

The place, Memphis, Tennessee, the time  
 100 a day for ~~the~~ march of 700  
 violence in a ~~case~~ sanitation worker  
 for higher wages and working compensations.  
 But due to the fact reported by leaders  
 of the march, young hoodlums and per-  
 sibly some marchers turned the  
 march into violence.

On April 1, 1968, I interviewed a  
 man by the name of Mr. X. The name  
 has been changed to protect the  
 innocent.

Mr. X stated first of all his reasons  
 why the riot broke out, "fellows  
 were sitting around drinking wine and  
 beer while waiting for the march to  
 begin. During the time between 10:00 a.m.  
 and 11:15 a.m., the fellows began to  
 talk about looting stores and most of  
 all how they would be dressed and how  
 much money could be made if they  
 hit certain stores like Saksy  
 Bros, various pawn shops, and liquor  
 stores."

Mr. Z said "I had the intention of just marching peacefully. But after a couple of fellows and myself heard that the march was being turned around at Beale and Third, we decided to do something. So, about 12:05 p.m., we broke the windows out of a liquor store on the corner of Hernandez, right off of Beale. Upon leaving, I had secured about five fifths and three pints of liquor."

Mr. Z also stated why they did break in the liquor store. He stated that, "the idea was to hurt the business men so that they would in turn get on mayor Loe's back and give the sanitation workers what they are asking for."

My personal feelings toward the march is that, as long as they stick to non-violence they

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might accomplish something. They should keep a lot of the young steel out of the machine due to the un-  
 ruleiness on the part of some and not all. I think that the machine should be more organized than they are at the present time. Because of the violence brought on by the machine, the mayor is just becoming more and more rebellious towards the sanitation workers. I do not like the mayor myself, not only for this reason but on the present issue as a man in thinking of the present past tragedies and the compensation received by the families and also the type of work in which they do. He should consider this and give into the wants and needs of these people. The only thing I hate is that the people can not hurt him in any kind of way.