Riot in Newport Puts End to Jazz Festival

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Newport, R. I., July 3 (Special)—The Newport city council declared a state of emergency for this island resort community Sunday after a night of destructive rioting by thousands of men and women drawn here by the 8th annual Newport Jazz Festival.

Convening at noon in a special session, the council barred visitors to the city until further notice, halted all liquor sales, and revoked the entertainment license under which festival performances were to have been given Sunday night and Monday.

Governor OK’s Action

The council action was taken with the approval of Gov. Christopher Del Sesto and Col. Walter Stone, state director of public safety, who attended the session. State police set up roadblocks on the two bridges from mainland and established guards on ferryboats, turning back all persons not residents of the island except those with legitimate business.

Police, national guardsmen, marines, and navy shore patrol officers patrolled littered streets to maintain order. Sullen young people milled by the hundreds in the streets and on nearby benches, many of them sipping beer from supplies they had brought with them or obtained Saturday.

Damage in Thousands

Damage from the rioting will run into thousands of dollars, city officials said. Hundreds of windows were smashed, including windows in the homes of wealthy summer residents along Bellevue Place. Empty beer cans, whiskey bottles, bricks, rocks, and limbs of trees—all used as weapons in the riot—were strewn on streets, sidewalks, and lawns.

Authorities released 170 rioters picked up during the melee but decided to hold at least 15 for trial on charges ranging from drunkenness to assaulting police.

Directors of the festival, a non-profit organization which has been staging the annual jazz performances since 1955, voted to sue the city for 4 million dollars for canceling three festival events.

Louis L. Lorillard, presi—

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Close Jazz Festival, Ban Liquor Sale
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dent of the festival, said the directors had asked the city to insti-
tute the suit as soon as pos-
sible.

"This means the end of the festival forever," he said. Lor-
rillard, a nongor of the wealthy tobacco family, is-
sued a formal statement insist-
ing the disturbance entirely on non musical holdouts and promising refunds by mail to holders of tickets for the canceled performances.

The rioting began while the Saturday night performance was in progress before an audience of 15,000, who packed a well-adept audience in the city's largest park of thou-
sands of persons who had hoped to buy tickets had been turned away for lack of room.

Estimate 13,000 in Riot

Police said the disturbers apparently grew out of resent-
mint by some of those turned away, plus the known example of authoritie to break up beer drinking pertaining to the beaches. It was estimated at least 12,000 persons were present in part in the rioting.

One group fighting broke out with an attempt by the mob to crush the police, who fought back. This was repelled by police but the riot spread to and through the vicinity of the park, adjourning streets and nearby beaches.

City Manager George Bin-
sen telephoned to Gov. Del. St. Joe more than 100 state police and ordered out three companies of national guardsmen. He also had hurried from whom he was exposed, and took end personal from a riot control headquarters he established near the park.

Scene Aftermath

The commandant of the Newport naval station, where President Eisenhower is scheduled to arrive Thursday for a vacation, sent a bat-
ner marines into Newport, along with several more patrol squaps.

Local authorities called firemen into action with high pressure hoses. Neighboring towns sent both police and firemen. The forces of law and order were at the height of the rioting.

State police decided to break up the mob by the use of about six persons, a maneuver in which they used both tear gas and horses. Four thousand rifled were driven to the beaches, where many of them slept all night under the watch of four rifled were driven into the downtown area. The rifled returned next day after drily

Silver quartet, and the Oscar Peterson jazz trio had been among the performers. The Sunday matinee per-
formance was ready to begin when the council decided to reseve the festival permit until the curfew was reached. It was decided to allow the matinee to be the matter, with the conclusion applying to the Sunday night and Monday performances.

National guardsmen took orders in the park the thrumming afternoon.

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Action during riot at jazz festival in Newport, R. I. The Associated Press caption said scene shows a state trooper striking a rioter, who was knocked unconscious by blow and taken into custody.

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A spectator at Newport, R. I. jazz festival being hustled off by police after riot broke out when 12,000 youths were unable to gain admittance.

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