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# Soldiers Riot With Citizens On West Side

**Police Wield Clubs to  
Quell Brawl as 100  
Fight in Johnny  
Johnson Cafe.**

**2 to Be Disciplined  
At Sea Girt Camp**

More than 50 colored national guardsmen, on leave from the state encampment at Sea Girt, and an equal number of civilians rioted late last night in a Springwood avenue taproom, smashed showcases, furniture, doors and partitions and brought out a riot squad of city police before the disturbance was quelled.

Two guardsmen, Henry Baysmore, 31, and his brother, James, 34, both colored, Atlantic City, were arrested during the fracas and turned over to the military authorities at Sea Girt for discipline by City Magistrate Eugene Capibianco today.

Capt. T. Montgomery Gregory, commanding officer of the colored troops, told the court the men would be punished for their part in the affair.

"This is the sixth year we've been at Sea Girt, your honor," Captain Gregory said, "And this is the first time anything like this has happened. I will see that these men are properly punished and you may be sure nothing of this kind will occur in the future."

At one time, Police Capt. Alfred N. Giles said, more than 500 persons were milling about in the street in front of the establishment of Johnny Johnson, 1217 Springwood avenue. Many of the participants in the struggle suffered bruises and slight injuries but only one required medical attention.

#### Several Versions Given

Police said there were several versions as to how the fight started. One was that an argument began over a girl and another was that the struggle occurred after several of the guardsmen toured the avenue in search of a man who had struck one of their number.

Patrolman James D. Parrott said he was called from his post by a civilian, who told him a fight was in progress in the Johnson place. When he got there he found a mob milling.

As the officer attempted to clear the place he was pushed thru a door and knocked down. He swung his nightstick to clear a path to a telephone and called police headquarters. Twelve policemen were rushed to the scene and fought their way into the building.

The officers were forced to use clubs to scatter the mob. It was more than an hour before the street was finally cleared and order restored.

#### Tables, Chairs Broken

Mr. Johnson said he understood his establishment was one of a number vis-