

PARIS RIOTS:

Feelings run high in the Champs Elysees when veterans demonstrate against the sufferings of French prisoners taken by the rebels in the North African campaign. And when a home-made bomb explodes in the crowd, the demonstration becomes a riot. Like a spark in a powder barrel, it drives thousands of angry veterans into a fierce clash with the police. Focal point of the crowd's anger is the reported torture and death of Captain Moureau at the hands of Moroccan tribesmen.

Months of pent-up bitterness over the whole North African situation, with its steady drain on French resources and the hardship it has brought to French reservists and their families, flares into open conflict on the Paris streets. At least five people are injured and fifteen arrested before the rioting ends - an ugly symptom of the North African cancer which is eating at the heart of French political life.