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At the night of the bombing, September 20, 1964, at about 3:00 a.m., I left the shop to go by Mrs. Quin's house. Where you get off Summit Street to go into Summit road, I was stopped by the police. Two uniformed policemen were in the car. Both got out of the car and one of them got into my car while the other one went after someone else. The policeman who got into my car told me, "Drive me back to City Hall. You were speeding. Doing 50 miles in a 30 mile zone." This was not true. I was not doing more than 25 miles because there were many Highway Patrolmen around. When we got to Wall Street he said, "If it wasn't for those damn people, we wouldn't have this kind of trouble." When he said this, he pointed to the C.O.F.O. house. "Why are you so bitterly against those people?" I asked him. And he said, "They are stirring up this trouble." Then he took me to City Hall. The desk sergeant told me I was speeding and I had to pay a fine of \$14.50. And if I wouldn't pay the fine, they would lock me up. I said, "I wasn't speeding." But he ignored me. I did not have enough money with me and they put me into jail. At 7:00 a.m. Monday morning, they came and got me for the trial. I pleaded not guilty. They wanted me to sign a paper pleading guilty and I refused. The judge took only the word of the officers. Then they locked me back up. At about 9:30 a.m., my brother came and paid the fine.

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