

# 85 held in cycle gang fight

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Cleveland police have used 75 people arrested at gang fight Saturday night who are being held in jail.

Others are under guard hospitals. Those held in jail are:

Edgar C. Roof, Ravenna; Richard N. Spehar, 2294 Belvoir Blvd.; Ralph M. Smith, 32, Akron; John L. Bergstrom, 21, Akron; Anthony Angelone, Lynn, Mass.; Gary D. Anderson, Newport, Del.

Stephan R. Roeger, 22, Philadelphia; Jerry Thompson, 21, Plainfield, N. J.; Richard L. Case, New York; George M. Card, Long Island, N. Y.; Gary D. Baker, Vermillion; Charles J. Sheppard, Philadelphia; William E. Glass, Hempstead, N. Y.; Richard Vasilescu, Bridgeport, Conn.

John E. Ferguson, 25, Akron; William E. Cook, Philadelphia; Roger T. Ford, Minquale, Del.; Gary C. Utz, 23, Hampton Base, N. Y.; Mary Ann McGuire, 20, Englishtown, N. Y.; Alan C. Wittworth, 23, Wantagh, N. Y.; Robert C. Venshon, 29, Akron; Thomas J. Fisher, 21, Akron.

Howard L. Feeley, 28, New Castle, Pa.; Michael J. Freebery, 21, Newport, Del.; Charles E. Testemsen, 28, Hicksville, N. Y.; Donald G. Trefitz, 21, Sharon, Pa.; Philip J. Schlitz, 23, Huntington, N. Y.; Andrew J. Saich, 23, Englishtown, N. J.

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George Carleton, 24, Bristol, Pa.; St. Vincent Charity; Charles Braley, 24, Lorain, St. Alexis; Francis J. Hendrickson, Trenton, N.J., Akron General; Richard D. McChesney, 24, New Jersey, Akron General.

Robert A. Draeger, of 2412 W. Fifth; Francis R. Herman, Buffalo; Clarence A. Crouch, 31, of 27 E. 141st; Alex Durman, 22, Masury, O.; Joe J. Rudd, 20, of 2010 Newton St., Akron.

Ray A. Virag, 21, Youngstown; Robert K. Virag, 25, Youngstown; Bonnie Gabor, 22, Girard; Christine Workman, Youngstown.

Robert L. Lanham, 20, of 3350 W. St.; Alan J. Hoga, 22, Salem, S.; Lawrence Ansuini, Rochester, N. Y.; Mary L. Shober, 5383 Sunnyslope; Maple Heights; Richard A. Frischman, 249 Erie Rd., Eastlake.

James Schmidt IV, Derby, N.Y.; Richard A. Davis, Canton; Richard D. Ross, 24, of 16202 Maple Heights; Maple Heights; John G. Gilard, 10; Michael O. Seliskar, 22, of 108 Oakdale Rd., Willowick.

James E. Reitz, 20, of 5105 Theodosia St., Maple Heights; Raymond Con, 21, Akron; Donald H. Schwartz, of 17118 Broadway, Maple Heights; Clarence E. Rowand, 32, no home address; Edward P. Bezusko, Buffalo.

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George J. Workman, Youngstown; Joe A. Klinnert, 30, Willow Grove, Pa.; Robert C. Wesolowski, 21, Bel Air; Michael Gintley, 22, Roslyn, Pa.; David J. Byerly, 19, Sharon, Pa.

James Ovary, 24, Oreland, Pa.; Anthony W. Shimp, 23, West Lawn, Pa.; D. Dekyne, 27, Jenkinton, Pa.; Richard F. Conner, 20, Coatesville, Pa.; Fred W. Bear, 20, Roslyn, Pa.; Robert Stevenson, 27, Masury, O.

Donald L. Spillman, 28, of 2711 E. St.; William E. Casperson, 26, West Grove, Pa.; David G. Clark, 25, West Grove, Pa.; Donald T. Ellis, 26, Delphonia; Sandy L. Hutton, 27, Robert J. Husted, 33, Youngstown.

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## "He didn't go there to fight," says brawl victim's brother

Bruce (Buster) Emerick of Vermillion, one of the motorcycle gang slaying victims, didn't go to the Cleveland cycle show to fight Hell's Angels, one of his fellow club members in the Breed declared.

He is Dick Kuntz, bartender at Pickle Pat's tavern in Vermillion, where Emerick worked part-time as a porter.

"I was with them when they met here in the parking lot before leaving to go to the show," Kuntz said.

"YOU KNOW WHAT the president of the club said? He told them to leave their knives at home. He told them the only thing they should take with them was their chains."

Kuntz was talking about the five killings with Emerick's brother, Terry, 26, who

described 31-year-old Buster as a "devout coward."

"Buster would run a mile to stay away from a fight," Terry said. "All he wanted to do was ride his motorcycle down the highway at better than 100 mph. He was sure good at that."

Terry recounted the hard life he and his brother had led through youth.

"WHEN WE WERE kids our mother and father got divorced," he said. "Do you know what it is to eat mashed potatoes three times a day for months on end? Do you know what it is to bring mashed potatoes to school for lunch?"

Terry told, too, how Buster went into the Marines at 17 and hated it, how when he got out he was sent to the penitentiary for a auto

theft and then he, Terry, was sent away for grand larceny.

"Buster and I used to be close before this jail thing split us up," he said. "When I got out of jail I couldn't run with him because I was on a parole and he was a former convict."

"Finally when my parole was up and it became all right for us to run together again, Buster was in pretty tight with the motorcycle gang guys. I told him I didn't have no use for them but Buster considered them his friends."

### 5.4 million benefit

WASHINGTON — The federal-state unemployment insurance system paid \$2.8 billion in benefits to 5.4 million claimants during fiscal 1970.

## Slaughter on Broadway

Saturday night was slaughter on Broadway.

This community must be appalled at the viciousness of the motorcycle gang war that erupted over the weekend, leaving five dead and more than 20 injured.

From all accounts the brutality of the melee was sickening. Knives and chains were wielded with lethal effect, and before squadrons of police could stop the deadly fight the scene at the Association of Polish Women's Hall was one of carnage.

Unfortunately, many people make no distinction between motorcycle buffs. But there is a great difference between a Hell's Angel hoodlum bent on mayhem and a member of a cycle club who regards cycling as a pleasant and harmless hobby.

Apparently some bad actors from rival bike gangs — Hell's Angels and the Breed — came to the cycle show Saturday night spoiling for a fight. And they found one. If platoons of police hadn't descended on the hall so quickly, the toll of dead and wounded could easily have been higher.

Responsible cyclists ought to respond to Police Chief Lewis Coffey's request that anyone with information come forward to help solve the murders.

The five deaths are a tragic happening, and evidence that cycle outlaws feel they are not bound by the same laws, restraints and regard for life that the rest of society subscribes to.

The community can only hope that police will be able to unravel the bloody string of events of Saturday night so that those guilty of the shameless and murderous acts will be brought to account.

