

Whereupon, Helen Olden.

LAURA PETERS

called as a witness, first duly sworn, testified as follows:

CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Thank you for coming, Mrs. Peters.

MRS. PETERS: Glad to.

EXAMINATION

By Mr. Fortunato:

Q Do you own a business in Newark?

A Yes.

Q Can you tell us where your business is?

A 1007 now, it was 1005 at the time, Bergen Street.

Q During the time of the riot?

A It was 1005 Bergen Street.

Q Do you have anything to relate to us concerning what happened to your business during the riot?

A Well, what I know, is what I have been told by witnesses. I wasn't there at the time. I don't live near the store.

I got a call Sunday morning around five o'clock in the morning. A neighbor told me that the State Troopers shot my window. I had a large fish tank of tropical fish in the window, and a bullet hit the tank. They told me that the State Troopers had shot the window.

Q What was the name of your neighbor?

11 Project A? Helen Olden.

12 Q Did anyone else tell you about anything?

13 A Mr. Hayden, Mrs. Coleman.

14 Q Is either of those people here?

15 A Mr. Hayden.

16 Q What is the nature of the business?

17 A A tailor shop.

18 MR. MEYNER: Did you at any time see the
19 State Troopers fire or do any damage?

20 THE WITNESS: No, I did not.

21 MR. GIBBONS: Have you been interviewed
22 by any police officers about the alleged
23 shooting?

24 THE WITNESS: No, police officers, no.

25 about MR. GIBBONS: By anybody?

26 heard THE WITNESS: I went down to the FBI
27 myself. I gave a statement down there. Some-
28 body from the city, I believe, a city investi-
29 gator was around to the store. I also gave
30 him a statement.

31 MR. GIBBONS: Was that the city Police
32 Department?

33 Trooper THE WITNESS: No. Gosh, I don't remember.

34 By Mr. Fortunato:

35 Q Might it have been the Newark Legal Services

11 Project? crowd had asked them why they shot those people's

12 A Yes, windows. Do the State Troopers say,

13 Q Did you go to 124 Branford Place? [unclear]?

14 A Yes. [unclear] [unclear]. I was getting [unclear]

15 and [unclear] MR. LEUCHTER: But you did go to the
16 FBI office in Newark?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes. [unclear] lives upstairs over

18 CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Thank you very much,
19 Mrs. Peters. [unclear] I wanted to [unclear]

20 THE WITNESS: There is one other thing I
21 can tell you. I know they were pretty terrifying,
22 the troopers themselves. I was looking for a

23 MR. LEUCHTER: Did you see them? [unclear]

24 THE WITNESS: Yes. When I first heard
25 about it Sunday morning I was scared when I
heard the troopers had gotten into the act.
Then I was worried about my fish also. It was
about ten-thirty Sunday morning and my husband
took me down. When we got there a lot of the
store owners were there in the neighborhood.
They were waiting for reporters. Just about
the time the reporters drove up the State
Troopers and National Guard came and lined the
block. They were calling out for different
people to move their cars. Somebody in the

1 crowd had asked them why they shot these people's
2 store windows. So the State Troopers says,
3 "Well, why did you people shoot the troopers?"
4 So I was getting nervous. I was getting panicky
5 and trying to get my husband to leave. He
6 wanted to talk to the reporters.

7 There is a woman that lives upstairs over
8 my store that was looking out the window. I
9 went over to tell her I wanted to come upstairs.
10 So when I looked upstairs and was going in the
11 hall one of the troopers yelled at me, "Don't
12 look up," and I ran in. I was looking for a
13 bullet to go through my back. I know when I
14 got up there I went all to pieces. I was a
15 nervous wreck. I became hysterical.

16 MR. LEUCHTER: He said, "Don't look up
17 there"?

18 THE WITNESS: Right. I was looking up
19 there to tell her to come upstairs because I
20 was scared about being downstairs in a crowd.
21 I didn't go out for the next two days in the
22 street at all.

23 CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Thank you very much.

24 (Witness excused.)

25 Q Do you recall what time of day it was?

1 Whereupon, I would say the first incident about three-thirty
2 or something, four JOSEPH E. HAYDEN, JR.,
3 called as a witness, first duly sworn, testified as follows:

4 morning or a Sunday EXAMINATION

5 A By Mr. Fortunato: Saturday or Sunday, it would

6 have Q Yes, Your address? when the riot was over with.

7 It was A 1007 Bergen.

8 Q Your occupation? specifically in relation to

9 this? A At the present time I work for Hillside Metal,
10 inspector.

11 balls Q, Mr. Hayden, Laura Peters has testified regarding
12 damage to her business establishment. Can you tell us
13 what you know about that damage?

14 A Well, where do you want me to start in at?
15 During the time of the damage of the property?

16 doors Q During the time when the property was damaged,

17 "Get A Well, it was in the morning, early in the
18 morning. Did you have the window open?

19 Q Do you recall what morning that was in terms of --

20 A I be frank with you, I am very vague about
21 dates because I had quite a bit of a problem of my own,
22 but I can give you the happenings of what happened. I
23 can't forget. The dates and times I can be short of the
24 time.

25 Q Do you recall what time of day it was?