

CHICAGO—Just before the Democratic Convention opened, a surprise visitor to the Hilton Hotel suite of Texas Gov. John Connally was Richard Goodwin, Sen. Eugene McCarthy's liberal intellectual man-of-all-work, whose very presence in the inner sanctum of the party's Mr. Conservative seemed incongruous.

Goodwin's proposal was couched in properly vague terms but was scalp-tingling all the same: an alliance of McCarthy forces with Connally forces.

That McCarthy's central campaign theme has been an end of the war in Vietnam while Connally is President Johnson's staunchest war supporter did not bother Goodwin.

Goodwin pointed out that alliances of convenience have been the hallmark of the Democratic Party. He recalled Franklin Roosevelt's selection of conservative John Nance Garner of Texas for his Vice President in 1932. Only eight years ago, Goodwin went on, John F. Kennedy picked Lyndon B. Johnson with happy results in the November election.

Whether McCarthy was aware of the extent of the negotiations opened by Goodwin is unknown, but Goodwin ranged widely in trying to learn whether the elements of a deal were there. His points: McCarthy has always been popular in the South. In 1964, it was McCarthy, not Hubert Humphrey, who was strongly pushed by Connally to run with Mr. Johnson. On the specific issues of civil rights and oil depletion, McCarthy is regarded as safer than most Northern liberals.

But the talks got nowhere. Connally informed Goodwin (described by a Connally aide as "tough, just like us") that Texas and most of the South were backing Humphrey, period.

Unruh and HHH

PROSPECTS FOR Vice President Humphrey getting badly needed help from Speaker Jesse Unruh and his personal organization in California were lowered here by insensitive handling of the sensitive Unruh.

It was scarcely tactful when Humphrey picked Mayor

Joseph Alioto of San Francisco, Unruh's rival for the gubernatorial nomination in 1970, to make his nominating speech. What followed, however, was even worse.

As a nondelegate, Alioto was not eligible to make the speech. So William Coblentz, a Humphrey delegate from San Francisco, offered to resign from the delegation if Unruh would promise to appoint Alioto to replace him. Unruh flatly refused in the absence of a personal request from Humphrey himself.

He gave the same blunt answer to a succession of Humphrey agents contacting him (including an angry Sen. Walter Mondale of Minnesota, Humphrey's campaign co-chairman). Finally and belatedly, Humphrey himself telephoned, and Unruh readily agreed.

The incident casts doubt on the current strategy by Humphrey men of letting Unruh come to them rather than soliciting his support. It may be a long wait.

'Racist' Samuels

A VICIOUS FIGHT broke out in the middle of the New York delegation on the con-

vention's opening night over the vote on a motion by Unruh to adjourn the convention and take up credentials battles the next day. When Howard Samuels, Federal Small Business Administrator, tried to get the delegation to caucus, he was hooted down.

Samuels not only lost his effort to get another caucus. He was attacked by several New York delegates, including Eugene Nickerson, Nassau County executive and a McCarthy supporter. At one point, Nickerson yelled at Samuels over the din of the convention that he was a "racist" for wanting to vote against Unruh's motion.

Nickerson was joined by others and the delegation hooted down Samuels's request for each individual to vote "as an individual" against the Unruh motion. In the end, the vote was 190 to 0 for Unruh. But the incident heightened the already dangerous antagonism within the New York delegation against Humphrey and his political agents in New York.

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McCarthy-Connally Ploy

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