Police bludgeon Madrid's students

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MADRID, Friday, Feb. 3, 1967 (Spl)—Riots, strikes, worker and student demonstrations have continued here, as students traded volleys of stones with the police, who attacked with truncheons and powerful water cannons.

A blind American student from Georgetown University was bludgeoned by police Monday.

**Students Bludgeoned**

This reporter witnessed numerous attacks on female students. One Spanish male student was hit repeatedly and knocked to the ground as he tried to escape. The policeman picked the student up, kicked him, and truncheoned him once more.

For some unknown reason, at this point the police turned upon the news correspondents covering the event, and several members of the news corps were hit by rampaging officers. The correspondent from the Reuters Agency sustained a scalp wound and was then arrested; after five hours of detention he was released.

In all, the riot that afternoon lasted more than four hours.

**Mass Protests**

Following the events of a week ago (See Thresher, February 2) meetings were held in the various Facultades of the University of Madrid on Monday to discuss future action. An open student meeting drafted a statement condemning the violence of the preceding weekend, and calling for a student boycott of classes on Wednesday, January 31.

The Facultad of Political and Economic Sciences called for strikes on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of the same week.

Early Monday afternoon, some 700 students gathered in front of the Facultad of Medicine for a protest demonstration. After repeated encounters with the police and exchanges of volleys of stones the major-