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## News Media Send Joint Protest

Five newspapers, two news-magazines and three television networks wired a joint protest yesterday to Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago against police treatment of newsmen covering last week's Democratic National Convention.

Signing the joint telegram were Leonard Goldenson, for the American Broadcasting Company; Bailey K. Howard, for the Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Daily News; Dr. Frank Stanton, for the Columbia Broadcasting System; Otis Chandler, for the Los Angeles Times; Hedley Donovan, for

the National Broadcasting Company; Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, for the New York Times; Hedley Donovan, for Time magazine, and Katharine Graham, for The Washington Post and Newsweek magazine.

Following is the text of the protest:

"We strongly protest the treatment of news reporters, photographers and cameramen by certain members of the Chicago police force during the Democratic Convention. Newsmen were repeatedly singled out by policemen and deliberately beaten and har-

assed. Cameras were broken and film was destroyed. The obvious purpose was to discourage or prevent reporting of an important confrontation between police and demonstrators which the American public has the right to know about.

"An investigation by the FBI is underway to ascertain whether this treatment of news personnel involved violation of Federal law. Regardless of the FBI inquiry, we strongly urge that you yourself order an investigation by a responsible group of distinguished and disinterested citizens. This investigation should fix responsibility for the conduct of the members of the police force who participated in these incidents and see to it that suitable punishment is meted out as deserved.

"If America is to survive, the freedom of our news media to observe and report must remain inviolate. The police must not be permitted to suppress this freedom by clubbing and intimidation."

## HHH Defends Chicago Police

WAVERLY, Minn., Aug. 31 (UPI)—Democratic presidential nominee Hubert H. Humphrey tonight defended Chicago police in actions against demonstrators who threatened to disrupt the Party's national convention.

Humphrey, in a local television station interview, said, "We had intelligence of planned assassination." The Vice President told the

interviewers, "I saw a policeman who had been stabbed in the face with a broken beer bottle . . . I saw filth and manure being thrown on rugs at the Conrad Hilton Hotel."

Humphrey said that strong methods had to be used to prevent "agitators and arsonists" from marching on the International Amphitheatre, site of the convention.