

FIVE DIE IN CLASH OF CYCLE GANGS

20 Are Injured in Cleveland
Battle—Police Seize 84

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CLEVELAND, March 7—A long-smoldering grudge between two motorcycle gangs broke into open warfare here last night, leaving five persons dead, 20 injured, and 84 arrested.

The 10-minute battle, with knives, chains and clubs, took place at the fourth annual Motorcycle Custom and Trade show at a rented hall on the city's Southeast Side shortly after 10 o'clock last night.

Cleveland's police Chief, Lewis W. Coffey, identified the two gangs as the Breed, which has its Ohio headquarters in Akron, and the Violators, which the police described as the New York chapter of Hells Angels.

Killed in the fight were: Bruce Emerick, 31 years old, of Vermilion, Ohio; Andrew Demeter, 32, of South Amboy, N.J.; Amelio Gardull, 32, of Bristol, Pa.; Thomas A. Terry, 22, of Broadview Heights, a Cleveland suburb, and Jeffery Coffey, 22, of 77 East Third Street, New York. (He is not related to Cleveland's police chief).

Late today the Cleveland police were still attempting to question all persons arrested and to sort out the conflicting stories they have received. The city's Central Police Station had extra guards placed in the halls as a precautionary measure.

Chief Police Prosecutor Everett Chandler said his office would decide within a day or so what charges, if any, should be filed. He said charges of first-degree murder and first-degree riot were under consideration.

"Our investigation shows that some persons brought weapons with them into the hall," Mr. Chandler said, "and this would indicate premeditation to us."

The motorcycle show was sponsored by the Cleveland Competition Club at the Polish Women's Hall, 7526 Broadway, about six miles southeast of downtown Cleveland.

Arthur Zaccone, 27 years old, of Girard, Ohio, who told the police he was the national president of the Chosen Few

Motorcycle Club, said the fight broke out between the Breed and the Violators because of trouble between the two groups dating back nearly two years to a fight in Philadelphia.

Other witnesses also said that the Breed and Violators had been angry at each other for about two years.