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Protection of the International Amphitheater and of the hotel suites of major candidates was left to the Secret Service, which assumed control of city policemen on duty at the convention site the day before the convention opened. The security appairants which annoyed many delegates in the convention half was directed by the Federal agents and by the Federal agents and by the staff of the Democratic National Committee.

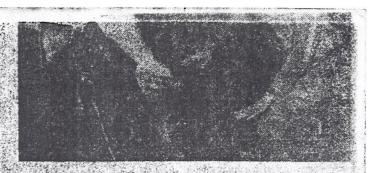
The outside situation was entirely in Daley's hands; and officials in his office had two major concerns—to prevent a riot in the city's Negro ghettos, and to prevent disruption of the city or the convention by demonstrations.

These concerns led the city into policies of restriction which were directly responsible for exacerbating an already difficult situation.

First, aides in Daley's of fice were told to discourage newsmen, especially television crews with their lights and camera equipment, from wandering into the ghettos to take pictures. Their argument was the often-heard one that the presence of the camera may provoke disorder which can then spread rapidly throughout a city.

Newsmen Turned Down

For months before the convention, the Mayor's office and the police had received many requests from newsmen, photographiers and broadcasters for special credentials, special police arrangements or police guards for news assignments in the ghettos during the conven-



Chicago police knock down fleeing demonstrator, one of hundreds routed from Lincoln Park Aug. 27, durin

tion. As a matter of policy, these all refused.

City officials working directly under Daley had decided last spring on a series of measures to discourage the protesters from gathering here during the convention. Six months ago, William L. McFetridge, a Daley associate for many years and president of the Chicago Park District, had let slip the remark that the district would not make its facilities available to "unpatriotic groups."

This policy involved all aspects of protest. Protest gatherings found it difficult to get meeting permits and they were denied parade permits.

In April, a peace march by 8000 persons had to make its way through the Loop piecemeal, obeying all traffic lights and staying on the sidewalks, as it moved to the civic center over a 3mile route.

Once in the plaza of the Civic Center, these marchers were required by police to keep moving and there was a police outburst which should have been a clear warning to Daley of what could happen during the convention.

As one line of police, on the inside of the plaza, pushed outward against the marchers, a line of police in the streets kept insisting that the marchers stay on the walk and out of the street. After about 30 minutes of this squeezing tactic the march line began to break, and many of the marchers were pursued and knocked down by angry police who chased them, in open defiance of shouted or ders by their officers, and in the presence of Police Su-James perintendent Conlisk.

Waiting in Cellar

The policy was tested again in the same type of demonstration two weeks before the convention. This time, a group of fewer than 1000 peace demonstrators advanced on the Civic Conter under the eye of city government lawyers and and a handful of police who did not interfere with them. What the marchers did not know was that in the basement of the Civic Center were 200 policemen waiting to emerge if things got out of hand.

Meanwhile, the policy of discouraging demonstrators was enforced rigidly. The Coalition for an Open Convention was so discouraged by the maze of city regulations and the long negotia-