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Delegates Protest Police Action

CHICAGO (AP) — Maryland delegates to the Democratic National Convention left for home Friday but not before many had registered protests against the club-swinging tactics of some Chicago policemen against anti-war demonstrators.

A formal resolution registering their protest was considered by Sen. Daniel B. Brewster, delegation chairman, but he said he changed his mind at the last minute because the resolution could not be introduced and would have served little purpose.

Brewster said police tactics during one melee Wednesday night were "too horrible for words," but said he thought Chicago Mayor Richard Daley suffered enough abuse at the hands of the convention that night.

Daley was booed loudly and often and attacked by several speakers from the rostrum because of the way Chicago police had reacted to the demonstrations in front of the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Mrs. Verda Welcome, Negro state senator from Baltimore City, said she was "terribly disturbed that our delegation hasn't spoken up before. I saw what happened last night and it was terrible. It's just unforgivable.

"I'm all for law and order but

it must be with justice," she said.

Brewster said he felt the police actions gave Chicago a black eye, but not the Democratic party.

"I think we have put together a great ticket and we will work for it in November," he said.

The Maryland delegates joined the rest of the convention in naming Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine their vice presidential nominee by acclamation.

State Atty. Gen. Francis B. Burch was not as optimistic as Brewster. He said some of the massive outcry of shock and disgust that arose following the police incidents would surely rub off on the Democratic party.

"It's the association of ideas," Burch said.

But while the delegation, like others, feuded with Chicago and Daley, it quietly settled a minor eruption within its own ranks that began Wednesday when Mrs. Welcome complained that discrimination was the reason she wasn't a delegate.

A compromise was worked out by Baltimore Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro III and House Speaker Marvin Mandel. Judge Thomas J. D'Alesandro Jr. stepped down as a delegate because of illness and Mrs. Welcome took his place, even though she was not his proper alternate.

Later, the Baltimore senator said she was satisfied with the outcome, but that much still remained to be done to perfect a "system" that could permit such a thing to happen.

"I wanted to be able to go back and tell my constituents that I represented them and now I can do that," she said.