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London has been going through a series of riots over the last week. Cars have been flipped, buildings have been razed, and people have gotten hurt. So far, over 700 people have been arrested and millions of dollars worth of property damage has occured.

One of the buildings that was destroyed is a warehouse owned by Sony. This warehouse served as a European distribution point for many small independent labels. Several of the affected labels are based here in the Chicago area. Thrill Jockey, Touch & Go, Victory Records, Drag City, and Bloomington Indiana based Secretly Canadian have all been hit hard. Drag City has described the loss of their inventory as "catastrophic".

Below is a list of several of the albums released by the affected labels that the Library owns.

Fred Anderson - From the River to the Ocean (Thrill Jockey)

Anthony & the Johnsons - The Crying Light (Secretly Canadian)

Bonnie "Prince" Billy - The Letting Go (Drag City)

Califone - Quicksand/cradlesnakes (Thrill Jockey)

Bert Jansch - The Black Swan (Drag City)

The Jesus Lizard - Goat (Touch & Go)

Joana Newsom - Ys (Drag City)

The Sea and Cake - Everybody (Thrill Jockey)

Tortoise - Millions Living Will Never Die (Thrill Jockey)

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