

8 INJURED IN RIOT

Position normal after 3 stormy days

NELSPRUIT, Tuesday.— Altogether seven non-Europeans were admitted to the Barberton Hospital suffering from wounds and other injuries received in the course of the disturbances which occurred in Nelspruit last week.

One native woman, who was also seriously injured, refused to go to hospital.

Three European and three non-European constables received slight injuries. No fatalities have been reported.

RESISTED

On Wednesday morning rioters picketed the town and stopped workers from getting to work. Those who objected were threatened with violence. Several natives are believed to have been injured in resisting picketers.

A large, unruly mob gathered at the bridge across the canal in the old location, and although they were addressed in turn by the District Commandant of Police, Major L. Benade, the magistrate, Mr. G. Aling, a former Mayor of Nelspruit, Lt. Col. I. W. Ferreira, who is a fluent linguist, and by several of their own people, they became increasingly defiant and threatening. The Police advanced under a hail of stones and bricks and when they fired a warning round, the rioters scattered in all directions through the narrow streets and alleys of the location.

ARRESTED

In a subsequent house-to-house raid 132 natives were

arrested on charges of public violence, possession of dangerous weapons and other minor counts. They appeared in the local Magistrate's Court on Thursday and those guilty of possessing dangerous weapons were sentenced to fines ranging from £10 to £15 with the alternative of three months compulsory labour. Those charged with public violence will appear in court at a later date.

On Thursday most of the town's native workers were back at work and the situation had reverted to normal once again.

Verlies vir Dorp



Weens sy veelvuldige en veel-eisende werksaamhede het mnr. R. S. Ferreira L.P.R. besluit om hom nie weer vir verkiesing as burgemeester van Nelspruit beskikbaar te stel nie, en om uit die stadsraad te tree. Mnr. Ferreira se besluit en veral sy uitrede uit die dorp se bestuur is 'n gevoelige verlies. Hy en mev. Ferreira het as burgemeester en burgemeestersvrou die belange van die Nelspruitse gemeenskap met die hoogste onderskeiding gedien.

Police use batons to disperse Natives

The police at Nelspruit today baton charged between 400 and 500 Natives who had marched to the charge office and demanded the release of four Natives who were arrested yesterday during disturbances arising out of the issue of identity cards to women.

A senior police officer said this afternoon that the Natives were told to disperse. When they did not a charge was ordered.

He said that some of the Natives in the crowd were probably injured during the charge but as far as he knew there were no serious injuries.

The Nelspruit Hospital said that no casualties had been admitted there. This is an exclusively European hospital and any serious non-European cases would normally be taken to Barberton.

22/10/57 Tuesday
Native women damage cars in pass protest

NELSPRUIT, Tuesday.— European officials' cars were damaged last night by Natives after they had told a meeting in the Nelspruit location that reference books would also be issued to Native women in Nelspruit today. No one was injured.

The meeting was addressed by the local magistrate, Mr. G. F. Aling, Maj. J. Benade of the S.A. Police and the manager of the municipal non-European affairs department, Mr. D. P. de Lange.

They were accompanied by two policemen.

BECAME UNRULY

After they were told they would be given the books, the women became unruly and considerably damaged the magistrate's car.

They also charged Mr. de Lange, but Native men surrounded him to give him protection.

The men told him to leave immediately. He did so but three windows of his car were smashed.—Sapa.

POLICE OPEN FIRE IN LOCATION AT NELSPRUIT

Four casualties in trouble over reference books

Nelspruit, Wednesday.

FOUR NATIVES WERE WOUNDED when police opened fire early today in the Native location at Nelspruit. The Natives were warned to disperse but instead took up a threatening attitude and the police opened fire.

The four Natives were taken to hospital.

Yesterday the police in Nelspruit baton charged about 400 Native women who had gathered outside the police station and demanded the release of four of their leaders who had been arrested after a stone-throwing incident the previous night.

The incident happened after the Native women had been told that reference books would be issued to them.

DISPERSED

After the baton charge the Native women dispersed and returned to the location where they gathered at the entrance to the old part of the location at 7 p.m.

At 10 p.m. they broke into the beerhall with axes, sticks and knives and destroyed part of the building. They also broke into the safe and took the money. At midnight they were dispersed by the police.

Early today—at about 4.30 a.m.—police were sent to the location after it had been reported that the Natives were organizing a strike and stopping Natives from going to work.

Later, the Magistrate, Mr. G. F. Aling, and the District Commandant of Police, Major L. Benade, appealed to them to disperse. They refused to do so and adopted a threatening attitude whereupon the police opened fire.—Sapa.

Baton charge on women

"R.D.M." Staff Reporter

POLICE in Nelspruit made a baton charge on a 400-strong gathering of chanting Native women, outside the Nelspruit police station yesterday. Some of the women were injured.

They had marched into the town from the Nelspruit location to secure the release of four of their leaders who had been arrested following a disturbance in the location.

Yesterday they gathered in the location and refused to obey a police order to disperse. The women then marched into the town.

In front of the police station Major L. Benade appealed to them to leave. The order was ignored and the police charged with batons.

One of the women was taken to the Barberton Hospital after being injured during the dispersal.

Her condition was said to be not serious.