

*In Farmingdale, N.M.—*

# Navajo Teen-Agers Brutally Murdered

Alleged cult murders of six Navajo teen-agers have resulted in riots, marches and a boycott by Indians of white businessmen in the Farmington area in New Mexico.

The six bodies were found bludgeoned, mutilated and burned. Local authorities contend the murders were the work of "three wackie teen-agers" while Indian leaders claim it was done by a cult of white racist youth.

Hearings for three suspects were held last week.

For the past five weeks, over 3,500 Indians marched peacefully on Saturday mornings demonstrating against what they called discrimination by business-

men, violations of state liquor, fire and sanitation statutes and lack of local and federal assistance to alcoholic Indians.

The sheriff's county parade was held last Saturday. The sheriff and his men were dressed as Kit Carson and his U.S. Third Cavalry. Indians were said to be angry and humiliated by this portrayal.

Tension between the Indians and whites was said to be high, and the riot was the reaction to the parade and the six murders. Indian leaders have announced they will continue to march on Saturday mornings until their grievances and problems are solved.