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EUROPE REACTS TO CONVENTION

British Press Focuses on Violence

LONDON (AP) — Violence in Chicago overshadowed the presidential nomination of Hubert H. Humphrey in British press reports from the Democratic National Convention Thursday. But some Continental newspapers placed more emphasis on Humphrey's chances of election in November.

There was a good word for Humphrey in West Germany, but some other press comment expressed doubt that the Democratic party could overcome the divisions of Chicago.

The Soviet press also focused on the violence. Communist East Germany's news agency ADN said Humphrey was nominated by "the reactionary majority."

RADIO HANOI

Radio Hanoi in North Vietnam said the U.S. government "was forced to use tens of thousands of Army troops and security forces to protect the U.S. Democrat party convention from the American people who resolutely oppose the unjust aggressive war against the Vietnamese people." It did not mention Humphrey's nomination.

The Saigon Post bannered Humphrey's nomination but made no editorial comment. Other South Vietnamese newspapers went to press before the outcome of the balloting became known.

Red China's official Hsinhua (New China) News Agency said "Fascist police and troops in full battle gear" clashed with "the American people" who defied beatings and arrests to protest against the war in Vietnam.

"Police horror in Chicago" was the headline of the London Evening News. The Evening Standard bannered "Blood

Flows in Chicago—as Humphrey Wins."

The British Broadcasting Corp. focused its radio and television reports on the fighting between security forces and demonstrators. Commentaries on the convention barely mentioned Humphrey's chances of election.

"It will never again be possible to think of either the city or Mayor Richard Daley without feeling slightly sick," wrote the Standard's correspondent Max Hastings from Chicago.

Hastings called the police action "a spectacle the like of which I have never seen, even at the height of a ghetto riot."

CORRESPONDENT WRITES

"For 15 minutes, jamming several hundred protesters against the side of the Hilton, they smashed their clubs into the human mass, aiming between the legs, at their heads, shoulders—anything," he wrote. "They used Mace chemical spray to disable them and they were still hitting them as they lay on the floor."

In the Evening News, correspondent Winston S. Churchill, grandson of the late prime minister, reported: "The whole spectacle of what would normally have been a joyful, triumphant occasion, was marred by horrifying scenes of police violence."

Churchill said he and James Auchincloss, half-brother of Mrs. John F. Kennedy, were clubbed by police and pinned against a wall by a police motorcycle. The News said 29 reporters and photographers, at least three of them British, were among the hundreds of injured in Chicago.

Le Monde of Paris said: "It is certainly very difficult for Mr. Humphrey to cut himself off from his boss. But was he obliged to go the President one better? Could he not, through his silence, have kept from going back on a past when he was a spokesman of the liberals?"

West German Foreign Minister Willy Brandt's Social Democratic party described Humphrey in a statement as a man "who knows the needs of the great American nation and what it needs to maintain its leading role in the world."

The Vatican's daily L'Osservatore Romano said

Humphrey's victory "does not indicate solidarity of the Democratic party behind the man chosen to represent it. On the contrary, many observers say, the Chicago convention has developed and ended in a way that leaves the party deeply divided."

The Communist Paese Sera of Rome declared: "The Democrats are bound for an almost certain defeat in November. The security measures and the oppressing universal presence of police ... have been the straw that broke the back of the Democratic donkey."

The Soviet government news paper Izvestia reported "bloody skirmishes ... Brutal outrages against demonstrators who declared their opposition to the Vietnam adventure ... The rooms of Sen. (Eugene J.) McCarthy in the Conrad Hilton hotel are filled with wounded persons."