

Boys at Ball Game Hurt By Roving Teen-Agers

Five Are Injured Inside Stadium; Six More Attacked on Street

Eleven boys were injured and a number of other persons were punched by groups of teen-agers leaving D. C. Stadium at the close of yesterday's baseball game.

Assaults on six of them occurred outside the stadium, police reported.

The first incident reported, police said, was just before the end of the game, when Joseph J. Michaliga, 15, of 7509 Mason street in District Heights, Md., was heading to a hot-dog stand with four companions.

About 15 teen-agers approached them and said, "Do you want to fight?" The boys refused, but a fight ensued in which the Michaliga lad suffered a possible broken nose. He was admitted to Casualty Hospital.

The group of teen-agers then ran, police said.

Leslie F. Dix, 19, of 108 Troquois way, Forest Heights, Md., told police he was walking down a ramp from the mezzanine level when a group of 15 teen-agers began running down the ramp, shoving people and knocking them down.

He told police he shouted: "Watch out. You're liable to hurt someone." One of the teen-agers retorted: "What are you going to do about it?"

Pinched, Kicked

The group of teen-agers then backed him against a wall and punched and kicked him, he said. He said he had a group of five young boys, all about 10

years old, with him but they were not harmed.

Mr. Dix was taken to Casualty Hospital, where he was treated for bruises and lacerations.

Police Capt. A. B. Nicholson, jr., said that, although the group that ran through the stadium was Negro and those who were attacked were white, the incident did not appear to be racially inspired. No one was apprehended.

Same Group Involved

Police said that three other boys, Tommy Ellis, 11, of Chantilly, Va., John Lang, 14, of 2430 Thirty-second street S.E., and John Johnson, 13, of 17407 Glendora drive, District Heights, Md., were injured in separate incidents, apparently by some of the same group of teen-agers.

Joseph Barker of Chantilly said that Tommy was among a group of children he had taken to the game. Mr. Barker said

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that Tommy left his seat in the eighth inning to get two soft drinks and was jostled and punched in the eye by a group of teenagers as he returned to his seat.

Rushed by Group

Tommy was treated at the stadium aid station and later transferred to Washington Hospital Center for treatment. The Lang boy was treated at the aid station for a cut lip and released.

Another witness who would not identify himself said he was walking down the ramp when a large group of boys rushed by him. He said they were punching any youngster that happened to be in their path. At least a dozen boys were struck, he added.

Police theorized that the teen-agers, adding recruits as they went, then roamed down East Capitol street, where they assaulted three Camp Springs (Md.) boys.

The boys were Paul Boertlein, 15, of 5001 Dublin avenue, and Richard Callahan, 14, and his brother, Robert, 15, of 5431 Center drive. They were treated at District General Hospital for bruises. One member of the group that assaulted the boys also took young Boertlein's raincoat, police said.

Beaten Under Freeway

A short time later, police reported, William E. Deily, 16, and his brother, Charles, 13, of 223 Maple road, Morning-side, Md., were assaulted at Kenilworth avenue, under the Anacostia freeway.

One of the assailants took a small souvenir bat away from Charles and struck him with it and both boys were beaten about the face and body with fists, stones and a heavy wooden stick, police said.

The boys ran away and met their father, Curtis, 43, who had driven in to pick them up at Minnesota avenue and Ridge road.

At Ridge and Anacostia roads they saw the same group of teen-agers and Mr. Deily stopped the car and got out. The teen-agers ran away. One threw a brick and missed, but the boy who had taken the bat ran back and struck Mr. Deily on the left elbow and the back.

Mr. Deily got back in his car and drove to notify the police.

The game was attended by 23,477 persons, including 14,430 members of the Knothole Club, sponsored by The Star and the ball club. Members of the club are 15 years old or younger.

Police officials said 75 officers were assigned to the game. Fifty of these were outside the stadium on traffic duty.