

Jordan Testifies Was Peacemaker

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from that direction and I proceeded in that direction."

SAW OBJECT

Jordan said he walked on Howard Avenue and had reached 220 Howard Ave. when he saw an object there. "It was a bottle, half gallon jar, filled about one-third of the way with what smelled like gasoline. It had a wick in it. I recognized this jar as a Molotov cocktail and not being certain of the nature of the disturbance, I proceeded immediately to dispose of the bottle."

He said he was looking for a sewer inlet, which he thought would be at the corner. He testified he took the bottle in his left hand and walked to the corner.

"I literally walked into a police officer with a rifle. . . I stopped. I was surprised by the police officer," Jordan explained.

"I had a revolver in my right hand. . . I couldn't carry it in my pocket, the lining was worn and there were holes in the pocket," he said.

Jordan testified he had brought his revolver along because he had been told of rifle shots and been told to be careful. . .

He said because of the whole atmosphere in this community as well as the whole country of increased tension—racial tension—he didn't know what to expect.

WAS PREPARED

He said he thought he would be prepared to meet whatever situation arose.

Jordan, who said he is presently finishing requirements for graduation from Franklin and Marshall College, explained he thought it was "actually better to be able to stop a disturbance before it's been given a chance to begin."

He said that in the past he had been able to persuade people by talking, but when he was told about guns and rifles being used, he brought his gun along as it "might be more persuasive if I had a gun with me. It might be able to stop this."

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LAUNDRY IN CLOSET

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which Detective Henry said was found in a nearby yard, got there. Jordan said he got the can of gasoline at a service station when the car he had borrowed from a friend — Stephen Glover — had run out of gas. He said he returned the car to Glover and thought he would return the can since it was in his car.

Asked if he knew how to make a Molotov cocktail, he said he had read an article on it in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

He said he never made one and had never seen one used. The first one he had seen was the one he found the night he was arrested.

He was asked about a meeting at the Higbee School a while ago with law enforcement officials and admitted there were many people in the room, there was quite a bit of noise, so many people were trying to talk at once, but he said he didn't call one of the officials a white racist.

First defense witnesses Thursday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford D. Ham, who live at 153 Howard Ave. Ham, city planner, said he and his wife were in their kitchen the night Jordan was arrested and were working on an economics paper.

HEARD NOISES

He said he heard two muffled noises outside the house, which sounded at first as if they might be fire crackers, and he opened the door and went out on the porch. He said he saw a police cruiser parked at Locust and Limes Streets and he heard a voice behind him say, in a sort of stage whisper, "get inside, get inside." He said his wife, who also had come out, and he went inside, turned out the light, went upstairs and looked out a bedroom window.

He said he saw another cruiser parked on the west side of Lime Street just north of Howard Avenue, with two policemen standing behind the cruiser, each with a long gun at his shoulder. He told of Jordan's apprehension, said there was a glint of light about the middle of the person's body, and he heard a policeman holding a gun say, "One crooked move and you're dead."

His wife said she was looking out of a different window and saw someone walking along Howard Avenue with a gun in his right hand. She said she could not see his left hand.

She said he was walking along, but not running, and that his reaction when he saw the police officer standing there was "somewhat of surprise." She, too, said she heard the officer's remark to the man.

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member of the Lancaster City-County Human Relations Committee, testified Jordan was instrumental in keeping young people from doing damage to center city on April 5 and has rapport with the young people, with those who are called militants.

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He testified, on cross-examination, that "he has been helping to keep people calm."

Character witnesses included Joseph Boxley, 137 Chester St.; Ronald Ford, 745 Stevens Ave.; Victor Washington, 524 Locust St.; Dr. Gerald Enscoe, 461 State St.

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"As far as I know the clock still is inoperable — it doesn't work, it has no hands and no face on it," he said.

Reminded in cross-examination by First Assistant District Attorney Theodore A. Parker that Patrolman Thomas Lefever had testified he was watching a house at 512 S. Duke St. through binoculars while on "stakeout" duty early in the morning of May 10 and saw Jordan carrying a Molotov cocktail when a group of six or eight men left the house, Jordan answered, "I wasn't at the house."

Lefever also had testified in the morning that one of the men had a shotgun or rifle under his coat. In addition, he said a second group of six to eight persons later walked past.

Jordan, asked why he purchased two guns, answered, "For several reasons." He mentioned the growing racial tension in the nation and that whites were buying firearms for their protection.

"I also travel a lot . . . it became clear to me in my travels the growing tension in the country and the increased purchase of firearms." He said he didn't intend to shoot anyone May 10, he just had the gun for his own protection and because a gun is "very persuasive."

SORT OF MEDIATOR

Jordan said he went to the southeast area because "I had been on several occasions a sort of mediator . . . in the capacity of like calming the crowd. . . I went because I felt I could handle it . . . take some steps to settle it, if there were trouble I could rely on my past experience."

The defendant also denied knowing how a box containing .38 caliber shells, which was sold by the Manassas, Va., store from which he bought shells and guns, got to 512 S. Duke St., where it was found nine days after Jordan's arrest.

He said, in addition, he didn't know how a five-gallon military-type gasoline can,

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