

O. P. GIVEN WIDE CHOICE OF TRAVEL TO CLEVELAND; HALL READY FOR DEMOCRATS

Delegates to Convention
May Use Rail, Boat
Air or Bus Lines.

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PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—A stone's throw from the banks of historic Schuylkill River stands the Municipal Auditorium—scene of the 6 Democratic National convention. It is here—in a \$5,000,000 structure—where President Franklin D. Roosevelt will be renominated this party in the week of June 23.

Completed in 1931, the Convention as it most commonly is known, is the Democratic Party all the more that a political organization in convention could desire. There are numerous "exclusive" areas of Convention Hall. In addition to the 13,500 seats on the floor and balcony in the auditorium proper, there are 60 side boxes situated off long, imposing ways. These will enable each state delegation to have its own conference room. Also, they will provide meeting places for various convention committees and private conferences for James A. Farley, National Democratic chairman, and other chieftains.

Massive Organ in Hall

The party's theme song of the convention— "Happy Days Are Here Again"—may be played. This time on an organ, which is to be even greater than the one in Chicago's Stadium where the organists met four years ago.

Acoustics in the auditorium are to be nearly perfect, but addition a highly efficient sound apparatus is available for rostrum, the permanent chairman of the convention, and other officers.

More than 1,000 persons may be on the huge stage at the end of the auditorium. In there is a ballroom on the floor. Another 1,800 persons can be accommodated there, though the temperature outside may be in the 90s during convention time, the inside will be probably cool. An elaborate ventilation system keeps the hall free of oppressive humidity.

Artistically Beautiful

As far as the interior appearance of the hall is concerned, it is best described by the words "artistically beautiful." Unlike the "exposition hall" designed for and with little thought to be used as a "all-purpose" structure. Marble, bronze and aluminum have been combined in decorative scheme.

The hall, located at 34th-st. is from the din of downtown. It may be reached by bus, trolley car or elevated lines. Philadelphia police officials have prepared a traffic system to speed up transportation to and from the hall.

Farby is the University of Pennsylvania campus and the many interesting buildings of the university was founded by Benjamin Franklin.

Hall 408 by 236 Feet

The great auditorium itself occupies the major part of the new structure covering ground space of feet in length by 236 feet in width.

The space occupied by the hall, or arena, is 300 feet of length of the building and 226 of the width.

highest point is approximately feet—and there are no columns to obstruct the view of the speaker's platform and stage.

than a block away are the Philadelphia General Hospital and University of Pennsylvania Hospital, both nationally known.

Convention Hall has been filled to capacity many times. One of occasions was the visit of the Senator Huey P. Long of Louisiana.

High Time for Gate Crashers

addressing more than 14,000 persons, bitterly attacked President Roosevelt's policies and offered his wealth as the way to re-

turn. The convention will be no easy task for "gate-crashers," according to Edwin A. Halsey, sergeant-

at-arms. He has inspected the hall several times and has requested the city administration to assign a large police protection to the area.

Franklin Field, where President Roosevelt is expected to deliver his acceptance speech, is only a short distance from the hall. The stadium has a seating capacity of 80,000 and is known as the great sports amphitheater, where the Army and Navy have played many of their football games.

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