

Peace Advocates Wielded Diverse Homemade Arms

From 20-Inch Sword to
Black Widow Spider

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CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago police, whose club-swinging suppression of antiwar demonstrators during the Democratic National Convention made them the nationwide target of both criticism and praise, were also the targets of a diverse and unique homemade armory.

Officials assembled earlier this week a sample of the missiles used by peace advocates during the week of disturbances which was climaxed Aug. 28 by a bloody street clash in front of the Conrad Hilton hotel and replayed for national audience by television.

Capt. Charles Pepp told The Associated Press that "more than a hundred weapons of every type were assembled in my office but they represent just a sampling of the total weapons confiscated by police during the week."

He added that "60 per cent of the weapons used against police will be used as evidence in court."

"This means that the demon-

strators who used these weapons were arrested and the weapons were confiscated." Pepp added, "We don't know how many rocks and bottles were merely put in trash cans."

CANE SWORD

"A good example is a cane containing a 20-inch sword which police confiscated a block from the Hilton Hotel," Pepp said. "I don't know if the sword was unsheathed at the time and therefore I don't include it in the 60 per cent which will be used as evidence."

"We have more than 30 police helmets which were smashed by bricks, bottles and stones," he said. "There is even one black widow spider which was thrown in a bottle into an automobile. The laboratory reported that the

spider was definitely poisonous."

"There are many clubs with nails and razor blades driven into them and we have several hunks of one-inch cable, obviously meant for use as a blackjack."

Pepp said there were "several golf balls and rubber balls with nails in them and even a half a rolling pin which had been reamed and its inside filled with lead."

Police confiscated these weapons near the scene of the battle in front of the Hilton, in Lincoln Park where hippies and other peace demonstrators camped during the day and early evening and along Michigan Avenue.

STENCH BOMBS

"Twenty vials and one-half

gallon of butyric acid were confiscated," Pepp said. "These were made into stench bombs by soaking tissue paper and cotton balls with the acid. Several of these were dropped in hotels, including the Hilton."

"Police found clusters of nails taped together which could be used in a slingshot or put out tires on police cars," he said. "We also have more than 20 knives, including switchblades, and several razors and razor blades along with rocks and bottles."

These missiles resulted in 161 injured policemen. One remained in a hospital Sunday. were treated for injuries at hospitals and police estimated that

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more than 200 others refused to go to hospitals and sought out their friends and medical centers established by protest organizations.

BREAKDOWN

Of the 653 persons arrested during the disturbances, 292 were out-of-state residents and 10 were from other countries. New York was represented by more than 50 persons and 19 other states were listed as home addressed by persons seized.

Charges ranged from disorderly conduct — 483 — to nudity — 1. Thirty-six were charged with criminal trespass, 23 with resisting arrest, 22 with curfew violation, 22 with failure to disperse, 16 with unlawful use of weapons, 12 with park curfew violation, 10 with criminal damage to property, 8 with assault, 7 with battery, 7 with narcotics law violation, 3 with burglary

and 1 each with public indecency, theft and license plate violation.

The age groups follow: 17 to 19 years, 220; 20 to 29 years, 20; 50 to 59 years, 8; 60 and over, 3.

Of those arrested, 208 said they were students, 284 said they were employed, 151 said they were not employed and the job status of 11 was unknown.

38 JUVENILES

Thirty-eight juveniles were also arrested. Nineteen were charged with disorderly conduct, 9 as runaways, 3 with criminal damage to property and 2 each with prostitution and loitering and 1 with curfew violation. Seventy-seven of the 653 arrested are women and 10 of the

Bonds for most of those arrested were set at \$25, however, Jerry Rubin, 25, a Yippie leader from New York City was held

on \$25,000 bond. Rubin was charged with soliciting mob action.

He posted \$2,500 the day after his arrest and was released.

As of Friday, 119 cases had show up for hearings and for hearings before Circuit Court judges. Of those 80 persons received continuances and 22 stood trial.

Ten persons were found not

guilty an 12 were fined from \$25 to \$200, including one boy under 11 was also placed under court supervision for one year.

Sixteen defendants failed to show up for hearings and forfeited their bonds. One other, Yippie leader Abbie Hoffman, failed to appear on two charges and an arrest warrant was issued.