

RECEPTION
for Members of the RNC
Monday, September 8, 1975
6:30 p.m.
The State Floor

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECEPTION FOR
THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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Dress: Business suit . . . afternoon dresses for the ladies

Sequence of
Events:

- 6:30 p. m. Your guests will arrive through the Diplomatic Reception Room and will be escorted to the East Room.
- 6:45 p. m. You and Mrs. Ford will be escorted via elevator from the Family Quarters to the Grand Hall where you will meet Mrs. Mary Louise Smith. You, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Smith will proceed to the East Room to the platform that will be located along the center of the east wall where a podium will be placed.
- Mrs. Mary Louise Smith will make brief opening remarks which will conclude by her introduction of you. You will make brief welcoming remarks.
- Following remarks, you will invite your guests into the State Dining Room for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. You and Mrs. Ford may wish to join your guests and mingle informally.
- 7:30 p. m. You and Mrs. Ford will bid farewell to your guests and return to the Family Quarters.

NOTES:

A White House photographer will be present.

Military Social Aides will be present.

A String Ensemble will be positioned in the Grand Hall.

Suggested welcoming remarks are attached. (Tab A)

There will be full press coverage of the President's remarks in the East Room and writing pool press coverage of the Reception.

Pat Howard

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6:45 p.m.
From: Gwen Anderson

I PURPOSE

To greet the approximately 280 members of the Republican National Committee from the fifty states, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, their spouses and guests, who will be in Washington for a meeting of the Republican National Committee.

II BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background

The Republican National Committee will be meeting in Washington from September 7 - 9. The most significant item on their agenda is the site selection and planning for the 1976 Republican National Convention. News article on selection of Kansas City as convention site and report on first day of RNC meeting attached at Tab A.

As President you have not entertained the Republican National Committee members. You have, however, spoken to this group both at a RNC meeting late last year and at the Leadership Conference last March.

The general schedule of events for the three day meeting is attached at Tab B.

B. Participants

List of guests is attached at Tab C. Among those who will be present are Mary Louise Smith, Congressman John Rhodes, Congressman Guy Vander Jagt, and Senator Ted Stevens.

C. Staff

Robert T. Hartmann, Jack Calkins and Gwen Anderson. Senior White House Staff and Cabinet members have also been invited.

D. Press plan

Coverage by photo office

III TALKING POINTS

Prepared by Paul Theis

The RNC has suggested that the following talking points might be incorporated into your remarks:

- the importance of state parties conducting registration or voter identification programs in all states
- 1975 is one of the most important off-years in the history of the Republican Party. Local Party organizations have a key role in getting ready for the 1976 campaign.
- the new 1974 campaign law mandates a stronger working relationship between candidates and party organizations

GOP Sets Strategy For '76

Kansas City Selected for Convention

By David S. Broder
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Republican Party last night chose Kansas City as the site of its 1976 nominating convention and set out in an optimistic mood to plan the presidential election campaign.

The site selection committee picked Kansas City's year-old Kemper Arena for the convention beginning Aug. 16, after hearing last-minute details on the rival bids of Cleveland and the winning city. The vote was 7-0.

Both cities are short of hotel rooms for the convention, but the committee made President Ford happy by its choice. He had informally expressed a preference for a Midwestern city in the central time zone for maximum television coverage. The Republicans last met in Kansas City in 1928 to nominate Herbert Hoover.

The choice comes before the Republican National Committee today for ratification. The Democrats last month chose New York City's Madison Square Garden as the site for their convention, which is scheduled to start July 12.

GOP Picks Kansas City As '76 Site

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play a role in the Ford campaign."

Mississippi Republican Chairman Clarke Reed, a staunch conservative and potential Reagan backer, commented that the support for the President among the Republican chairmen "is stronger than I expected."

Frederick K. Biebel, the new chairman in Connecticut, said, "It really surprises me, but the President is doing great in our state."

Mr. Ford also appears strong in the Midwest. Kent B. McGough, Ohio Republican chairman, said Mr. Ford "has been on the rise" in Ohio since last spring and still seems to be climbing. John C. McDonald, outgoing Iowa chairman, said polls in that state are "very optimistic" for the President and added that Mr. Ford's appearance last month at the Iowa State Fair was "inspiring" for party workers.

A number of other chairmen indicated that Mr. Ford's heavy schedule of personal appearances in this nonelection year is paying dividends for the President and the party. Many state organizations came out of the 1974 campaign with debts, but Mr. Ford's willingness to appear at party fund-raisers in states from Maine to Oregon has helped put them in the black.

The Republican National Committee has not fared as well in its fund-raising in 1975, and a change in command of the party's financial arm is



CHRISTOPHER S. BOND
... Ford support grows

one of the main items of business scheduled to come before the national committee.

Party sources said that small donations in response to the party's direct-mail appeals have been good this year, but that major contributors are running well behind their projected quotas.

