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Riots

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Is this straight thinking?

(It's about Chicago riot.)

Let's suppose a case.

Suppose on such a day a

stranger happened by and, in

front of the town hall, he saw

some police using night sticks

on some citizens.

What might he think?

Probably he would think:

"These police are bruties."

BUT—suppose the onlooker

knew what was going on.

Suppose he knew that for 300

years the people of the town

had not, had anyone, maybe

even had had a fight or two,

but always at voting time they

had voted, and they had ac-

cepted the will of the majority.

BUT, suppose this year, there

had been made that if a certain

group did not have their way,

they were going to make it

impossible to hold the meeting.

Might even burn the hall down?

So, as a precaution, police were

able to be on hand.

Wouldn't an informed onlooker,

in this case, consider the police

were doing their job?

Now the second point.

If you had been Mayor of

Chicago and had been warned

that "30,000" were coming to

Chicago to make it impossible

to hold the Democratic con-

vention, wouldn't YOU have felt

(and been) dumb if you had

let them march?

The vice decision was to have

as many police officers that the

coming mob could be han-

dled, as it was handled, nine or

ten dead. In fact, I haven't

ever heard of a broken bone—

unless it was a cracked skull—

with a killing blow.

No one was shot.

Now the third point.

Our police are not experienced

in handling riots. They are

skilled in being called for

fires and having horses

measure and urine thrown on

them, and accepting possible

death without blinking. (If

police were injured; if

happened.) They need more

training and more pay to

become experts at being

dead and not dying. The wonder

is that one of his back

with a killing blow.

No one was shot.

Now the fourth and last point.

There are no innocent

bystanders.

Get out, you may get hurt.

If you stay, you like the ones

who hurt rocks and knives.

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