

# 9 STUDENTS DEAD IN MEXICO RIOTING

## 130 Are Reported Injured After Rightists Attack Leftists in a March

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MEXICO CITY, June 10—At least nine students were killed and more than 130 persons were wounded here tonight in the worst street fighting involving anti-Government students since the protest movement before the Olympic Games in 1968.

Mayor Alfonso Martinez Domínguez said in a new conference that he had no figures on the number killed and wounded. He said there would be a full investigation.

Officials at the Ruben Leñero Hospital reported, however, that six persons killed in the fighting had been brought there, and the Green Cross Hospital reported three dead. Three hospitals reported a total of 130 wounded.

Most of the deaths were attributed by hospital spokesmen to gunfire.

The clashes began this afternoon when about 500 armed youths, believed to be members of an extreme rightwing group, attacked an anti-Government march by about 8,000 leftist students.

The march had been banned by the Government but witnesses said that heavily armed police at the scene of the clashes had done nothing to in-

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**WOUNDED IN MEXICO:** Students carry youth from the scene of clashes during anti-Government march.

## ***9 Students Dead in Mexico City As Leftists and Rightists Clash***

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tervene in the fighting. Students and workers said the attacker's were members of irregular police forces. Mayor Martinez Dominguez however, denied that any policemen were involved.

After the first attack, street fighting broke out and frequent gunfire was heard over a wide area near the Polytechnic Institute, where the students had gathered for the march.

The rightists then rampaged through the streets, breaking windows and attacking passers-by, witnesses said. People locked their doors and shops quickly shut down.

A foreign cameraman, Anthony Halik of the National Broadcasting Company, was set upon by the youths and beaten with sticks. His head was cut and his camera taken, but he was not seriously hurt. [The Associated Press reported that one of its photographers had been arrested and his film confiscated.]

The Green Cross Hospital, which reported at least 30 wounded, said that students fleeing from the rightists had been chased into the building

and that several shots had been fired.

The march, which had been planned for more than a week, was a protest against the six-month-old Government of President Luis Echeverría Alvarez. They demanded the immediate release of students still detained from the 1968 protest.

That student protest was crushed on Oct. 2, 1968, when the army fired on a large demonstration in the Three Cultures Square, killing at least 50 persons and wounding several hundred others. Hundreds were arrested.

Last fall, about 150 of the student leaders were sentenced to prison terms of from 4 to 17 years, although about 110 of these have since been released by the new Government.

Before today's march set off, an army lieutenant colonel warned the students not to leave and said that right-wing opponents were planning to attack them.

Five hours after the fighting began, the area near the Polytechnic Institute was reported calm, but several truckloads of soldiers were seen moving toward the city's central square, where students were reportedly heading.