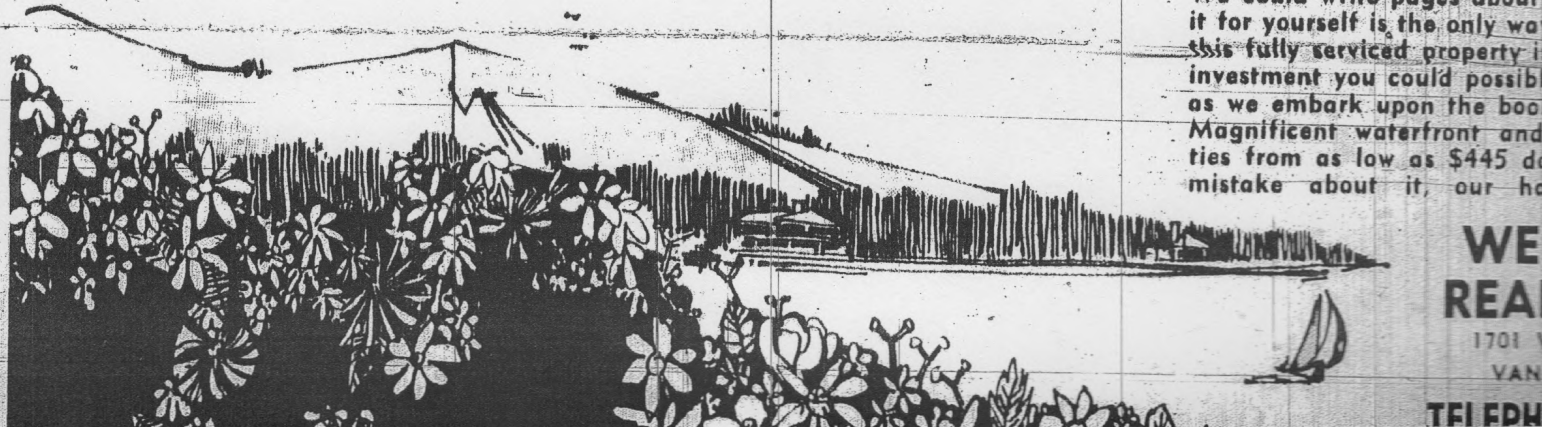
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ROADSIDE SHRINE marks spot where truck driver Harry Thornton was accidentally shot by British

troops Saturday. Catholics of all ages pray at shrine. Slaying touched off weekend violence.

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IN POLICE BRUTALITY PROBE

Mayor ready to call on A-G

By HALL LEIREN

Mayor Tom Campbell said today the police commission may be "too close" to the police department to conduct an unbiased investigation into Saturday's Gastown disturbance.

He said in an interview that if a report being prepared by Police Chief John Fisk indicates allegations of general police brutality in the wild confrontation which saw 49 persons arrested are factually founded, the inquiry will likely be turned over to Attorney General Iles Peterson.

If the report is unfavorable to the police the commission will have to decide if it should hold an inquiry or should go to the attorney general, said Campbell, who is head of the commission.

"I would think the matter should be turned over to the attorney general and that he would be the proper person to appoint a body to investigate. I am going to insist the inquiry be completely impartial. It may be the police commission can't hold such an impartial inquiry."

"The police commission may be a bit too close to the police department in this to be completely unbiased."

Campbell said that on the basis of what he had learned from news media and eye witnesses he had talked to the police appear to have been only doing their job.

"It may be the police are being trained," he said.

However, he added he did not have all the facts and said he did not want to make a judgment.

Campbell said he was to receive a preliminary report

from Fisk today on the investigation and the report will be made available to police commissioners Tuesday. A special meeting of the commission will be called for Thursday to deal with it.

He said one of three things is likely to happen after the commission meeting.

The report from Fisk may find charges of police over-reaction and brutality unfounded and if so the report will immediately be made public.

Second, the chief may find substantial evidence that the police over-reacted and broke discipline. This finding is the one that probably would result in turning the matter of to the attorney general. However, Campbell said that if the police commission decides to hold its own inquiry, such an inquiry would be open to the public.

The third possibility is that the report might find individual and isolated cases of police overzealousness. Campbell said, "There may have been one or two policemen who have been overzealous but that wouldn't be any reason to call a royal commission," he said.

