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Mayor Daley pauses to reflect at his news conference. At right, Yippie leader Jerry Rubin burns a copy of Daley's official report on the Chicago disturbances and chal-

lenges the Mayor to debate. Rubin said election-day disturbances will be so great that troops will have to be brought into the cities.

Daley Accuses News Media Of Distorting Chicago Picture

CHICAGO, Sept. 9 (UPI) — Mayor Richard J. Daley today accused news media of painting a "distorted and twisted" picture of the disorder and street fighting during the Democratic National Convention.

He told a news conference that the city "welcomes any investigation by any group."

Shortly afterward, District Court Judge William J. Campbell ordered a Federal grand jury to investigate:

- Allegations that "various people" engaged in an interstate conspiracy to promote a riot during the convention.
- Allegations that police officers violated the civil rights of demonstrators.
- Rumors that some television networks "engaged in an interstate conspiracy to unduly influence the convention by television."

Daley told one of the largest

amazed at the distorted and twisted picture the news media gave. The American people were amazed. Their letters show it."

The Mayor said his office has received 60,000 letters from throughout the country supporting the action of police against the demonstrators.

Only 4000 letters criticized police for rough tactics, he said.

Daley charged that thousands of demonstrators were incited to violence by a band of "terrorists."

He was asked about statements in his formal report on the disorders last Friday, in

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news conferences of his political career—that the greatest handicap faced by forces of law and order during the convention week was the failure of news media to tell the full story of what happened.

Defending police treatment of hippies and antiwar demonstrators, he said, "I am

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made it known that his police were provoked beyond endurance: "When I ask you as a law-abiding citizens not to proceed any further and you linked arms and someone in your outfit kicks 'em in the groin or spits at him in the face or hits 'em with a bag of urine or a bag that begins with S and end with T what would you do? I just wonder what you'd do.

"... Ask yourself that. What would your position be? And see if you would be as calm as you purport to say you would be. I've seen a lot of newspapermen and television men and radio men get pretty excited over far less things than that."

Police Goaded to Rage

The Mayor said that if any of his police were brutal it was only because they were goaded to rage by an excremental storm that some eye-witnesses to the street fighting did not observe: "If there were any acts or overacts, I want to ask you men if someone was throwing human excrement in your face and you were standing there being called names—we had pictures like this (the Mayor said alluding to a piece of paper he took halfway out of his coat pocket) which you can't show—being carried on television ... no one would show it ... what would you do under these circumstances? Would you be the calm, collected man you think you are? I saw many of you express emotions with less abuse than

that. And to have your wife called the names that they were calling them and I'm certain for police are supposed to be human but you forget entirely the confrontation was not created by the police but by the people who charged the police."

The press conference got hung up on whether, when a policeman is called a dirty name, it is okay for him to club the name-caller over the head. At length Charles Nicodemus, the political editor of the Chicago Daily News, accused the Mayor of shouting a dirty word at Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) the night at the Convention when the Senator said Daley's police were acting like Gestapo thugs. Nicodemus said Daley used "a four letter word beginning with mother."

"You're a liar!" Mayor Daley yelled at him. "Don't say that. I never use that kind of language in my life."

Neither the reporter nor the politician appeared to feel provoked enough to club each other on the head so the confrontation remained non-violent. Mayor Daley, however, would not say what he had shouted at Ribicoff.

Told to go Home

Outside the conference Matt Danaher, the alderman of Mayor Daley's own, home 11th Ward gave his version of the remark that had divided the lip readers of America for two weeks now. "I was sitting next to him," said Matt, who was wearing a green suit and a watch with a green map of Ireland on its face. "He'd never use a word like the one Nicodemus said. He doesn't talk that way. Now I might use that kind of word sometimes but he wouldn't. He's a daily communicant. What he actually said was, 'Awwwwwww, go home.'"

The reporters went over the same ground people have been arguing about since the convention ended. The Mayor had the same old answers. "Were you ever at one of these things? Were you ever a policeman?" He asked by way of answering. "When someone hits one of the men standing slongside of you and knocks him down with a rock or a brick or hits his eye or throws oven-cleaner into his face and blinds him; what would you do? Ask yourself the question."

The Mayor's Answer: What Would You Do?

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CHICAGO, Sept. 9 — Mayor Daley smiled, laughed a little and lost his temper only once today at his first press conference since the Democratic National Convention. He was concerned about his place in history, about justifying his conduct toward "the protesters and terrorists" who'd come here and tangled with his police.

On Friday he issued a 15,000-word statement on the subject but he was back

today to answer questions in language that marks him as the Casey Stengel of American politics.

"Get the thing straight once and for all. The police isn't there to create disorder; the policeman is there to preserve order (sic). And the confrontation is the people confronting the police department and saying we're gonna do what we want to do."

Chicago's chief enthronarch
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Daley Sees Distortion by News Media

CHICAGO, From A1 — which he charged that "revolutionaries" and "radical agitators," some with Communist connections, sparked the violence.

"I think the report speaks for itself," he said.

Daley also announced today that an hour-long television film being prepared to show the police side of the confrontations with antiwar demonstrators will be shown Sunday, Sept. 15, on 47 television stations across the country. The program will be carried by independent stations since major networks declined to grant time for it.

One of the demonstration leaders, Jerry Rubin, head of the Youth International Party (Yippies) burned a copy of Daley's report at a news conference held shortly after Daley's. From the news confer-

ence, Rubin went before Magistrate Louis J. Gilberto and received permission to return to New York City pending a jury trial Oct. 29 on charges of solicitation to commit mob action, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

City Hall veterans said Daley's news conference was one of the largest in the Mayor's office within memory. Credentials of reporters not familiar to Daley's aides were checked before the Mayor entered the room. Daley answered questions for 20 minutes and then left abruptly.

He said the city was wise in refusing demonstrators permission to march on the International Amphitheatre, where the Democrats met. Granting of march permits, he said, would have "aggravated rather than eliminated" the tension.

"There were plenty of offers from the city for them (the

demonstrators) to assemble," Daley said. "What they wanted they got—a confrontation."

"I think all you newsmen missed the point," he said. "No one was killed. Six were killed in Miami" (in racial rioting during the Republican National Convention at Miami Beach).

Daley said some policemen may have "over-reacted" and this is under investigation.

But he said police were subjected to extreme provocation, including having human excrement thrown at them.

"What about human bites—biting policemen, taking flesh out of their legs" the Mayor asked. "Yet this is called police brutality."

"What would you do if someone was biting your leg?" he asked. "Say 'take another bite?'"

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A Distorted Picture Of Events"

