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Disturbances in Johannesburg

Events in Mozambique and Angola have clearly reawakened political consciousness among blacks in South Africa, leading in some cases to agitation among the urban population. An angry demonstration took place outside the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg on March 18th when about 2,000 Africans taunted police and army units and threw stones, bricks and bottles. Violence was sparked off when police questioned a man who was distributing pamphlets advertising a church service for political prisoners. There were more incidents later in the day when chanting men and women gave black power salutes and called for "one man, one vote" as police and other vehicles were stoned.

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