The police department could deal with that and any policeman involved would be disciplined."

Campbell added that in the event Fisk says charges against the police are unfounded and enough complaints are laid to raise questions about such a report, the commission would still go ahead and hold a public inquiry.

The mayor said he has received what he called a sub-

stantial public response since with the police from people who witnessed Saturday's disturbance.

He said he received names and addresses of 42 witnesses saying the police behaved properly and only two complaining of brutality.

One of these may be well-founded, he said. The other was from a girl allegedly dragged by the hair to a police van who, he said, had tried to strike a policeman in the face with a bicycle chain.

Campbell said he wants people who witnessed the event to come forward and make statements, preferably in writing, and said that where anonymity is requested it will be granted.

"We want to get as complete a picture of what happened as we can," he said.

And that means not just from people who may have been injured but from anybody who saw what happened.

While criticizing young people involved, the mayor expressed most of his anger for Gastown merchants.

"It is quite obvious the merchants in the area are aligning themselves with the people who are advocating marijuana and soft drugs and standing against the police and law and order," he said.

"I cite as evidence the bail money they are trying to collect for people who are probably their own tenants."

"They want the best of both worlds. They want the police to shut their eyes to the drug traffic in what is the soft drug capital of Canada so it can become Gastown, as they say, on the other hand they demand police protection and

then they get it they don't want it."

Campbell said two series of incidents set off the charges into the crowd by policemen armed with three-foot riot sticks and supported by mounted police.

He said police mistook ten members of the crowd began fighting among themselves and when they began to destroy property in the area.

He said he did not know yet how many persons were involved in the fighting or precisely what property was being damaged at the time riot police began their moves to clear the area, but said he expected this would be contained in the chief's report.

Campbell said he is willing to meet with a delegation of merchants from the area to get eye-witness statements about the riot if the merchants request such a meeting.

"If there is something to be accomplished I would meet with them but if the meeting is just to complain about alleged police brutality they should file complaints," he said.

Campbell criticized Gastown merchant Larry Killam for calling only Ald. Art Phillips to the area during the confrontation.

"Why didn't he spend \$1.10 instead of only 10 cents and call me and all the other aldermen?" Campbell said.

"I would have gone down there if I had gotten a call from him saying there was a riot in progress."

Campbell said he does not expect the matter to be raised at city council Tuesday since it involves the police commission.

Lightning sparks new forest blazes

Lightning strikes, smoke which hampers flying opera

weather for the next five days are plaguing B.C. forest fire fighters.

In the Nelson forest district

mainly the big individual problem in the district

Blackwater Ridge now lessening the threat to the community.

In the Prince George forest

about 10 fires are caused daily in the district by lightning but that most are quickly doused by water bombers.

Kamloops district official Lawrence Boulton said the

He said rain over most of the district last week had helped lower the fire danger.

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scurry before police horse in entrance to Gastown stores.

High-level probe demanded

Four Vancouver aldermen joined the B.C. Civil Liberties Association in calling Sunday for a full investigation of tactics used by police to break up a Gastown demonstration Saturday.

Aldermen Art Phillips and Ed Sweeney, who were there, and Harry Rankin and Ernie Broome, who were not, called for an inquiry.

Mayor Tom Campbell said he will await the results of a police investigation before making up his mind.

Broome described the incident as a "police riot" and said some senior policemen might have to be suspended.

Broome said he was called about the riot but could not see what good his going to the scene would do.

"I've been very well informed and every report I have received indicates that this was a police riot, a total, unprovoked attack on a peaceful demonstration," he said.

"I am going to demand an impartial inquiry by an appointee of the attorney general, perhaps a Supreme Court justice. We can't allow just a police commission inquiry because the commission will just be fed information by the police force."

"The police are the ones that made the confrontation. There was no riot until the police attacked. I have no reservations in saying that."

"I am going to push this as hard as I can. I am sure the majority of council will call for an independent investigation."

Broome said he still believes the police should have not sticks to defend themselves in a riot situation.

"But there was no riot Saturday until the police started one," he said. "There was no damage to property and no violence. The police provoked it all."

