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Hubert Humphrey was in San Francisco Thursday, October 26. While the demonstrations that took place were not especially important, ~~XXXX~~ strategies used by both sides offer some lessons which people elsewhere may find useful.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Stanford SDS did not learn of HHH's impending arrival until Monday or Tuesday, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{which were} registration days for fall quarter. ~~We were not yet equipped to quickly mobilize as many as we should.~~ ^{This created a situation which kept us from mobilizing as many people as we should have.}

Wednesday noon a small committee meeting was held and we decided to go ahead with a demonstration at Humphrey's evening rally in the Mission district of San Francisco, ^{section} a pre-dominantly Mexican-American. A group of independent radicals in San Francisco also made plans to show up at this rally, and ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XX~~ even more independent radicals showed up as well.

~~XXXXX~~ Between 50 to ~~XXXX~~ 100 from Stanford drove up to SF, and two or three times as many people eventually showed up ~~XX~~ to oppose Humphrey. The rally was held inside a small private ~~XX~~ hall somehow connected to ~~X~~ some type of a poverty program. The people who ~~XXX~~ ran the hall are Mayor Benito Alioto's loyal Mexican-Americans. ~~XX~~ The crowd of a couple hundred which came to the hall included a number of ~~paid or promised hacks,~~ ^{rewarded with free beer,} including a Viva Humphrey cheering section. The crowd was unenthusiastic, contrary to press reports. We had planned to enter the hall and engage in some ~~type~~ of sophisticated heckling. The meeting was originally open to the public, and some earlycoming protestors were able to enter the hall, and later hastened the end of the program by ~~XXXXXX~~ shouting ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ about the war.

The strategy used against the demonstrators was: To keep us from entering the hall, ^{so we wouldn't heckle;} to play us off ~~XX~~ against the Mexican-Americans; to ~~XX~~ keep the police polite. Our strategy was to discuss/issues with non-hack Chicanos and Blacks from the area, to try to cause a stir ~~XX~~ and thereby gain entrance or to ~~XXXXXX~~ cause a commotion based on the fact that we couldn't get in. Soon after we arrived the demonstrators were separated from the hacks and moved across

the street. In the period prior to Humphrey's arrival we chanted, ~~XXXX~~ emphasizing ethnic cheers like "Viva ~~N~~ Che." ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Our size and militancy brought ~~X~~ in a concentration of police, including eventually the hated tactical squad. The people of the areado not like the police ~~XX~~ and we were able to discuss with them the fact that Humphrey and Alioto were the men who controlled the police. The conditions ~~XXXX~~ in the Mission and the ties of the Mexicaa-American community to Kennedy kept them ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~KAWAXXKXKX~~ from supporting Humphrey, even though he ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ played up his support of the Huelga.

When Humphrey arrived a segment of the crowd shouted "let us ~~Jn,~~" and a ~~XX~~ moved forward into a line of cops. Steve Weissman, a leader of Stanford SDS who had ^S been assigned a secret serviceman ~~XXX~~ whenever he showed up at ~~a~~ Humphrey demonstration, was picked off the front and charged with inciting to riot. ~~XXXXXX~~ Those around him were pushed back, ~~or~~ beaten, or both. Following this incident, chanting continued, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ⁹ When the paddy-wagon in which Weissman was held was located, about ten of us moved over and sat and stood in front of ~~XX~~ it. The driver tried to push ~~as~~ away, and shake us of, and as the crowd grew one guy ran behind the wagon, causing the police to come out of the wagon, at which point one demonstrator apparently climbed onto the roof, and was subsequently arrested. In the meantime ~~the~~ tactical squad was brought in and forced the crowd ~~back~~ ^{three} with their four-foot billy-cl ubs. Following this angry confrontation the chanting continued, with people running after Humphrey as he left (a Secret Serviceman tripped when one demonstrator dodged him after following the ~~car~~ for a while). Demonstrators goose-stepped ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ with the police as they marched away.

Many demonstrators went ~~home~~, home, but as we had enough money for bail or bond amongst us we decided to go to the courthouse and release ~~of~~ brothers. Fifty to a hundred showed up at the courthouse (a mile away) and the police showed up ~~to~~ When the pigs arrive they came rudning down the halls,

