

3,000 IN RACE RIOT AT NIAGARA FALLS

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of Clash Started at Mass
Meeting of Labor Defense.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 27 (AP).—At least three persons were seriously injured and many others suffered minor wounds tonight when rioting broke out among Negroes and whites on the East Side. One man was in a critical condition.

Several shots were fired, none taking effect, according to the police. Walter Korpinski, 45 years old, is in Memorial Hospital with slight hope of recovery from a knife wound in the abdomen. His alleged assailant, William Fisher, 30, a Negro, also is in the hospital with cuts and possible skull fracture.

Joseph Buckford, 45, believed by the police to have been hurt in the fighting, is in the same hospital with possible concussion.

Many others, the police said, suffered minor wounds.

The fighting was attributed by the police to resentment of white residents against Negroes invading the section around East Falls and Twenty-fourth Street, largely populated by Polish-Americans.

The rioting started when an attempt was made to break up a meeting of the International Labor Defense called to rally workers to the aid of Alphonso Davis, a Negro, who had been arrested on a charge of attacking a white girl. Soon more than 3,000 persons were engaged in the fighting, the police said.

After checking the fighting the police dispersed the crowd. Windows in many stores and homes were broken.