

GOP Moves to Florida

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Republican Party formally switched its 1972 national convention from San Diego to Miami Beach today.

The move was unanimously approved by the Republican National Committee after it received a report that mounting costs and threatened labor problems made it impossible to stage the convention in San Diego.

The convention dates re-

main the same as originally scheduled, Aug. 21 to 23.

National Committee Chairman Robert Dole said the switch was made "with some anguish and reluctantly."

Miami Beach Mayor Chuck Hall officially presented the city's bid for the convention. Despite the city council's four to three vote in favor of it, "We all want you," he said.

The report of the difficul-

ties the Republicans ran into in San Diego was given by Richard Herman, vice chairman of the convention arrangements committee.

Herman said the main difficulty was caused by a disagreement between the party and the operator of the sports arena where the convention was to be held over construction costs.

"We have a contract with the operator," Herman said, "but substantial disagree-

ment arose over some of its terms. We found we were being forced to accept costs that rose higher as negotiations proceeded."

Herman also said the Republicans become apprehensive when a strike of construction workers in the city appeared to be developing. The strike materialized May 1, he said.

The vote to accept Miami Beach's bid was a voice vote with no opposition heard.