O. C. Carmichael Jr., a South Bend, Ind., businessman, has offered his resignation as chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee. It is expected that he will be succeeded by Jeremiah Milbank Jr., a Greenwich, Conn., businessman who was a successful fund-raiser for the party in that same position in the early years of the Nixon administration.

The chief business at yesterday's meetings was orienting the state chairmen on the jobs they will have to do if the party is going to run next year's presidential campaign.

Officials have expressed strong concern privately about the readiness of many state organizations to run a presidential campaign next year.

In day-long sessions yesterday, national committee staff members briefed Republican state chairmen on preparations for the 1976 campaign, which President Ford has said he wants to run through the party organization.

Nearby, a low-keyed and overtly friendly competition was waged between the hospitality suites of the Ford campaign committee and the Citizens for Reagan organization, representing Mr. Ford's potential challenger, former Gov. Ronald Reagan of California.

A sampling of state chairmen found little reason to challenge yesterday's Gallup Poll report that the President has widened his lead over Reagan to a 45-to-19 per cent advantage.

Missouri Gov. Christopher S. Bond, chairman of the Republican Governor's Association, who came to back Kansas City's convention bid, told a reporter that "most of the powerful figures who could help Reagan in Missouri are lining up on the Ford team."

Bond attributed this partly to Reagan's delaying his formal announcement of candidacy until later this year and partly to the "more favorable attitude" toward Mr. Ford and his 1976 chances.

Similar reports came from other states. In Texas, where Sen. John G. Tower (R-Tex.), another leading conservative, was announced Saturday as the chairman of the President Ford Committee, state GOP Chairman Ray Hutchinson said he had "a hunch" that former Secretary of the Treasury John B. Connally "will

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GENERAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NEW TWIN BRIDGES MARRIOTT HOTEL -- WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 7-9, 1975

ALL TIMES GIVEN HERE ARE EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

Sunday, September 7, 1975

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Breakfast Meeting for Republican State Chairmen from the Southern Region (Ala., Ark., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., Miss., N. C., Okla., S. C., Tenn., Texas, Va.)
--LEE ROOM (Lower Lobby Level)

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--ARLINGTON ROOM (Lower Lobby Level)

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- 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Workshop Sessions for Republican State Chairmen
--COMMONWEALTH III (Convention Center - 2nd Floor)

- 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Luncheon for Republican State Chairmen
--COMMONWEALTH II (Convention Center - 2nd Floor)

- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Continuation of Workshop Sessions for Republican State Chairmen
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- 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee
--COMMONWEALTH I (Convention Center - 2nd Floor)

- 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Hospitality Room for Members of the Republican National Committee and Spouses
--CHESAPEAKE ROOM (Convention Center - 3rd Floor)

- 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Meeting of Republican State Chairmen's Task Force
Richard M. Rosenbaum, Chairman
--SUITE NO. 581

- 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Executive Meeting of the Site Selection Committee for the 1976 Republican National Convention
--SKY ROOM (5th Floor Tower)
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--LEE ROOM (Lower Lobby Level)
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Breakfast Meeting for Republican State Chairmen from the Northeastern Region
(Conn., Del., D. C., Maine, Md., Mass., N. H., N. J., N. Y., Pa., P. R., R. I., Vt., V. I.)
--POTOMAC ROOM (Lower Lobby Level)
- * 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Meeting of Republican National Committee
--COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM
(Convention Center - 2nd Floor)
- * 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Reception and Luncheon for Members of the Republican National Committee (Admission by Ticket)
--PERSIAN BALLROOM
(Convention Center - 3rd Floor)
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Organization and Planning Meetings of the following Committees:
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Committee on Arrangements
--COMMONWEALTH II (Convention Center - 2nd Floor)
- * 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Committee on Rules
--COMMONWEALTH III (Convention Center - 2nd Floor)
- * 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Committee on Call
--COMMONWEALTH I (Convention Center - 2nd Floor)
- * 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Committee on Contests
--COMMONWEALTH IV (Convention Center - 2nd Floor)
- 5:30 p.m. - Depart New Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel by Charter Bus for White House Reception
--CONVENTION CENTER ENTRANCE (Lobby Level)
- 7:00 p.m. - Return to New Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel by Charter Bus

(Remainder of evening free)

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Tuesday, September 9, 1975

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - Meeting for the National Committeemen, National Committeewomen and State Chairmen from the Midwest Region
(Ill., Ind., Iowa, Kans., Mich., Minn., Mo., Nebr., N. D., Ohio, S. D., West Va., Wisc.)
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--COMMONWEALTH IV (Convention Center - 2nd Floor)
- * 12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. - Reception and Luncheon for Members of the Republican National Committee (Admission by Ticket)
--PERSIAN BALLROOM
(Convention Center - 3rd Floor)
- * 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Continuation of Meeting of the Republican National Committee
--COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM
(Convention Center - 2nd Floor)

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