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RIOTS IN DELHI.

On the night of September 6th-7th there was some rioting in the old parts of the town and looting took place in Connaught in New Delhi in the early morning of September 7th. This was on a fairly small scale and directed against Muslim shops and stalls. A curfew was imposed which varies daily according to the extent of the troubles.

During Sunday the rioting spread into suburbs of New Delhi, especially around the New Delhi Railway station area where some of my pictures were taken. Troops were brought out to reinforce the police and whilst no official information is available it is estimated that the number of people killed on that day from stabbings, rioting and the law ran into three figures.

The following day there was more looting and rioting which was effectively dealt with by the military. The outbreaks during the day were on a fairly small scale - inclining to flare up more at night.

Many Muslims were evacuated by the military who have got the situation under control.

Business life has been temporarily disorganised. Hospitals and refugee camps have been established in very quick time.

It can be said that prompt action by the leaders has got the situation under control.

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G. B. NEWS CAMERAMAN'S REPORT

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DATE: SEPT: 8th - 10th, 1947.

SUBJECT: RIOTS IN DELHI. Story 4.

LOCATION: NEW AND OLD DELHI, INDIA

SILENT.

Curfew is imposed - shots showing empty streets.

Close-up bolted doors.

Shot showing closed doors of shops.

There was looting in the heart of New Delhi - Shot showing looted shop in Connaught Place.

Close-up street name of Connaught Place.

Shot showing a section of Connaught Place, chief shopping centre of New Delhi.

Shot of Indian troops in the streets ready to fire at the first sign of rioters, looters or curfew breakers. Semi close-up

Close-up of same

A car is stopped for examination of curfew pass, sacred cow walks by.

A soldier walks through the street at the ready.

Shots of looters at work showing fires in the street and looters bringing things from the shops to throw upon the fires (see below)

A general shot and semi close up of looters and rioters attacking Muslim shops in a side road (see below)

A stream of refugees leaving an attacked area (see below)

A shot of three knifed bodies lying on the pavement.

Shot - looking down - of a group of dead bodies which had been very brutally treated, one person's head being half missing.

Shot of refugee old man struggles through the litter and debris and dead with an old lady on his back.

Shot of refugees with wounded colleague passing the bodies.

Smoke in the distance over the town

Shots of a fire started by rioters in Connaught Circus being got under control by fire brigades.

Close shots of smoke pouring from burning cemetery.

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Shots inside of JAMA MASJID MOSQUE showing Muslims at  
prayers - day before Riots. ( Mosque 4th largest in world).

REMARKS

All the above shots and especially those marked (see below) were taken under extreme difficulties. There has been no transport provided, all taxis are off the road. I hired a car and drove myself, but there has been plenty of opposition from those in charge of police. On one occasion I was ordered to leave and given three minutes or I would be fired on. The shots whilst the riots were actually taking place had to be taken very hurriedly as the sight of a camera made the rioters very hostile and twice I had to drive away in a great hurry.

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SUBJECT: ADDITION TO STORY 4 REFUGEES MOVED OUT OF CITY

LOCATION: DELHI

DATE: Sept. 12th-15th, 1947.

SILENT TOTAL LENGTH: 320 ft.

General shot of FURANA QILA camp

Shots of encamped individual families

The water queue - lines of girls and women, boys and men

Closeups of individuals at the water queue

Close-ups of various types of containers being used to collect water - there is only one point in the camp at present.

Cave-dweller refugees washing hair

General shot of the camp

Shots of refugees on their way through Old Delhi to FURANA QILA

Shots of refugees in the Jama Masjid Mosque - these shots may contrast with those showing the prayer meeting there just before the trouble started - all refugees in these pictures are Muslim.

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Note: The Delhi authorities are doing their best to cope with the refugee problem within their walls - there are at least 10,000 with in Furana Qila camp.

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REMARKS: Furana Qila is known in Delhi as the Old Fort, - it was built about 1541 and is one of the best preserved of the ruins near Delhi and lies about two miles south of the city. In all Delhi has been rebuilt eight times, the eighth being New Delhi, the seventh Old Delhi, and the sixth Furana Qila.