

California Democratic Delegation

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Hon. Jesse M. Unruh
Chairman

MEMORANDUM TO: California Delegates to the 1968
Democratic National Convention

FROM: Jesse M. Unruh

SUBJECT: Convention Tickets and Related Matters

Many of you have inquired about gallery seating at the convention hall in Chicago. The following information has been gathered and is offered for your information and guidance:

1. First priority for seating in the convention hall will be for delegates. Other priority seating will be assigned to the following groups -- (1) alternates, (2) press (a lot of them!), (3) non-delegate VIPs.
2. There are many demands for gallery tickets from Chicago political leaders. This is completely in order; California political groups and leaders were given a substantial number of tickets for the 1960 convention in Los Angeles.
3. The Democratic National Convention Committee advises us that, after meeting all other ticket demands, there will be about 2,000 seats left for each convention session, and that these tickets will be distributed to National Committeemen and Committeewomen for each state somewhat in proportion to the size of the state's delegation. California has about 7% of the total number of delegates at the convention. Thus, California's allotment of tickets can be estimated at 130 to 140.

Since many of California's 174 delegates and 172 alternates will be bringing family members with them to Chicago, it seems clear that we will face a potential ticket shortage. Naturally, we will make the most equitable distribution (of whatever number of tickets are made available to California) that the mind of man can devise.

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4. Some delegates have also expressed interest, or passed along to us inquiries, concerning the appointment of young men and women as pages. Our information is that each state will be allocated a certain number of pages, to be appointed by the National Committee members. Pages will work for the convention -- not for the delegation -- and will be assigned all manner of jobs, some of which will be in the convention hall and some of which will not. When further information is received, we will pass it along to you.