Delegates bring inertia, gaiety

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There were also the Humphrey girls, sweet young things who showed their political consciousness by prancing around in baggy pants, drawing all manner of symbols to the rear, emerging from the HHH buses they were wearing. There were the sweet savannahs and pacificknesses, lean, young, and tough, dressed in ultra-conservative business suits and wearing small, colorful lapel pins to designate their functions.

Undoubtedly one of the most interesting of the many types of people at the convention was the garden variety Humphrey delegate. Judging from observations and overheard conversations, there seemed to be a large number of older delegates who came to Chicago to vote for Humphrey and enjoy the snappy style of the city and could not comprehend how the opposition could possibly fail to support Humphrey after the convention. These people, who had devoted themselves to the Democratic Party for many years, were the source of the inertia which made it so difficult for the McCarthy forces to successfully complete their attempt to blithely take over the party machinery. These Humphrey delegates were funny folk, all sorts of nudes, and (at least one case) pops. They (and other delegates) were transported on police-ordered buses through jolly-white neighborhoods where children lined the streets waving flags all the way the Amphitheatre; they cast their votes for Humphrey and were brought back to their hotels the same way. Perhaps they were perplexed by the demonstration across from the Hilton who chanted "You killed the party,"

By far the most extraordinary group of people to attend the convention arrived in the galleries Thursday night. They were dressed in baggy suits and carried "We love Mayor Daley" signs. Their credentials were not the standard magnetic type, but instead consisted of printed paper held up suspended around their necks with string. Much of the time their necks with string. Much of the time

The look on their faces was that of one who hasn't had a thought of his own in the last decade, as perhaps there was not much point in expectation of any satisfying answers. These people were conveniently available to shout down the chorus of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" which led up the convention following the Robert F. Kennedy movie and were the most enthusiastic Humphrey demonstrators. Someone from outside Chicago might suspect that these were body workers who would be later to retain their positions on payrolls.

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