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ANTI RED DEMONSTRATION in PARIS

Competition unknown

Positive developed: one length

84 meters -280 ft (Students' meeting Salle des Horticulteurs)
second length: 129 meters -427 ft (Socialist Unions before Town Hall)
(National demonstration Etoile)
(Riots in front the Communist HQ and
(Communist newspaper "L'HUMANITE".

In Paris yesterday afternoon the entire population went for a quiet demonstration honoring the Hungarian patriots fighting for their freedom against Soviet rule and terror, to the Unknown Soldier's grave at the Arch of Triumph. Headed by many former Prime Ministers and official personalities the mass cortege laid wreaths at Etoile, followed by thousands of people with French and Hungarian flags and placards denouncing Russian brutal action in Hungary.

However leaving the Champs Elysees, the crowd still singing the Marseillaise and shouting against Communist Powers, went on to stage a reproving demonstration at the French Communist Party Headquarters, Carrefour de Chateaudun.

Heavy police forces quietly tried to disperse the crowd but as communists entrenched inside the Communist party headquarters began throwing heavy lead masses, bottles and anything they could lay their hands on, through the windows on the crowds down below, the police were soon overwhelmed and bitter fighting began.

Demonstrators shouting "Down with Communists", Down with Russia and their followers etc... succeeded in reaching the Communist HQ building and set it on fire. The battle went on for several minutes before the firemen could reach the building and set the fire off. At that time only a few young students had been hurt, and only one seriously when throwing a burning torch inside the Communist HQ. but then the enraged crowd cried: "To the Humanite" (Communist newspaper) and the thousands of people massed in the area walked towards the Boulevard where stands the printing shop of the Humanite and Liberation, the two communist newspapers.

There the fight was bitter, as communists had called on their men to try to stop the demonstration. The street got ripped of pavements and stones, armed with tree-iron grates and any weapons they could find, both sides had man to man fights while the besieged newspaper building was answering by water-hoses until police could master the enraged crowd.

Riots went on sporadically during most of the night and this morning no newspapers were on sale as the Printers' Union has called a strike as a protest against the siege some of their members had to sustain while working at the Communist Newspaper printing shop.

Over 150 wounded, and perhaps one dead are the result of this extremely violent demonstration.