The Democratic dissidents plan for Chicago, and afterwards

By Tony Lima

Tony Lima '69 spent some time prior to the national convention in Chicago, for a group known as the Coalition on a National Democratic Front (CNDF), working on a forum of articles on his analysis of the past, present and future activities of this group. One afternoon last month, I received a call from Tony inviting me to participate in a student caucus, the following two days, aimed in part to answer the question of -what this movement means to me and my generation.

The 1968 national convention was a turning point in the history of the American Democratic Party. The official organization had been established in 1848, and by the 1960s, it was the largest political party in the United States. The convention was held in Chicago, where thousands of people came together to discuss the issues of the day, including the Vietnam War, civil rights, and the role of the Democratic Party in the future.

At the convention, the issues of the war and civil rights were hotly discussed. The delegates were divided on the question of whether to support President Lyndon B. Johnson or to run a third-party candidate. The convention was ultimately dominated by the issue of the war, and the delegates chose to support Johnson, despite the fact that he had not made any significant changes to American policy in Vietnam.

The convention was marked by a great deal of protest and unrest. Students, workers, and other members of the American public had come together to demand an end to the war and to demand greater social and economic justice. The convention was also marked by a great deal of violence, with police and demonstrators clashing in the streets around the convention site.

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