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RACE RIOTS:

Something new and ugly raises its head in Britain - in Notting Hill Gate, only a mile or two from London's West End - racial violence. An angry crowd of youths chases a Negro into a greengrocer's shop, while police reinforcements are called up to check the riot - one of many that have broken out here in a few days. The injured victim - a Jamaican - is taken to safety; but the police have not been able to reach all the trouble-spots so promptly. And the quietest street may flare up at any moment.

Most disturbing feature of the riots is the suspicion that not all the trouble-makers are locals; some of the gangs who break windows or throw bottles or burning torches have arrived by car. Opinions differ about Britain's racial problems - but the mentality which tries to solve them with coshes and broken railings has no place in the British way of life. This violence is evil - and the law and public opinion must stamp it out.