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INDIA: RIOTS IN MEERUT.

Meerut, 40 miles north-east of New Delhi, was outwardly calm, the day after 32 people had been killed in rioting between Hindus and Muslims. What triggered the outbreak in this city of 200,000 people is not known. A curfew now enforced the closing of all shops and bazaars well before dusk. Soon, silence on both sides of the Kanboo Gate was broken only by the patrolling troops. Seventeen-hundred rioters were under arrest. Behind the closed shutters feeling ran high.

Meerut, by the way, is famous as the city in which the Indian Mutiny broke out in 1857. The trouble in this year of 1961, despite Hindu-Muslim tension, is not likely to spread. The authorities acted in time.