



Police charge at the height of the Sojourner Truth Homes riot in Detroit. Note the clubs. Of 38 persons seriously injured, 33 were Negroes.

WHITE RIOTERS KEEP NEGROES FROM HOMES

DURING THE NIGHT of Feb. 28, a fiery cross was ignited on the site of the 200-unit defense housing project known as the Sojourner Truth Homes in Detroit. More than 150 white pickets set up a cheer. They were there to prevent the moving in at daylight of Negro workers and families to whom homes in the project had been assigned. By dawn the whites had increased to 600, armed with guns,

knives, and stones. Rioting began when a lone Negro drove his coupe through the settlement to the cheers of 50 Negroes who had been held back. A second flareup came when a truckload of 15 Negroes armed with clubs tried to get through. Photos on these pages show part of what happened then. As a result, the Mayor of Detroit announced the project had been "indefinitely" abandoned.



10 THAT'S A RIFLE in the hand of the man crossing the street. He's holding it by the barrel to use it like a club. Most of the rioters, of whom more than 600 were whites, were armed with knives, clubs, rifles, shotguns, or heavy stones. Police

tried three times to break up the riot with tear gas but without success; then they charged, mounted and on foot, using their clubs. Shots were fired—whether by police or rioters was not learned—and two of them penetrated a house where a child lay sleeping.