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CNN minute next week. It's not just in L.A., it's in Chicago, Detroit, and right here in Eugene. Cops are everywhere. We are in a police state. We always have been.

The media ask me, 'Do you feel safe in Eugene?' No I don't," Evans said. "The first time I came here, I was stopped by a cop. And I was just walking down the street. We have to put up with same indignities here in Eugene as anywhere else.

Evans said he does not advocate violence, but understands the frustration in L.A.

"L.A. is burning right now. Let this be the spark that ignites this country into the mobilization that it takes to eradicate sexism, racism and homophobia," he said. "Let's start here in Eugene to stop it now.

A black student told the predominately white audience that the problem is not only one for members of his race.

"We're in an election year now and you have candidates saying. 'Save the trees, save the owls.' Well here's an idea," he said. "Let's save the black man-

"This is no longer a black or white thing," the student said. "It's no longer a civil rights thing. Damn it, it's a human thing. If they can pull a black man over, they can pull a white man, a gay man over. We have got to get together and get over this shit.

Another black student disagreed

"This is not a people problem," he told the audience. "This is a black problem. You can walk down the street and not worry about getting your motherfucking ass beat up.

As the march got under way, police rerouted traffic briefly to allow passage.

Several plate glass windows were broken at the Federal Building - nine bottom windows and six full windows. In addition, two glass doors were shattered.

The crowd chanted, "Justice, justice," on the way to the Federal Building. With the doors of the building locked, some started banging on the windows. The first window was broken by a white man who hit it with his sign. Paul Carter, a photographer for The Register-Guard, had his glasses broken and his nose bloodied after being hit by a white protester.

The full crowd stayed at the building for about an hour and then slowly dispersed.

At the building, Ward said the media will focus on today's violence, "but not on the violence that happens everyday against people of color.

## Death toll climbs, riots continue

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Riots, arson and looting raged in the Los Angeles area Thursday and the death toll rose to 21 as National Guard troops moved into neighborhoods torn by outrage over the Rodney King verdict

Gunfire erupted after two dozen Guard soldiers arrived at a video arcade threatened by looters. The machine-gun-toting soldiers did not return fire.

Bands of people roamed the streets long after a dusk-to-dawn curfew took effect. Police said there were no immediate arrests.

About 700 people had been injured and 378 arrested in the outburst of destruction that terrorized vast parts of the city for a second day, from downtown to the suburban San Fernando Valley

At nightfall Thursday, violence had spread into San Bernardino, 60 miles to the east, where one person died in a gun battle between a security guard and a motorist that police said was riot-related

A gang in Long Beach, a city south of Los Angeles, pulled two motorcyclists from their bikes Thursday night and robbed, beat and shot them. One died and the other was critically injured.

Vandals descended upon historic Hollywood Boulevard west of downtown, setting fire to at least one business

Fire officials said 63 fires were burning at midevening

Much of the city shut down. Bus service was halted, professional sporting events were postponed, thousands of businesses and schools were closed, and some flights were rerouted around columns of smoke. Santa Monica, to the west, closed its beach-

"Why tear down something you own? We all have to make a living here. I just don't understand it," said Miles Taylor, 49, a black man who has lived in South Central Los Angeles since 1965, when the Watts ghetto exploded in riots.

Police departments confirmed 19 deaths in Los Angeles, one in San Bernardino and one in Long Beach.

By 9 p.m., firefighters had responded to 1,291 structure fires. Officials said they were too busy to compile damage estimates. Two firefighters were wounded by gunfire.

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which is in the "middle of all the

violence. 'We felt no immediate danger (Wednesday) night." Smurthwaite said, "But as this progresses, we're getting a little worried. We're still thinking of leaving, but it's dangerous just to get in your car and

drive. Smurthwaite said all nationalities were participating in the looting of buildings. An hour before this interview, she had heard over the news that a white motorist had been shot and killed two blocks from her

apartment. The USC fraternities and sorori-

ties have all been evacuated, Hicks said. On campus, broken windows are frequent and one shooting has a USC student, said security guards campus." were prepared Wednesday night to evacuate the dorms if the violence spread throughout campus. Fener said he wouldn't be surprised if the campus becomes a site of riots soon.

'It would be a real good way to get attention," he said "People would take notice if the campus was attacked.

Another USC student, junior David Allen, said despite the majority of people leaving campus for a few days to escape the violence, he is remaining in his 15th story on-campus apartment.

"I feel pretty safe," Allen said 'On campus, the security is really tight right now and only one of the been reported. Junior Jon Fener, also six policed entrances is open on

Allen said off campus was a completely different world, especially the first night after the verdict was known, when the fires were visible and officers roamed every block.

Those students who are remaining in L.A. until classes resume are mainly staying indoors, Allen said. He said they are afraid to be heard and become targets of violence.

Students at the UCLA campus, which is further than USC to the major riots, aren't witnessing as much violence as the other school. The UCLA campus has not closed.



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