Campbell, who chairs the police commission, said Sunday he will wait for a report by the police chief before making any decision as to whether an inquiry should be held.

"The police are entitled to use reasonable force to carry out their duties, but the police commission will not tolerate police brutality," he said in an interview.

"This affair certainly warrants close attention. I want to get to the bottom of it."

But if the police chief's report favors the police, "I don't know that an inquiry by the commission will be necessary. I trust them to carry out an impartial investigation."

Asked if this meant he would pay no attention to the many reports of police brutality and excessive force, Campbell said "I have complete faith in Chief Constable John Fisk. But if the officers were over zealous, they should be disciplined."

Campbell said he saw no need for an inquiry by an impartial judge appointed by the attorney general.

He said he had received calls giving several versions of what had happened, including reports that demonstrators arrived with truckloads

of bricks to throw at police.

He also said he had no prior knowledge of police plans and did not feel his own statements about cleaning up Gastown had anything to do with the police attack.

But Rankin said the attack by police was the result of an "instruction" given the force by Campbell.

"When Campbell started all his screaming about Gastown, he was instructing the police to go in there and crack heads," he said.

"Up to now, it's been a washed summer for Campbell because there have been no riots. But he gave the police a signal to start one."

"The police were all geared up for it and I think Campbell knew what they were going to do."

Rankin, who opposed giving the police riot sticks, said the sticks now should be taken away from them.

"If you give a man a three-foot stick, he's going to hit people. We got along without them before. We never needed to get them."

Rankin called for an overhaul of the police commission, which is made up of appointed members, so that elected officials will be responsible for the police.

"The irresponsible leadership of this mayor we have is the main reason this thing happened," Rankin said.

"Things will never be right around here until we get rid of him."

Ald. Hugh Bird said he had been out of town and had not heard of the disturbance until phoned by The Sun.

"I'll have to get the facts, but you know these people wouldn't get hurt if they just stay home," he said.

The civil liberties association urged a full scale independent inquiry.

A police commission investigation will accomplish nothing, said association president Dr. Reg Robson, a professor of sociology at the University of B.C.

"For the good of the police and the public, the inquiry must be made by an impartial group."

Robson said he received six telephone calls from concerned citizens during the police action.

"All the callers complained that the police were using excessive force, beating people indiscriminately," he said.

Robson blamed Campbell for making "provocative and alarmist" comments about transient youth and the drug trade in Gastown.

Tony Gargrave, New Democratic Party candidate in last fall's mayoral race, said he intends to write to Attorney General Les Peterson asking that the police be made more responsible to the electors.

"The police force should be directly responsible to the elected representatives of the people," he said.

In Victoria, Attorney General Leslie Peterson said: "I have requested a copy of the report being prepared by the Vancouver police department and will determine if any further action is necessary."

31 of 38 arrested in fracas out on bail

Thirty five of the 38 persons charged with offences after the Gastown "smoke-in" Saturday night were remanded in provincial court today to Aug. 17.

Three others, who were represented by lawyers, had trial dates set.

All but seven had been freed on bail Sunday.

Bail was set at amounts ranging from \$50 to \$1,000, and offences included possessing a dangerous weapon, obstructing a police officer, assaulting a police officer and causing a disturbance.

Six of the seven who remained in jail Sunday night had their bail set at \$1,000 on charges of possession of a dangerous weapon.

Those charged were among 73 adults and six juveniles ar-

rested by city police.

Charged with possession of a dangerous weapon are:

Larry Stout, 22, 6825 Caribou Rd., Burnaby; Patrick Natrall, 27, 379 Forbes, North Vancouver; Paul McLellan, 18, 575 East Twenty-Second, also charged with assaulting a police officer; Jerry Leggett, 23, 1676 Haro; Albert Hill, 18, 920 East Seventh; Robert Brereton, 19, 1111 Harris Ave., North Vancouver; Gary Noboru, 506 Fifth Ave., New Westminster.

Most are alleged to have been in possession of bottles.

Charged with assaulting a police officer are:

Kevin Mitchell, 20, 166 West Third; and Robert Strain, 34, 4805 Boundary.

