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A member of the press has recently stated that in a conversation I made the observation that it would not be proper for the Attorney General of California to seek or accept the office of Democratic National Committeeman because of the incompatibility of the two offices and the danger that a conflict of interest might arise.

I believe that the gentleman of the press misunderstood my remarks and inadvertently misquoted me.

It is my personal feeling, shared by many of my friends, that there exists no conflict of interest and that there is no reason, moral or legal, why the Attorney General of California could not conscientiously in the interest of good government also serve as Democratic National Committeeman.

There are good precedents and public acceptance for a holder of high public office in extending his field of service as national committeeman of a political party. Two such precedents come to mind.

Earl Warren, now Chief Justice of the United States, while holding office as District Attorney in Alameda County served as Republican National Committeeman; and James A. Farley held simultaneously both the office of Postmaster General of the United States and Democratic National Committeeman.

Further enhancing this position is the fact that the people of California have seen fit to elect their Attorney General on a partisan basis. If it were intended that the Attorney General should not engage in partisan activity, it would seem that the people would insist that he be elected on a non-partisan basis like the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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