

8 CITIES TO HEAR MAYOR'S CASE # 5-19-68

# Daley to Defend Chicago Cops on TV

CHICAGO (AP)—Mayor Richard Daley will get his chance to show in at least eight cities his view of what happened in demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention.

A DOCUMENTARY, prepared by the mayor's office, will be shown on the Metromedia television and radio network, reaching New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington and Kansas City.

The Chicago-based WGN Continental Broadcasting Co. will also show the program in Chicago, Denver and Duluth, Minn.

WGN announced that five television stations have requested permission to show the film.

They are WJXT, Jacksonville, WSM-TV, Nashville, WREX-TV, Rockford, Ill., WBTV, Charlotte, and WEWS-TV, Cleveland.

A WGN spokesman added that details of the format for the radio time were being worked out by the mayor's office. The radio presentation will narrate some of the events that will be shown on film during the television documentary.

Two Southern newspapers, the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the Tampa Tribune, offered Daley free full-page space to give his view of what happened in the disorders. The offer yesterday also included one hour of prime time on Tampa television station WFLA-TV and Richmond radio stations WRNL AM and FM.

Another forum was offered Daley by the National Press Club in Washington. However, Allen Cromley, president, said today the mayor had not re-

plied to an invitation.

A mayor's office spokesman, while not commenting on the Virginia and Florida proposals, indicated earlier that a number of offers still were under consideration.

"Other stations throughout the country have indicated they will carry the telecast," Daley's office said.

Earlier this week, Daley asked the three major television networks for prime time to present his case.

THE COLUMBIA Broadcasting System rejected Daley's request, saying it already had given Daley a chance to present his view in a 30-minute interview during the convention.

The National Broadcasting Co. and American Broadcasting Co. offered Daley an opportunity to appear on a prime-time panel

discussion with newsmen, but refused to allow him to make an independent presentation.

Daley has rejected these proposals because the "format does not meet the purpose of providing a balanced presentation," the aide said.

Later today, attorneys for the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam sent telegrams to WGN, Metromedia, and WFLD-TV in Chicago, which also offered the mayor air time.

"IN ACCORDANCE with appropriate Federal Communications Commission regulations," the telegram said, "and on behalf of Sidney Lenz, cochairman of the National Mobilization Committee, the demand is herewith made to grant to him equal time to respond to any statements or charges, direct or indirect that may be made by Mayor Richard J. Daley on the prime time allotted to him by your organizations . . ."

The committee served as an umbrella for the 150 peace organizations whose representatives came to Chicago for the demonstration activity during the Democratic gathering.