Charged with obstructing a police officer are:

Jennifer Hardy, 19, 2132 Blenheim; Kenneth Goodfriend, 21, 727 Princess; David Calloway, 25, Four Seasons site; Bob Keeling, 25, 177 East Twenty-Eighth; Karen DeWart, 22, Vananda; Patricia Bacon, 23, Ft. Myers Beach; Ma, Bill Badman, 20, 2101 St. George; Port Moody; Saly Cole, 23, 2596 West Sixth; Clifford Drewitt, 43, 104-1952 Comox; Bill Arthur Francis, 22, 2815 East Eighteenth; Ronald Georgelin, 26, 7505 Muirfield; Fred Legge, 26, 1319 West Sixty-Fourth; Ken McFeeters, 23, 747 East Eighth; Eric McKean, 46, 1173 Duchess, West Vancouver; George Mackie, 23, 3650 West Third; Eric John Rose, 35, 2085 West Sixth; Sandra Black, 19, 24 Water.

Charged with causing a disturbance:

George Agecody, 46, 1964 West Fourth; William Barge-ma, 24, 2053 West Eighth; Gerald Lavis, 20, 4158 Cambridge; Gary Popeck, 3591 Commercial; Richard Nim-lowitch, 21, 3597 Commercial; Frank St. Gassies, 19, 2515 Vine; John Twigg, 22, 1412 West Seventh; Shan Wil-liams, 21, 1122 Robson; Kitten McFarlane, 20, 1800 West Sixth; David Bates, 19, 642 Ebert Ave., Coquitlam.

Frank Joseph Barbeau, 25, of 1306 Bidwell, is charged with performing an indecent act.

Ronald Kravick, 10, of 116 West Hastings, was charged with willful damage and mischief.



EIGHT-FOOT-LONG MOCK MARIJUANA JOINT... demonstrator takes a puff

Glenn Baglo Photo

'THREATENED, HARASSED, SHOVED'

Reporters, cameramen accuse city police

By PAUL KNOX

Reporters and cameramen were not spared by Vancouver city police tactical squad in Saturday night's Gastown fracas.

Two photographers claimed they were poked repeatedly while attempting to take pictures of the confrontation between police and a crowd of people who gathered to Maple Tree Square to protest the police crackdown on drug users in Gastown.

A radio reporter said he was threatened by a police officer after he tried to intervene in a bust between a police officer and a camera man.

CBC photographer Dave Looy called for a system of identification among the city's news men while covering disturbances and an understanding with the police that news men should not be harmed.

Looy said two policemen punched at the lights he was carrying while the others made an arrest in an alley near Maple Tree Square.

They were just holding him (the arrested man) there and thumping him or anything and they came at me trying to break the lights," Looy said.

One of them threatened me verbally with physical harm. Another policeman who knows me personally stepped in and tried to cool him down. The first policeman told him, "Why don't you take your friend and get off."

"How do they expect people to have any respect for the

police force when they have dissension like that in their own ranks?"

Looy said he was harassed while standing in the street taking pictures of the main battle.

"These guys would come charging up from behind me and clip me, so I couldn't focus properly," he said.

He said he turned around and recognized one of the officers as the man who harassed him while covering another demonstration last year.

"My understanding was that the guy wasn't going to be given this sort of assignment because he can't control himself. He's a mental misfit."

Looy said press representatives should agree on a system of wearing badges during disturbances so that they could be recognized easily by police.

Then there should be a program inside the force to

make sure the men know they're supposed to leave us alone," he said.

Sun photographer Glenn Baglo said at one point he was following a mounted policeman down a street. Baglo carried a camera and flash and wore a helmet labelled The Sun.

"He stopped, turned around, came over to me and said, 'Do you want that camera smashed?'" Baglo said.

"Before I could say yes or no he grabbed my leather camera strap and tore it off my neck, breaking the strap. I held on to the camera tightly, otherwise it would have been under his horse."

Just after the police charged the assembly, Baglo said, he was standing on a sidewalk when a policeman told him to move on.

He shoved the officer, his police press card, signed by deputy chief constable Tom Stokes, which reads in part:

Police turn blind eye

When three restaurants wanted to hold a street dance on Commercial Drive Sunday night, the police blocked traffic for them and turned a blind eye to what appeared to be breaches of the Government Liquor Act.

In Gastown Saturday night the police tactical squad moved in when another crowd protest stage being arrested blocked traffic.

