



ty (that of preventing the all-day parking imposition by prohibiting early morning parking down town), is here today and gone tomorrow—then how is a city to break up unsafe, confusing and rankly inconsiderate driving and parking habits?

THINK invites Chief Vellmer to contribute a word-picture of conditions along San Antonio's narrow downtown streets which served well enough when used under the one-way-traffic regulation, but which frequently suggest a log-jam in a river now that they have been thrust back to two-way traffic and two-side parking which block access to stores and other business-places.

IT IS, the Chief considers, "impossible for police departments to change the mental habits of the public through enforcement campaigns, but good road manners are dependent to a very large measure upon the uniform behavior of people who utilize the highways. This in turn is very largely dependent upon uniform legislation." And those old, familiar spasmodic "drives" to enforce traffic regulations work little improvement in the habits of a community whose routing and parking regulations were modern, sound and sensible in 1930, but are of a seedy back-number variety in 1951. Again observe that Berkeley's celebrated authority on police responsibility for public safety emphasizes the necessity of conforming with "FIXED" traffic rules.

FOR ONE THING, it was salutary to learn that the regulation which sought to break up the seriously uneconomic practice of all-day or other long-time parking in the main downtown shopping area, by keeping the streets clear up to the accustomed hour for opening the day's business, had due regard for the democratic principle of equal rights for all and special privileges for none. Too bad that essential lesson was knocked into a cocked hat here.

The most serious looting was suppressed, but at a late hour groups of demonstrators still were hazing about the streets. The main thoroughfares were patrolled by police.

M. P. Among Prisoners.

The looting broke out while a labor member of parliament and 11 others were in jail for participation in Thursday night's rioting by the unemployed. The M. P., who will be tried today is John McGovern, who was suspended from the House of Commons after a fracas last July. He and 11 others were charged with "forming part of a disorderly crowd threatening violence and committing a breach of the peace."

Mobs Enter Stores.

While police were concentrated on the Glasgow Green, where the most serious fighting had taken place, merchants came running today to report that mobs were in their doors.

Mounted police galloped to the rescue of the merchants' shops and routed the looters with a bombardment of canned goods, bread, jams and eggs. After the trouble was over broken doors and windows were boarded up, but the streets remained littered with foodstuffs and wreckage from the fighting. For the rioters also had used eggs, jam jars and cartons of lard and butter against the police batons.

Crowbars, clubs, bottles, hammers and hatchets were used as weapons in the night affray. Broken furniture was hurled on police from second story windows.

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Weather Man Sec "Fair"



San Antonio and vicinity: Fair with light to fresh easterly to southerly winds.
 East Texas: Generally fair Saturday and Sunday. Light to fresh easterly to southerly winds on the coast.
 West Texas: Generally fair except probably showers in the Panhandle Saturday and Sunday.

Hourly Temperature, San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 1-2, 1951.

8 p.m.	61	8 a.m.	59
9 p.m.	61	9 a.m.	72
10 p.m.	60	10 a.m.	80
11 p.m.	58	11 a.m.	83
12 midnight	57	12 noon	85
1 a.m.	57	1 p.m.	87
2 a.m.	55	2 p.m.	89
3 a.m.	55	3 p.m.	89
4 a.m.	55	4 p.m.	88
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