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History will no doubt record only two official versions of what occurred in Chicago during the Democratic Convention of 1968, according to Attorney General John N. Mitchell and ACTU General Counsel Abe Fortas. The Walker Report and Norman Mailer are not the only versions of it. A third version, a third official, was published by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Titled "Law and Disorder," the ACLU report claims not to expand any philosophy which would represent the beliefs of that organization. Instead, the editor has produced a collection of articles by eyewitnesses and other concerned individuals, ranging from Sunday and Sunday and itself to 1968. In terms of coverage, it manages to give the essential details without becoming bogged down by the weight of statistics or quoted reports. It is interesting to note, for example, in pursuing the Walker Report that each sight reads like a slightly modified version of the story before. The ACLU avoids this by reporting more on specific incidents and less on historical overview.

Mailer, on the other hand, is...