

Aug 4

10:30 a.m. someone came around to the P.o. and said that the stable area had been locked up and that the police were inspecting the units there and collecting saws, hammers, screwdrivers, extension cords, scissors, hot plates, etc. so i went home to tell my dad. by the time i got back to the plo., it was time for chow...after lunch, there was a lot of talk, of course, about unnecessary inspection and much kicking about the fact that all this stuff was being taken without any receipt being i sued...about 2:30 p.m., a phone call came through from the main p.o. that we could "go home to protect your own interests" so we closed up the plo...at home fuzzy said that the cops were breaking into locked units where the peopler were out and that they wer kicking the opher people out of their units nd locking the place ~~up~~ from the inside while purportedly "searching" for contra-band. meanwhile, peopler were missing lots of cash and jewelry and other valuables...a short time later she said that the cops had been arrested for stealing and that the inspection had been temporarily stopped so i thught the whole thing a bunch of screwy rumors...however, about five minutes later, a whole gang of people started running toward one of the mess halls--there was a huge mob (thousands of people) milling around the mess hall ..it turned out that the crowd had chased a cop in there and were peppering him with cups and dishes--when he came out, they continued to shower him with rocks...excellent opportunity to study mob psychology...i don't suppose more than a few knew what was going on--the rest probably threw rocks and stuff because the others were--as near as I could figure it out, the cop was supposed to have been found with over a thousand bucks plus jewelry on him--probably exaggerated though---didn't join the mob, but after it had quieted down some i went out to the front gate and found that the army had been called out--they were checking automobiles emerging from the camp, but that was about all...by that time, it was time for supper so we ambled over to the mess hall, but on the way over some small kid told us that our mess wouldnt be ope due to the guard around it--(we now eat at the red mess and the red me is in the grandstand--the administrative offices are also in the grandstand and the army was supposed to have cleared the place of everyone including the administrative officers) anyway, we went over to the blue mess to eat, but, after waiting in line for awhile, found that we wouldn't be able to get in until after the regular eaters had eaten there so we went over to the white mess--on the way over, we noticed that the army had come into camp but didn't think anything of it. the white mess was crowd as heck too because of two oter mess halls being on the blink (the orange--where they peppered the cop being a shambles)--after a lot of work, we were able to eat tho'. When we came out, we found a lot of people gathered around the gov't houwe across from the white mess while the soldiers were trying to disperse the crowd--it seems that about 5:30 a mob of guys had cornered a Korean there and accused him of being a spy--Moblike a lot of people took up the cry to "get him!" a policeman tried to reason with the crowd and the korean tried to talk himself out of the situation, but finding it a hard job, he started to lock the windows whereupon some dope tossed a rock through one of the windows starting off a barrage--some other guys went into the building (barrack) and Mr. Wilkinson (one of the ad officials who happeded to be there) walked out while the policeman exited via the window. Someone threw a rock hitting the poor korean on the head and someone else threw a chair--one fellow is said to have reached over the fence (partitioning the place up) and slugged the guy and wrecking his own hand. and then a lot of guys hit him with chairs piling them on top of him while he was down--20 chairs broken is the conservative estimate and someone tapped it off by throwing a typewriter on top of him--about that time the army came

in and a truck took him to the hospital more dead than alive...An ambulance from the county hospital came after him, but if accounts i've heard are correct, it was a useless gesture...as the ambulance went by a lot of people cheered--a peaceful gentle race the Japanese. I missed most of the action, but i noticed that under the ~~xxx~~ gov't house, there was a pool of blood about 3 or 4 inches in diameter which had dripped down between the ~~ex~~ floor boards...some say that the Korean had been accompanying the cops in the search, but no doubt a lot of resentment had been built up before...if he's dead or dies, it's going to be pretty lousy for all of us...if it's true that ~~stuff~~ was being swiped, you can't blame the people for rioting because a lot feel that if the cops do things like that, there's no authority to appeal to. Still, that fact doesn't justify their actions altho' it accounts for it...It's likely that this raid was a deliberate attempt ~~to~~ on the part of a few cops from outside to take advantage of our position to rob us because ~~adminis~~ the administration was in the dark about the whole thing; they wired San Francisco and discovered that there had been no such order ~~issued~~ (to search barracks) issued by the army; the police in here didn't know what was coming off and most of them were anxiously asking "why the heck ~~they~~ did they have to come in here for anyway?" Of course their position was jeopardized too although as far as I could see only one or two cops were being molested. Most of those in here get along fine with the inhabitants.

What is dangerous more than any punitive action that may be taken against us is the growing attitude among a lot of the young kids that "We've shown what we ~~can~~ can do" and similar sentiments...People are more than ever conscious that they are Japanese...it's bound to lead to more trouble if they maintain this cocky attitude; i don't mean that we should be meek and humble, but we ~~can't~~ don't have to get tough about it either...

august 6...it was getting pretty late so i let it lay with the above.. yesterday and today we've been loafing most of the work has been suspended ~~pending~~ pending investigation so there are a lot of people doing nothing around here; no mail is allowed in and no mail is allowed out so far...The cocky attitude still persists; no punitive measures have been taken yet; reports about the Korean having been grossly exaggerated, the outlook is much brighter...According ~~to~~ to Mas Yamaguchi who works in the hospital, nothing was wrong with the Korean except that he was sort of cut up and very badly scared; his getting into a corner prevented his suffering any real serious damage...Paul Yokota, who was in Mr. Amory's (center manager) office ~~when~~ when the riot was first brought to his attention reports ~~that~~ that Mr. Amory was glad that the thing happened because there's no love lost between ~~the~~ the administration and the internal police...but that won't make it any easier for us.

*there's been nothing in the paper & nothing on the radio so far -*