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REPORT 53 NEGRO DELEGATES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEES OF DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special) -- To date 53 Negro delegates have been assigned to various committees of the Democratic Convention, according to reports from the chairmen of delegations from 24 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands and the Canal Zone.

On the key Credentials Committee, headed by Governor Richard Hughes of New Jersey, 11 Negro delegates have been assigned thus far. The Credentials Committee will begin hearings on the contesting delegations in Chicago on Monday, August 19.

The total number of black delegates to the Democratic Convention is 313, with 177 listed as delegates and 136 as alternates. From the 11 states of the Old South there are 48 delegates and 57 alternates with Texas leading, listing six delegates and 11 alternates and Louisiana following, with nine delegates and four alternates.

Louis Martin, Democratic National Committee Deputy Chairman, pointed out that although Negro representation in 1968 is almost three times greater than in 1964, if any of the contesting delegations are seated at the Convention the total number of black delegates may be substantially increased.

Following is the list of Negro delegates with Convention Committee assignments as of August 12:

ALABAMA

Arthur D. Shores, Committee on Credentials
Joe L. Reed, Committee to Notify Candidate for Vice President, Honorary

ARIZONA

Mrs. Izora Hill, Committee to Notify Candidate for President

CALIFORNIA

Hon. Yvonne W. Brathwaite, Committee on Resolutions & Platform
Willie Brown, Jr., Committee on Credentials

COLORADO

Mrs. Arie Taylor, Committee on Credentials

CONNECTICUT

Boce W. Barlow, Jr., Committee on Credentials

DELAWARE

Mrs. Hattie Phelan, Committee on Resolutions & Platform, Committee on Rules and Order of Business

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NORTH CAROLINA

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, Committee on Permanent Organization
Bishop Dale, Honorary Assistant Secretary of the Convention

OHIO

C. J. McLin, Jr., Committee on Permanent Organization

PANAMA CANAL ZONE

Mrs. Elizabeth Andrews, Rules Committee

PENNSYLVANIA

Andrew M. Bradley, Committee on Rules & Order of Business

RHODE ISLAND

William Matthews, Sergeant-at-Arms

TENNESSEE

Robert Lillard, Committee on Permanent Organization

TEXAS

M. J. Anderson, Committee on Permanent Organization

VIRGINIA

Moses Riddick, Committee to Notify Candidate for President

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Hon. John L. Maduro, Committee on Rules & Order of Bus., Hon. Sec'y of Conv.
Hon. Ruby M. Rouse, Committee on Rules & Order of Bus., Asst. Secretary (Hon).
Hon. Eulalie Rivera, Delegates on Committee for Permanent Organization
Patrick Williams, Committee to Notify Candidate for President
Hon. Annie de Chabert, Honorary Asst. Vice President of the Convention