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THE POOR'S ANGRY VOICES— A WARNING AND A THERAPY

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PROTEST—"Shouting at a public official . . . is a demonstration that the poor and minorities have . . . power to challenge the 'big chief.' "

Times drawing

"The Negro built this nation; let's burn it to the ground!" thundered a delegate to a recent convention of the poor in Fontana.

"We have found the only way to move the power structure," cried another, "is to tell them what will

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happen if they don't meet our demands. The truth was proved in Watts."

These cries of outrage, heard time and time again whenever the rebellious poor or less privileged gather, certainly are discomfiting to members of an

affluent society. They expose the latent distrust and hatred of the so-called "power structure"; they ring with undertones of terror and possible anarchy. But viewed with an awareness of other protest movements of history, they reflect the not abnormal outcry of a people suddenly offered a chance to vent their frustrations.

Some of the very people who have been the recent targets of vituperative attacks by the unsophisticated and uneducated regard those outbursts as healthy.

The Shriver Incident

Sargent Shriver, who directs the antipoverty war that has had much to do with releasing the angry