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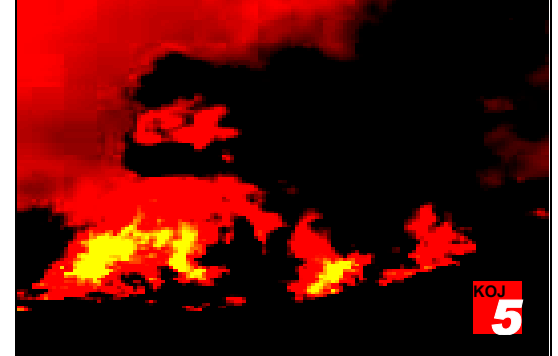
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CITY ERUPTS IN VIOLENCE; 37 DEAD, 300 INJURED

National Guard fires on Anarchists; Mobsters, clowns and striking cops gun down RBPS head; SCU levels Union Hall



PICTURES OF A CITY AFLAME. *Left:* Police, United States Marshals, FBI agents and National Guardsmen await the strike of midnight. *Second left:* Near Brewers Field, emergency workers, police and National Guardsmen cordon off a 50-foot crater in Commercial Blvd. resulting from the attempted assassination of Philip Snow, Superintendent of Public Safety. *Second right:* A concussion grenade detonates amidst Anarchists. *Right:* The Rust City Union Hall fire spreads throughout the neighborhood, as viewed by KOJ-TV AirJournal Five. At press time, an unknown number of buildings throughout Ravensgate still burn.

RAVENSGATE (AP)—Violence reigned in Ravensgate as striking police officers either broke pursuits, walked off the job or joined known criminals in the attempted murder of their own boss. Near City Hall, Oregon National Guardsmen returned fire on Anarchists attacking them near City Hall. In Rust City, local police from the elite Street Crimes Unit engaged in a firefight with local mobsters at a neighborhood union hall.

Initial reports place casualties at 37 dead, including three police bodyguards of Superintendent of Public Safety Philip Snow (R), and 300 injured, including Snow himself and super-hero Velocity from The Foundry.

At 12:21a.m., Anarchists threw Molotov cocktails at City Hall in the City Center Complex. A party or parties unknown fired an automatic weapon at Guardsmen from within the crowd.

As National Guardsmen and police used rubber bullets and concussion grenades to neutralize the crowd, the assailant(s) opened fire. Four soldiers and two police officers

were struck on their body armor by bullets, and another soldier suffered a serious bullet wound to the arm.

The Guard commander on-scene ordered return fire, and the Anarchists dispersed after two volleys of shotgun, rifle and grenade fire. Emergency crews responding reported 21 dead and 193 wounded at the scene.

Afterward, the dispersed Anarchists began setting random fires throughout the Downtown area. Many still burn.

At press time, businesses in the International District and North Docks still burned as overwhelmed firefighters waited for police and military backup before responding. Reports of Anarchists and street hoods firing upon firefighters and police responding to false alarms and real emergencies flooded the emergency-services radio channels.

"This city will not tolerate the lawlessness imported from other cities. Period," said a stricken Mayor Salome Throckmorton-d'Aubaine (D). "I have

spoken with both our governor and with President Bush, and I have accepted the help they are offering."

Throckmorton-d'Aubaine estimated that one in four night-shift officers walked off the job and are now wanted fugitives.

In Washington, White House officials speaking on background confirmed that United States Marines from Camp Pendleton will be deployed in Ravensgate until the police strike ends. The same sources cite concerns that terrorists could use the divided city as a port of easy entry.

A spokesman for the Governor's Office in Salem expressed shock at the violence.

"We have been monitoring the situation in this state's most populous city. Our imagination runs wild with each new casualty report," he said. "Our heart goes out to the city and its young mayor."

Black-clad masked assailants in three vehicles blocked and opened fire upon a motorcade carrying mayoral candidate and police chief Snow. The Foundry intervened two minutes into the firefight

and rescued Snow. The battle left 23 injured, four dead, and a 50-foot crater in Commercial Boulevard in front of the entrance to Brewers Field.

Three of the dead are police officers who were assigned to protect Snow. The acting superintendent, Capt. Lilith Romanescu, has declined to identify them pending family notification. She refused to disclose Snow's whereabouts, except to confirm that her boss is listed in serious condition.

Romanescu declined to identify the 15 striking or suspended police officers arrested at the scene of the attack, or two suspended officers killed by police gunfire. However, she confirmed that two members of the Pagliacci Gang, including the wanted Rusty Shrapnel, were injured in The Foundry's rescue assault.

Romanescu then issued an all-points bulletin for union organizer Giuseppe Spanno, 43, counsel for Local 1138 of the Meatpackers And Fishpackers

International Association, as a "prime material witness" in the assassination attempt. He is a cousin of the New Jersey-based Spanno crime family.

At 12:38 a.m., the entire 100-member Street Crimes Unit arrived at Rust City Union Hall, 911 SE 9th St., looking for Spanno. Within seconds, the situation deteriorated into a full-blown firefight.

At press time, sources at University Trauma Center confirmed as dead 12 reputed Torchia and Spanno associates and reported 63 injured. Seven SCU officers, all listed in fair condition, are among the wounded.

The three-story union hall caught fire during the gun battle, and the fire spread to surrounding buildings along Astoria Ave. SE before the National Guard cleared fire crews to respond. Seven buildings in Rust City are still burning at press time.

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