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This exhibition is based on the premise that the formal and iconographic character of news photographs has made a significant contribution to the development of the modern visual vocabulary, and that this contribution is not dependent on the historical importance of the picture's nominal content.

Researching the subject of news photography on this basis is an ambitious undertaking, since no picture can be selected or rejected on the grounds of its subject matter alone. This approach to the subject would indeed have been impossible without unlimited access to a major news photography file of quality and historical scope. At the Museum's request this opportunity was generously granted by The New York Daily News; their patience and unstinting cooperation in making their pictures files available to this exploratory and seemingly undirected research made this project possible.

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