

After talking with a few of the people who participated in the march last Thursday, I came to the conclusion that Memphis police used cruial and inhuman treatments where it was totally unnecessary. I talked with ~~with~~ two persons, one of which was attacked and beaten unmercifully. This is the way he related it to me.

He had decided to leave the march and returned to his car. At this time, quite a bit of action was still going on downtown, such as breaking windows and looting, with the police using all types of actions to restore law and order. While he was driving back to his place of business, he noticed a group of Negro women being questioned by

the police. At that time they were in their own front yards. The police were kicking them, beating them with sticks and using very abusive language. He stopped and asked the police why they were not downtown doing their duty instead of taking it out on a group of poor, defenseless women. The police told him to mind his own business, because "today they were going to beat as many niggers as they possibly could."

After this remark they turned on him and started beating and kicking him because of his inquiry about the ladies. Fortunately, he did not have

to be hospitalized but he did  
require medical attention. It happens  
to be the owner of a large  
business here in Memphis and plans  
are presently being made to do  
something about this act of violence.

The other person, with whom I  
talked, is a senior in high school.  
She was standing with a group of  
students waiting for the person  
who had made their posters to  
arrive. At this time they were  
quite orderly. Police approached  
them and said, "Niggers get off the  
streets or take what we have  
for you." The students were  
explaining why they were there,

but before they ~~could~~ finish, they were  
being sprayed on their faces. ~~upper~~

In my opinion, neither of these  
actions was necessary. It is very ~~easy~~  
thought, that nothing probably will be  
done about either. In a sense, it seems  
that the police were taking advantage  
of the disorder in order to receive  
personal satisfaction. Since this may  
never be proved to be correct, many  
of the incidents of that day will  
go unnoticed and the guilty will  
not be punished.