

MURDER AT THE QUEEN ROCK FESTIVAL

Fan bleeds to death in crowd.

A 21-year-old pop fan was knifed to death early yesterday during a massive open air concert by rock super group Queen.

As Queen lead singer Freddie Mercury thrilled 120.000 people at Knebworth House, Hertfordshire, a fight broke out between rival fans only yards from the stage. The dead man, believed to be from Glasgow, was stabbed five times in the stomach and chest. He died before an ambulance could get him to hospital in nearby Stevenage. A shocked witness said: "The guy didn't have a chance in hell. Ambulancemen couldn't get to him because of the crowds and he was just bleeding to death." An ambulanceman confirmed: "People were standing shoulder to shoulder and it was impossible to get through quickly. The whole thing was overcrowded and badly organised."

Last night several youths were helping police in Stevenage with their inquiries. In another incident an ambulance was called to help a young woman attacked by a Hell's Angel who poured boiling water over her. More than 1000 people needed first aid during the concert. There were about a dozen arrests but none for drug offences.

QUESTIONS.

1. Did the fan die?
2. How old was he?
3. Where was the concert played?
4. Why couldn't the fan be saved or rescued?
5. How many people needed help?
6. What do you think about safety in pop concerts? (five or six lines)
7. Vocabulary.

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