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The incident at Hamilton High School began around 8:30 AM when students of Hamilton go there for the outside of the school. The only trouble was that most of the students were talking rather loud. Then as a bus was arriving some of the students surrounded the bus and forced their way onto the bus. This would have been prevented if the N.A.A.C.P. workers had sent a representative to advise the students of the best way of preceding downtown to join the march. After this the students became rather impatient and were blocking the streets. The students began bricking garage trucks, police cars and a laundry truck. They also kicked and dented a white lady's car as she continued to blow her horn for the students to clear the street.

Police cars began to arrive and a helicopter appeared circling the school overhead. The students quieted down a lot. Then another bus came down Wilson and four more police cars arrived.

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The officers in these cars jumped out suddenly with nightsticks and shotguns in their hands and charging toward the students who were fleeing toward the buildings. One girl was hurt. Police and newspapers stated that she was hit by an object someone threw. Students stated that she was hit by an object thrown by an officer. The officers also claimed that they did not use their nightsticks but they were swinging at the running students and could not prevent hitting them. Students began throwing bricks, bottles, and sticks after they were being hit by the policemen. When the girl was being taken away to the hospital the students ceased fighting but the police made another charge at the students and they started back again.

People watching began talking and telling the police that they should not hit the students and to leave them alone. The police then started forcing the people

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Off the corner and one man was arrested for merely protesting the action of the police and for being slow to move on. Around 9:30 the students settled down and proceeded to march downtown to join the march.

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