

An Incident Near Washington School

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Thursday afternoon March 28, 1968, I was an eyewitness of an incident that happened Booker T. Washington High School.

My Mother told me and my two older sisters Sandra and Marie to go to Washington School and get my younger brother Edward. When we arrived at Washington I went inside the school to get my brother, but after being in there 15 mins. Sandra and Marie came inside to get me because they wanted to get away from the Area. We went down the stairs to the door and I soon found out why they wanted to leave.

Some 150 teenagers had broken into a cleaners and were walking down the streets with clothes. Soon the Police arrived and used tear gas to stop them. We started to

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 go out the building but an officer
 ordered us back inside until it
 was over. We stayed in Washington
 School for about one hour, and
 we still didn't get my brother.

I feel that the whole incident
 was uncalled for because those
 clothes did not belong to the teen-
 agers that took them and they
 had no reason for taking them.