



CHICAGO POLICE WADE INTO DEMONSTRATORS AT CONRAD HILTON HOTEL LAST NIGHT. —AP WIREPHOTO.

8/29/68

Peaceniks Regroup --Nation Reacts

CHICAGO (AP) — Peace demonstrators again began massing today in the Conrad Hilton-Grant Park area, scene of nightlong disturbances, and police girded for another possible encounter.

There was an atmosphere of unrest mixed with a feeling of easing tensions as youth group leaders dismissed the possibility of a march on the International Amphitheater,

scene of the Democratic National Convention.

Quiet reigned in the morning hours after last night's battle between some 3,000 demonstrators and police and National Guardsmen beneath the windows of the hotel, headquarters for the convention.

THE NATIONAL Guard had announced it would withdraw

by noon but long after the midday lunch break, the roops still lined Michigan ave., which separates the hotel from Grant Park.

While some 1,200 demonstrator-type spectators, convention alternates and delegates, newsmen, plainclothes policemen and television and radio personnel milled in front of the hotel listening to soap box speakers, a group of about 200 sat in a circle in the park singing to the beat of bongo drums and strains of flutes and guitars.

From the rally grounds of the youth movement in Lincoln Park, a couple of miles from Grant Park, word came that there would be no march on the Amphitheater and that some groups had left the beleaguered city.

"THERE WILL be no further meetings after today," said David Dellinger, chairman of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

Dellinger said some 10 to 15 busloads of youths have gone home to New York and California.

Earlier in the day there had been reports that a march would be attempted to the Amphitheater from the Hilton Hotel where last night police arrested 140 youths and at least 300 demonstrators were injured while Hubert H. Humphrey was receiving the Democratic presidential nomination.

VIOLENCE EVEN invaded the hotel lobby as police chased demonstrators and tear gas filtered throughout the hotel and even reached the 25th-floor suite of Humphrey.

Photographers who tried to take pictures were threatened by police who shouted in unison "Get out of here." Some were arrested.

Reaction to the widely televised confrontation on Michigan ave. last night began coming in from all over the

country—and from Chicago itself.

ANGERED, BEWILDERED, embarrassed, shocked Chicagoans jammed switchboards of newspapers and radio and television stations to give their opinions on the battle of Michigan Avenue, which divides Grant Park, meeting place of the demonstrators, and the Conrad Hilton Hotel, headquarters of the Democratic National Convention.

Many favored the get-tough action of the police apparently handed down by Mayor Richard J. Daley and James Conlisk, superintendent of police.

Others expressed regret at what they said was "police brutality," "Nazi tactics" and "police state" atmosphere shrouding the area filled with armed National Guard troops and blue-helmeted police.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON let it be known again today that he deprecates violence and law-breaking of the kind that coin-

cided with Humphrey's selection.

"The President always deprecates violence," press secretary George Christian told newsmen who asked about Johnson's attitude toward the violence last night in Chicago. "He has always believed that people should abide by the law."

Asked if Johnson deplored violence by police and National Guardsmen as well as private citizens, he replied, "All kinds of violence."

A **SPOKESMAN** for the Chicago Police Department heatedly denied charges of excessive police force in dispersing mass demonstrations in the city the last five days.

Frank Sullivan, director of public information for the department, instead accused the news media and the major broadcasting networks in particular of "a colossal propaganda campaign" against the police and in support of "a

pitiful handful of revolutionaries."

He denied repeatedly newsmen's accounts of excessive force in police clashes with demonstrators.

"There will be," he insisted, "a pattern of law enforcement."

SULLIVAN SAID that last night's violence erupted when "about 50 hard core members of the crowd charged police

lines" stretched across Michigan avenue.

"People were clubbed, people were hurt, people were arrested," he said. "This is what happens when you charge a police line."

Sullivan pointed out that the conflicts also presented a dangerous situation for policemen. He said 83 policemen have been injured since

See **VIOLENCE**—Page 10

Violence--

Continued from Front Page

Saturday, including 29 injured last night.

In New York, Mayor John V. Lindsay said the Chicago police's handling of demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention "should sadden every American."

"I HOPE WHAT happened there will stand as a warning to those who have perverted the meaning of 'law and order' and made it the sole answer to our nation's problems," the Republican mayor said. "Every value, including freedom of the press, was sacrificed."

The mayor did not mention the name of Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, who has been criticized by other officials and delegates to the Democratic convention.

In Boston, the American Sociological Association ordered its executive council and officers to change the group's convention site from Chicago in 1969, 1972 and 1976.

THE RESOLUTION also asked that the Association make known to Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, the Chicago Convention Bureau and the Democratic National Committee its "disgust and revulsion" over events that took place in the city during the Democratic National Convention.

The resolution also requested the association to convey its decision to other professional organizations and recommend that they act in a similar manner.

A second resolution approved supported persons who "demonstrate for freedom and Democracy, be it in Chicago, Prague, Warsaw or Saigon."



—AP WIREPHOTO.

A POLICEMAN SQUIRTS A STREAM OF MACE, a body-disabling chemical, into a tightly packed crowd of demonstrators outside the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago last night.

i
e
y
f
s
o
d
t
r
L
r
e
i
o
d
n
e
s
d
f
t
f
s