

1 establishment? THE WITNESS: The cost?

2 A Yes, MR. MEYNER: Your business, what damage? Did

3 Q you have any damages? Did you have to repair

4 A something?

5 Q THE WITNESS: The window.

6 A Three MR. MEYNER: Did you continue in business

7 Q during the time of the riots during the day?

8 A I have THE WITNESS: Yes. I closed earlier.

9 Q MR. MEYNER: But during the day people came

10 A in with laundry and you took it and you gave them

11 Q their laundry?

12 occupation? THE WITNESS: Yes.

13 A Wait CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Any other questions? Thank

14 Q you, Mr. Wong.

15 riot in terms of law enforcement officials. (Witness excused)

16 A You mean the National Guard?

17 Whereupon, you tell us.

18 A National OLIVIA MC RIMMON

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

20 A Because CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Thank you for coming here.

21 riding in cars. EXAMINATION

22 By Mr. Fortunato:

23 Q Your home address?

24 A 49 South Orange Avenue.

25 Q And is that the address of Mr. Wong's laundry

1 establishment?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q Where do you live at that address?

4 A Third floor.

5 Q How many stories is that building?

6 A Three.

7 Q How long have you resided in Newark?

8 A I have been here since '48 or '49.

9 Q Are you employed?

10 A Right now I have been sick.

11 Q What did you do prior to being sick by way of
12 occupation?

13 A Waitress.

14 Q Did you observe any incidents during the Newark
15 riot in terms of law enforcement officials?

16 A You mean the National Guard?

17 Q You tell us.

18 A National Guard.

19 Q And how do you know they were the National Guard?

20 A Because they were riding jeeps. State Police were
21 riding in cars.

22 Q How were they dressed?

23 A In uniform like a soldier.

24 Q Did they have any firearms with them?

25 A Rifles.

1 Soul Q Can you tell us what you saw and, if you can
2 remember, fill us in about when it was as to the day of
3 the month and the time.

4 A The first wing-ding started on a Wednesday. We
5 knew the riot was going to start. This happened about, as
6 far as I can say, one, two o'clock on a Sunday morning.
7 I knew that because I had been across the street at 46.
8 They had given the girl an eighteenth birthday and being
9 I had been ill, I said if they are going to burn our houses
10 down -- I take medicine because I take Jacksonian seizures.
11 I got upstairs. I was laying down there. The next thing
12 I hear somebody say, "What are you doing standing out here?"
13 And I don't know the reply. They says, "Get in the house."
14 I think that whoever it was, I went in the house and then
15 I heard the smash of the glass. In the meantime another
16 jeep got up. The reason I know it is a jeep, we have got a
17 very big street light almost directly in front of my home.

18 Q You said that you heard this. Did you also see it?

19 A There was a jeep over in front of 46. That was
20 facing down toward town. This jeep come up and had stopped
21 and one said to the other one, I guess two other ones, "Get
22 a load of that," because on our street we knew we were
23 protected from the rioters. They know it is not a Black
24 Nationalist. They know it is not a Mau Mau from Harlem.
25 Somebody had written on the windows Soul Brothers,

1 Soul Mama, Soul Sister, you know, as a joke in the
2 neighborhood. Nobody would touch him. The only one that
3 shot those windows were those National Guard. The only one
4 I heard any filth from was those National Guards.

5 Q Did you see any of this?

6 A I seen them when they shot us. I seen that Sunday.
7 I heard the telephone ring in my kitchen. I thought it was
8 the doorbell. I am looking out my window saying, "Who is
9 there?" There was three National Guards standing on the
10 corner and one turned around and told me to get my head in
11 the f---ing window before he blew the f---ing thing off.