Police blocked off Commercial from First to Third so the Italian Melodri Gallo d'oro

and Moka restaurants could hold Sunday's street dance.

While policemen put up barricades, a teen-age girl stood nearby drinking beer.

Tables set up on sidewalks outside the cafes were crowded with people, many of them drinking beer. Only one table had food on it.

"It is unlawful to sell beer on Sunday except with meals."

It is normally unlawful to consume liquor in a public place.

"All members of the Vancouver police department are authorized to afford the bearer every facility in the execution of his duties on behalf of the press. Allow bearer to pass through police lines."

Baglo said the officer told him "Move on, that's no good for anything. Move on."

Baglo said at another time he was moving through a parking lot on Carrall about a block north of the square when a policeman came toward him and said: "Get out of here with that camera."

"I turned around and he shoved me several times with his stick," Baglo said.

At various times during the melee, he said he was told, "You're going to get yours one of these days," and "You're better swallow that camera."

Radio reporter Colm King said he saw Baglo pushed "quite hard" by a policeman and he jumped between the two, attempting to calm down the situation.

"The constable pointed his stick at me and said 'Watch it or you'll be next,'" he said.

King said that earlier in the evening he was on the south side of Maple Tree Square, chasing after two policemen carting a man off to a police wagon.

"I was trying to get tape material," he said. "As I drew closer I could overhear a corporal telling the policemen to take it easy. I was trying to pick up the conversation."

The corporal pointed his

riot stick at me and said something like, 'You get out of here.' I asked why and he said, 'You're no better than the rest of them.'"

Len Kowalewich, cameraman for CHAN-TV, said he was operating a big sound camera prominently labelled CTV and BCTV yet he was harassed by police.

He said there was general jostling and three specific incidents.

He said one occurred when he was filming persons being put in the paddy wagon and an officer ordered him to turn off his lights "or he would smash it for me."

Kowalewich said the officer used abusive language but later Inspector Abercrombie arrived and using "nicer language" told him to stop shining his light in officers' eyes or his camera would be "disabled."

The cameraman said he was not shining the light in eyes but on the officers' backs.

He said that on a second occasion when not filming, one officer gave him "a hefty bell with his shoulder and stick trying to knock me down or damage my equipment."

And on a third occasion, he said, one officer deliberately got his stick tangled with the camera cables trying to "tear out the cables."

Kowalewich said he tried to get badge numbers but discovered none of the officers wore a badge.

"I understand it's the thing now not to wear a badge or identification in this sort of affair," he said.

Province photographer Dave Paterson reported he was hit by both rocks and beer glasses and harassed by police.

Most radio stations imposed a blackout on news of the disturbances until the area was quiet.

Radio deskmen and heat reporters said they were afraid of "adding fuel to the fire" by airing reports that might send the curious to the scene.

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Gastown traders criticize police

By MIKE FINLAY

Gastown merchants threw their support Sunday behind people arrested Saturday night and vowed to tell the public the truth about the "inexcusable" actions of the police.

At an emergency meeting called following Saturday's police attack on a Gastown demonstration, the Gastown Merchants Association established one fund drive to raise bail for those arrested and another to purchase an ad in *The Sun*.

The full page ad will express the merchants' "abhorrence" of police methods used to disperse a group of about 1,200 persons participating in a demonstration protesting recent drug raids in the Gastown area.

The almost 100 business operators who attended the meeting at 1 Water Street also called for witnesses and victims to fill out affidavits relating what had happened.

A lawyer will be in attendance today at the office of Larry Killam in the railway car at Water and Alexander to notarize the documents, which are to be presented to city council Tuesday.

Killam, one of the original Gastown entrepreneurs, chaired the meeting and told the merchants: "We have to make it known that although we are not enthusiastic about demonstrations in this area, the actions of the police Saturday were totally inexcusable.

"We were witnesses to the most disgusting event this city has ever seen and we should make it known that we are disgusted beyond words.

"This is not something that concerns just Gastown. If this police activity is repeated there is no point in any of us

cultivating our businesses anywhere in this city.

"The police story that they moved in only after windows were broken at the Europe Hotel is an unmitigated lie."

Comments by Killam and other merchants that condemned the police were repeatedly met with loud cheers by those present.

