

The Riot At Hamilton High School

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The incident at Hamilton was pretty bad as Natalie Woodland, age 15, saw it. She said that the incident occurred when a group of sanitation workers came to the school that morning to pick up garbage. The students threatened the sanitation workers by telling them that if they picked up the garbage, they were going to be sorry afterwards. The sanitation workers didn't budge, but went on to do their job, despite the warning that the students gave. As a result, these students carried out their warnings, and tried to beat the workers up. Naturally, she said, the police came to the workers aid almost immediately. When the other students saw what was happening, they began to run out of the building throwing rocks and bricks at the police, and the police reacted to this by shooting tear gas all over the place. This particular student

replied that that it was just awful, and the only way that she could get home was to call her mother to come after her, and then she had to meet her on the next street. Incidentally, she made her get-away by running to a house nearby.

In addition to that, a well known Baptist minister, who I will refer to as Rev. Campbell, said that he had to go to Hamilton at the time of the riot to pull his daughter out of the school. He said that the principal and teachers seemed rather calm to him, and they told him that if he wanted to get his daughter, he would have to wait in a long line. Rev. Campbell told them, and I quote, "I didn't have to stand in a line when she came into this world, and I utterly refuse to stand in any line now." So, he went to his daughter's homesoon and rescued her.