

Askew to Aid GOP Shift to Miami Beach

MIAMI BEACH — (AP) — Gov. Reubin Askew of Florida met with Republican National Convention planners yesterday and pledged to try to revive a year-old businessmen's pledge of \$100,000, if the GOP moves the convention from San Diego to Miami Beach.

"It appears they the Republicans have pretty much made that decision to move if the timing and finances can be worked out," said Don Pride, Askew's press secretary. "They asked the governor to help them get the week they wanted — Aug. 21-24."

The Republicans began considering a change in sites following money problems and construction delays in San Diego and allegations that the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. pledged financial aid to the convention after obtaining a favorable out-of-court settlement from the Justice Department in an antitrust case.

"The governor said he would try to help them," Pride said. Pride said the \$100,000 pledge came from "businesses who stand to benefit from the convention, like the airlines.

Pride said one of the main obstacles to the switch is the Aug. 21-24 convention schedule. General Motors Co. has

rented the city's convention hall on those days.

In 1971, Florida bid for both the Republican and Democratic conventions, offering a package of cash, motel rooms, transportation and services. The GOP chose San Diego; the Democrats Miami Beach.

Askew, a Democrat, met with Richard Heran, vice chairman of the Republican Committee on Arrangements, and Florida GOP Chairman L. E. "Tommy" Thomas in Tallahassee yesterday.

Herman has been in Miami Beach laying the groundwork for a possible switch in sites.

Meanwhile, Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.) the GOP national chairman, flew to Miami yesterday. He said the convention site question had not been settled and he expected to confer with Herman on Sunday.

The senator said in Miami he had told Herman "to come up with a recommen-

dition" on where the convention should be held. However, no such recommendation had been made as yet, he said.

Earlier, Miami Beach