12 MR. LEUCHTER: You were looking out the
13 window? don't think there is two people away in

14 THE WITNESS: I looked out the window. We
15 had no lights on. Mr. Wong and Grandma Wong and
16 the whole family were so scared, they said, "Keep
17 all lights off." I said, "We keep all lights off.
18 There is not going to be a light in our house."
19 So when they are saying this to me, especially this
20 one National Guard -- young Mr. Wong came up and
21 said to me, "Don't argue with him," because I told
22 them, "Put that rifle down and come across the
23 street," because I was going to knock his head off,
24 because I didn't like the tone of voice he had used.
25 Every other word in our neighborhood when they were

1 running up and down and they would see white people,
2 "The whole neighborhood is full of nigger lovers,"
3 and that is not the way to win friends and
4 influence people, especially in a course like this
5 because in our neighborhood we have southerners,
6 the first time they see the National Guard they
7 think about Alabama, and the National Guards were
8 brought to have kids sent to school somewhere,
9 and right away the animosity is there. Besides
10 them damned Black Nationalists, and them Mau Mau
11 from Harlem and all them Muslims up there, that is
12 all you needed.

13 I don't think there is two people today in
14 the whole Hill district, which is the Central Ward,
15 that could even tell you the name of the cab driver
16 which started this. Nobody knows his name. They
17 were just looking for an incident. Just the
18 attitude that the National Guard had toward people
19 and the talk they would use. I know if they would
20 use that to me, and I am a woman, I know what they
21 would say to a man. I said this is it.

22 So the next day, that's when they were
23 recalled and, like I say, I don't understand our
24 mayor out of one side of his mouth he said this is
25 a single incident. In the meantime he is on the

1 that. telephone calling for the National Guards.

2 Q How MR. LEUCHTER: Can you be just a little bit
3 A more specific as to what you saw regarding the
4 and Mr. National Guard jeep coming up South Orange Avenue?

5 he said, "Well, THE WITNESS: It came up and it stopped across
6 will you the street. Someone apparently looked at the
7 because windows, which they are very large windows. I
8 doing said it was more or less a joke in the neighborhood,
9 and he said, "Get a load of that" and that's when
10 there was two reports. They went up South Orange
11 Avenue at one time and right back down. One grazed
12 the building and the other one shot into the glass.

13 Whereupon, MR. LEUCHTER: You were watching this?

14 THE WITNESS: You don't stick your head out.
15 Here is what you do: You watch just like this
16 called as a witness, first only swore, identified as
17 with your lights out. In the meantime, they shot
18 the street light out.

19 MR. LEUCHTER: Did you see them shoot the
20 street light out?

21 THE WITNESS: I seen them shoot the street
22 light out. 473 AYON Avenue, Newark.

23 Q By Mr. Fortunato: Can you with your husband have a

24 Q Were you asked to give a statement by anyone?

25 A Somebody from a "recall" something. I don't know
who they were. I told them I wouldn't sign no paper like

1 that. A It is a classera.

2 Q How did you happen to come here today?

3 A Mr. Wong told me he had an appointment down here,
4 and Mr. Wong gets very excited and he asked me more or less,
5 he said, "Well, would you sit with me and talk to them?
6 Will you tell these people what happened that I can't tell?"

7 because he gets nervous. That's why, that is what I am
8 doing down here today.

9 A Your CHAIRMAN LILLEY: Any further questions,

10 gentlemen? Thank you very much.

11 what you saw during the civil (Witness excused) in July

12 and in particular having - - - thing to do with law enforcement

13 officials?
14 Whereupon,

15 A Pertaining to ENEZ KING Trooper.

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

17 A It was CHAIRMAN LILLEY: We appreciate your coming

18 here, Mrs. King. We went to bed that night,

19 Saturday night, and in the morning about three, three-thirty,

20 something around there, with glass breaking. From our

21 By Mr. Fortunato:

22 Q Can you tell us your home address, please?

23 A I live at 473 Avon Avenue, Newark, establishment.

24 Q Do you in conjunction with your husband have a

25 business? it was taken. It was about \$250 taken out of the

store. A Yes, sir. in riots; it was the State Troopers.

Q And what is that business?