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Police and  
had thousands of photo-  
graphs of individuals, and  
exact time schedules for the  
movement of protesters into  
the city.

Protection of the Interna-  
tional Amphitheater and of  
the hotel suites of major  
candidates was left to the  
Secret Service, which as-  
sumed control of city police-  
men on duty at the conven-  
tion site the day before the  
convention opened. The se-  
curity apparatus which an-  
noyed many delegates in the  
convention hall was directed  
by the Federal agents and  
by the staff of the Demo-  
cratic 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 pre-  
vent disruption of the city  
or the convention by demon-  
strations.

These concerns led the  
city into policies of restric-  
tion which were directly re-  
sponsible for exacerbating  
an already difficult situa-  
tion.

First, aides in Daley's of-  
fice were told to discourage  
newsmen, especially televi-  
sion crews with their lights  
and camera equipment,  
from wandering into the  
ghettos to take pictures.  
Their argument was the of-  
ten-heard one that the pres-  
ence of the camera may pro-  
voke disorder which can  
then spread rapidly through-  
out a city.

#### Newsmen Turned Down

For months before the  
convention, the Mayor's of-  
fice and the police had re-  
ceived many requests from  
newsmen, photographers and  
broadcasters for special cre-  
dentials, special police ar-  
rangements or police guards  
for news assignments in the  
ghettos during the conven-



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

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

City officials working di-  
rectly under Daley had de-  
cided last spring on a series  
of measures to discourage  
the protesters from gather-  
ing here during the conven-  
tion. Six months ago, Wil-  
liam L. McFetridge, a Daley  
associate for many years  
and president of the Chi-  
cago Park District, had let  
slip the remark that the dis-  
trict would not make its fa-  
cilities available to "unpa-  
triotic groups."

This policy involved all as-  
pects 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 3-  
mile route.

Once in the plaza of the  
Civic Center, these march-  
ers 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 min-  
utes of this squeezing tactic  
the march line began to  
break, and many of the  
marchers were pursued and  
knocked down by angry po-  
lice who chased them, in  
open defiance of shouted or-  
ders by their officers, and in  
the presence of Police Su-  
perintendent James B.  
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 Cen-  
ter 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 base-  
ment 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 Con-  
vention was so discouraged  
by the maze of city regula-  
tions and the long negotia-