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A pleased crowd of 65,000 watched a colorful barrage of fireworks Monday in what some observers said was the best of recent holiday displays.

But while giant rusty-gold flares blossomed out into chrysanthemum patterns overhead, scores of minor, isolated dramas below kept police, firemen and first aid people busy through the hour-long display.

Perhaps Biggest Ever

Two people were sent to Hartford Hospital for minor emergency treatment while police picked up three youths on suspicion of having their own cherry bomb demonstration on the ground.

Deputy Police Chief Kerrigan gave the estimate of 65,000 for the huge crowd that sprawled over the "bowl" at the eastern end of Pope Park. He said, it was about the biggest he had seen at any of the annual fireworks shows.

The display, if not the largest was easily the most colorful in recent history of the city. Brilliant hues of yellow, red, green, filled the night air, punctuated by sharp cracks of exploding powder. White, though, was easily the most popular color as its daylight hue several times brought cheers from the crowd.

A Few Minor Casualties

And beneath, an elderly woman got her finger split when, apparently in a haste to get out near the park, someone slammed a car door on the tip of the finger. She was treated at one of the Red Cross stations at the park.

Another woman, Mrs. Sarah Cherry, of 100 Albert Ave., Wethersfield, was discharged at the Hartford Hospital emergency room after treatment for a minor



WHAT THEY SAW: Rocket carves graceful "blossom" in sky during Monday night's fireworks display in Pope Park. It was one of scores of air bursts which thrilled thousands who jammed the park for the city's annual Fourth of July show (Courant Photo by Maurice Murray).

spark burn in her right eye, received apparently from one of several trailer-type rockets that spewed cascading sparks over a large area.

And also at Hartford Hospital, six-year old Gloria Catlett, 41 Nahum Dr., was treated for scalp lacerations after, police said, she

was hit by a flying soda bottle. Another girl received a slight

powder burn when a cherry bomb exploded on her leg. Police arrested three youths on breach of peace charges in connection with the incident. They were

Byan Evanson, 16, 1910 Broad St.; Robrt J. Swift, 18, 130 East Stonington St., and Rene Houle, 18, of 40 Dutch Point Colony.

A few lost eight-year-olders completed the evening's entertainment. They were soon located by cruising police.