

# Riot in U. S. German Zone Blamed On Teen-Age Communist Agitators

STUTT GART, Germany (AP) — U. S. military police officials said today agitators engineered the five-hour riot here Thursday in which five Americans and at least 12 Germans were hurt. Thousands of persons took part in the disorders.

Capt. Charles G. Ives, provost marshal for Stuttgart, said squads of teen-age youths whipped the crowd into a fury at the end of a mass demonstration against the high cost of living.

"I don't know whether they were Communist or left-overs from the Nazi regime," Ives told newsmen.

"But most people attending the demonstration were good humored at first. Then, at the end of the demonstration, these agitators started whipping them up. You could really see hate in their eyes. Their true feelings for Americans came out."

About 30,000 persons congregated

in Koenigstrasse, one of the city's principal streets, for a demonstration called by trade unions against high prices.

American military policemen were called as the mob got out of control and formed a line that began pushing the crowd down Koenigstrasse. As the push progressed, small groups of persons would edge out of the crowd and into ruined buildings. They they would regroup in the rear of the advancing MPs.

German mounted police arrived in jeeps and rode up and down the sidewalks, breaking up groups of rioters. U. S. officials said the military policemen threw smoke bombs into the crowd, but fired no shots. They arrested 35 demonstrators.

"Stones as big as telephones were hurled at us from the roofs," one MP said.

By 7 p. m., five hours after the riot began, the streets were

cleared when a column of U. S. tanks and two platoons of U. S. constabulary troops arrived.

One MP suffered a knife wound and four others were bruised by stones. German police said two of their men were wounded and at least 10 demonstrators.

## Author Dies

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