

40,000 Expected in San Francisco For Republican National Conclave

San Francisco—(AP)—Some 40,000 persons will pour into San Francisco for the Republican national convention starting Aug. 20.

Only about a third of them will be able to squeeze into the Cow Palace for any of the four or more sessions, but San Franciscans think the others will be happy to keep cool and see the sights.

Tickets for the convention are at a premium, according to Republican officials. Even the local committee office isn't sure it will get any for its employees.

Convention capacity of the Cow Palace is estimated at 15,000. Most of those seats will be taken by the 1,323 delegates, a like number of alternates, the press, senators and congressmen and other officials. Tickets, if any are to be had, are available through national committee members in each state.

Republicans are planning a plan to provide about 200 seats for visitors. These seats would be emptied every hour or so and filled by a new group. Visitors on the waiting line would be admitted to a tent set up with a closed television circuit of the proceedings.

First in City
Convention hotel headquarters will be at the Mark Hopkins and Fairmont Hotels on Nob Hill. It is seven miles from there to the Cow Palace, or about 15 minutes in normal traffic and \$2.90 or \$3 in cab fare. Three bus lines serve the Cow Palace from

down town.
This will be the first Republican national convention ever held in San Francisco and will mark the 100th anniversary of the party's first convention. The Democratic convention in 1920 was the only other ever held in

the Far West.
The fact that until recently the West polled only a small part of the nation's vote was given by local Republicans as the main reason for keeping the party's conventions east of the Mississippi. The distance from the cen-

ter of population, and difficulty of communication because of the time difference were mentioned as other reasons for favoring the East.
The problem of time difference was solved by eliminating the customary evening session

which would have run till after midnight. (EDT). The first session on Aug. 20 will start at 11 a. m., with the others running from 2 p. m. to 7 p. m.
Attraction Aplenty
San Francisco averages five conventions every week during

the year, according to Walter Gaines Swanson, vice president and general manager of the city's Convention and Tourist Bureau. He predicted this one will come close in size to the record American Medical Association convention in June, 1954, which drew 43,000.

One reason San Francisco is such a popular convention city is its weather. The average high in August is 65; average low, 54. The average year-around temperature is 56.7.

Another reason for San Francisco's popularity is what natives like to call "charm." There are the outdated, much-loved cable cars, there are crabs and lobsters are boiled and sold on the street; Chinatown with its jade and chopsticks; Montgomery Street, the "financial center of the West."

There are San Francisco Bay and its two bridges. There are houses built precariously on hillsides defying another earthquake. There are views of all these things from the city's many hills.

And there are plenty of bars, fine restaurants and night clubs. Drinks usually run 50 cents for a highball or martini. Beer is 30 or 35 cents. Haircuts are \$1.75. Cabs are 50 cents for the first one-third mile and 10 cents for each one-third mile thereafter.

LOVE FROM THE START
Pompton Plains, N. J.—(U.P.)—Chilton Memorial hospital has put a rocking chair in its nursery so newborn babies could start right off enjoying love, affection and cuddling.

Services for about 20 years.
Planning Commission Secretary Carl Johnson explained that the county would pay \$300 a month for four days of which would be in the field, and two in the office.

Extra work will be \$100 per day plus \$50 per day for extra office work, Johnson said.
Chairman Don Sirianni said his experience with planning consultants indicated that the Wise firm's rates are reasonable.

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D. Ford McCormick was Rotary program chairman and President Weldon Kline presided.

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SEIZING CONTROL of commercial airliner over Communist homeland, six youths and girl fly it to freedom over the Hungarian border into West Germany. Some have bandaged heads, result of wounds received in midair fight with other passengers and crew. Six passengers asked for asylum. Other passengers asked to go back to Hungary. (International)

B. Iden Payne of Festival Speaks At Rotary Meeting

"Drama has arisen out of religion and has never really departed from it," B. Iden Payne, director of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, told the Medford Rotary club here Tuesday in a luncheon address at the Jackson hotel.

The Shakespearean actor and director emphasized the psychological effect of a dramatic play on the audience. The viewers have a feeling of sharing the experiences of the adept actor, he said.

The "community of feeling" felt by actors and audience is akin to religious group experiences in which there is a genuine emerging of emotions. This phenomenon is impossible in mechanical forms of entertainment such as motion pictures and television, he said.

Two Great Eras
There were two great eras of drama noted in history, Payne said. One was in ancient Greece and the other in Shakespeare's time. It was then that the living stage reached artistic heights and actors achieved high social status.

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"I think the firm should be investigated further before a contract is signed," Avery said.
Planning commissioners had considered hiring Wise, a Redwood City consultant, on the basis of his planning experience, particularly in Monterey county, which has retained the firm's

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