

## **BLACKS AND POLICE CLASH IN FLORIDA**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 31 (UPI)—Angered by the shooting of a black man by a white truck driver, Negroes in East Jacksonville went on a rampage today, breaking store windows, setting fires, looting and overturning cars.

A heavy rainfall and police riot squads finally quelled the disturbance, but not before a Negro security guard was shot and a service station operator died of a heart attack.

Fires were set at least two furniture stores, three cars and two trucks, but Negro-owned businesses, were not attacked.

The police said the trouble started about 3:30 P.M. when a 23-year-old cigarette salesman, William A. Simmons, said he had fired at three Negroes who he said were trying to loot his truck.

Mr. Simmons, who was released from jail on \$1,000 bond on a charge of assault with intent to murder, said he fired twice with a 44-Magnum revolver.

John Riley, 20 years old, fell with a bullet wound in the leg. He was taken to a hospital in fair condition. A Negro security guard, John C. Harris, 35, was shot in the arm and abdomen when he tried to herd customers out of the rear of a Pic 'n' Save drugstore during the disturbance.

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