

The GOP Convention

Frustrated Miami Cops

Miami

Several Miami policemen threw metal chairs and beat their riot batons against trees and posts in frustration at demonstrating dissidents during the 1972 Republican National Convention, a new study says.

The policemen were restrained behind fences at the Miami Beach Convention Hall complex during the gathering that nominated President Nixon for re-election.

They acted "out of seeming frustration . . . while such intense protests and harassing of Republican Convention attendees were going on" during the next to last night of the assembly, the report added.

The statement is one of a number of sidelights contained in a still incomplete study of security at the convention by two professors working under grants from the Ford and Russell Sage foundations.

Jerome Corsi of Franconia College, Franconia, N. H., and Ralph Lewis of Michigan State University plan to finish the project this summer and publish the findings in book form. The study was begun by Brandeis University's Lemberg Center for the Study of Violence.

Its major conclusion is that the massive security effort was generally successful "in that civil authorities generally fulfilled their dual responsibilities of preserving the public peace while protecting the rights of political dissidents."

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