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# Convention seen as 'war games before the war'

By GARY CAMERON

"In Miami Beach the arrests were all planned", said Dr. Gerald W. Cormick, when speaking to a small number of students and professors here Wednesday afternoon.

Cormick was describing the Democratic and Republican nomination conventions held there in a discussion on community disputes resolution, power and patterns of social conflict. He described the Democratic convention as "the war games before the war" and felt that the two conventions were two different things.

The Republican convention had to be moved from San Diego to Miami Beach because of the imminent mobilization of minute-

men and John Birchers. However, the demonstrations at the Democratic convention were mainly concerned with minority groups trying to get their ideas introduced into the party platform.

According to Cormick, there were paid provocateurs at the Miami Beach demonstrations, with plenty of money. The police, who were given a large amount of equipment to handle what was expected to be a crowd of tens of thousands, had to contend with only 4000 protestors. This worked out to \$720 spent per protestor.

The police and the protestors had "common goals" in that both wanted a number of arrests. These arrests were negotiated beforehand, since both sides wanted

them for political reasons. Even the types of trucks used to haul away those arrested were agreed upon at meetings between the police and demonstrators.

Several groups protested at the Republican convention, including Gay Liberationists, Cuban exiles, and anti-war demonstrators. These groups were separated by a double line of people trying to prevent violence. According to Cormick, the only time these lines were broken was when a Gay Liberationist kissed a Cuban and trouble broke out.

The main objective of the demonstration was "to get the kind of coverage that would influence middle class Americans." Unfortunately, the media issued orders to cameramen and newsmen to cover only the violence. As a result the focus of coverage was on the side issues like composite dispute, instead of such things as the "street without job" and the "death march." Apparently the media succeeded in discrediting the demonstration as only \$6000 dollars damage was done, although it may have looked worse.

The protest movement in the US has died down, becoming almost invisible. Cormick explained that this was due to several rea-

sons. One reason was that protest involved one main issue, the war in Vietnam. As this war is being settled now, there is little need for protest and if you "can't grab the media", there is little point in demonstrations.

There has been a redefinition of the role of law enforcement agencies. There is a "new kind of police", with police chiefs that know how to handle the media and are politically aware. They make fewer "stupid mistakes," and know how to keep demonstrations from turning into riots.

"Conflict managers" now mediate demonstrations, quieting down disputes. University presidents, pressured by what Councils call re-activists, not to back down on issues, usually call the police in case of a building takeover. The police "bust a few heads" and students direct their protests to the police.

Mediators now train both sides of a dispute to negotiate. This would have helped at the prison riot in Attica where the warden gave in too much - too early. The prisoners, distrusting him, thought he was lying. If Governor Rockefeller had come to Attica and backed up the warden, the riots probably would not have taken

place.

Blacks have stressed gaining "turf control", and have not sought power through political means. Black men who are elected to Congress are supported mainly by white liberals.

In order to keep a demonstration peaceful, many logistical matters such as portable johns, food, etc. must be arranged. A cadre of professions takes care of these details, earning money by handling rock festivals to support themselves. An order to maintain the results achieved by protest, a "countervailing protest structure" must be formed to continue putting on pressure and implement programs.

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On Friday, Nov. 24, Cormick will lecture on "Power and Patterns of Social Conflict" in Tilley Room 303 at 10:30 am. At 2:30 pm he will lecture on "Community, Labor and International Disputes and Disputes Resolution: Analogies and Contrasts," also in Tilley 303.

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