

Mob Action Bars Negroes

DETROIT, Feb. 28.—Police swung clubs and laid down a barrage of tear gas today to check a second outbreak of violence among Negroes and whites at the entrance of the \$1,000,000 Sojourner Truth war housing project.

DETROIT, Feb. 28. — A rock-throwing mob of whites today halted occupancy of the \$1,000,000 Sojourner Truth war-housing project by Negro tenants. A woman and a policeman were hurt.

Following the noisy demonstration Mayor Edward J. Jeffries announced that the Negro families would not attempt to move in "until further notice."

The rock-throwing was touched off when a Negro drove a coupe through an intersection of the project amid cheers of 50 other Negroes and jeers from a group of about 600 white pickets, mostly women.

Six mounted policemen quieted the disturbance. The pickets and Negroes were ordered back to their respective sides of the street.

At least 200 policemen—on foot, mounted and in squad cars—blocked entrances to the 200-family housing unit as their superiors appealed to Federal Housing Authorities (FHA) to delay the scheduled occupation by Negro tenants. Baird Snyder III, Acting Administrator of the Federal Works Agency (FWA) designated the project for Negro occupancy several days ago.

The white pickets began gathering shortly after 6 a.m. when they were routed out of bed by auto horns.

Two moving vans pulled up to the barricaded southwest entrance to the project and a group of Negroes which accompanied it announced:

"We'll go through—just as soon as we get some more help."