Said one businessman: "If we don't do something now, it's going to be just like Germany in 1935, with people looking out from behind their curtains as the police do whatever they want.

"They'll come for me first because I have long hair, but soon they'll be coming for the short-haired people too."

Said another: "I never hated in my life until last night. I hated those policemen. We have to tell the people of Vancouver that we, as individuals, are appalled."

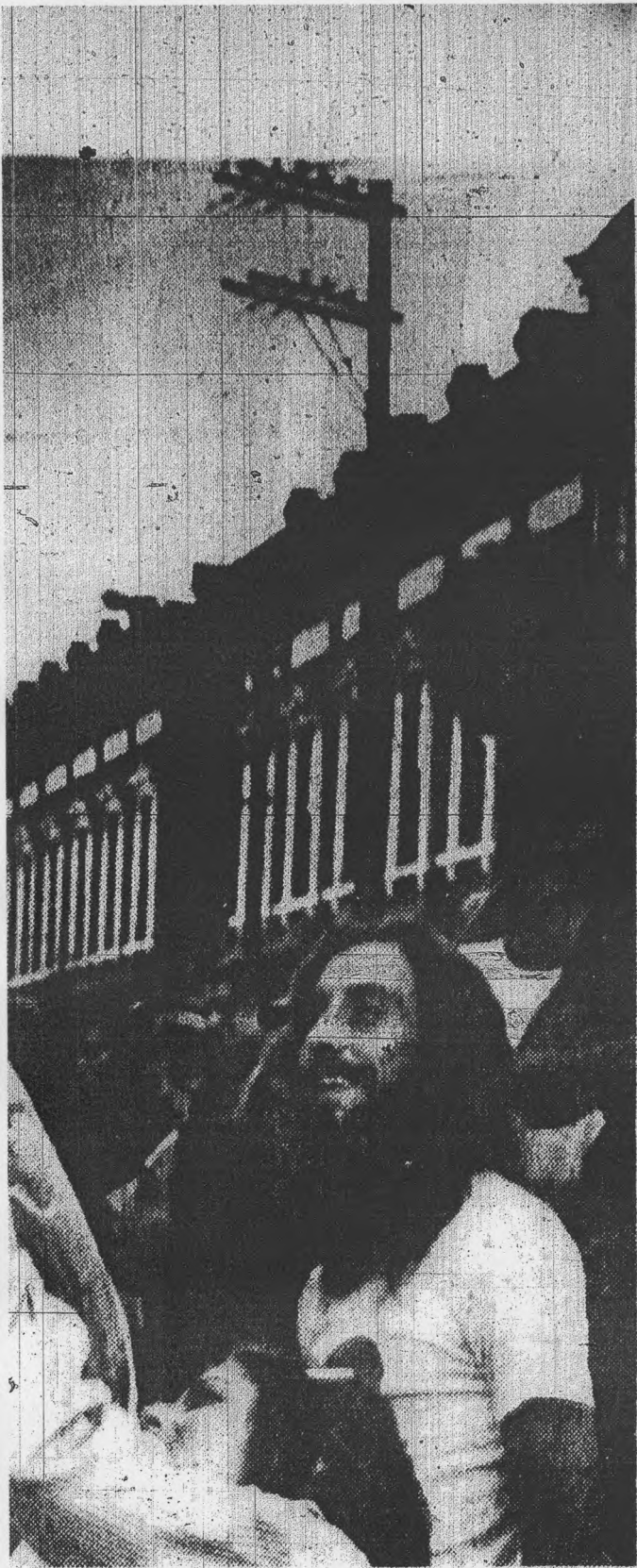
Peter Fox said he broke down and cried when he witnessed the police attack on horseback and with three-foot riot sticks.

"I come from a strong law and order background," he said. "I kept saying, 'The police are right. They know what they are doing.

But then I saw the most outrageous unprovoked attack. This city will never be the same after what happened last night.

"We have to individually sue every one of those monsters on horseback. If we don't stop them now it will lead to something a thousand times worse."

After a debate on whether or not the association should raise the necessary \$12,000 bail for those still in jail, the group decided that the merchants could individually give whatever they wanted to the People's Defence Fund.



Glenn Baglo Photo

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