

# **Rioting Okinawans Attack Americans Outside U.S. Base**

NAHA, Okinawa, Sunday, Dec. 20 (AP)—Some 2,000 Okinawans hurled gasoline bombs, empty bottles and stones at United States military personnel and Okinawan policemen and damaged 60 American vehicles today at Koza outside Kadena Air Force Base.

The rioting was prompted by reports that an American vehicle had struck and injured an Okinawan pedestrian.

Police sources said 16 Okinawans and a number of American servicemen had been injured.

About 800 United States troops and military policemen fired warning shots and scores of tear gas shells to disperse the rioters. They arrested at least 50 Okinawans during the four-hour outburst.

An American witness said Okinawan police left the brunt of the riot control task to American troops. He said he saw Okinawans filling bottles with gasoline at nearby filling stations and distributing them.

The streets of Koza were littered with broken bottles and with garbage that had been hurled at the American troops, he said.

All United States military bases on Okinawa were put on alert.

At Misato, about 2,600 Okinawans participated in a demonstration yesterday demanding immediate and complete removal of United States nerve gas stored on the Pacific island.

Chemical weapons are reported to be stockpiled at Misato. The demonstrators said the United States, in a recent Washington announcement about the planned removal of the gas, did not say if adequate safety measures would be taken.