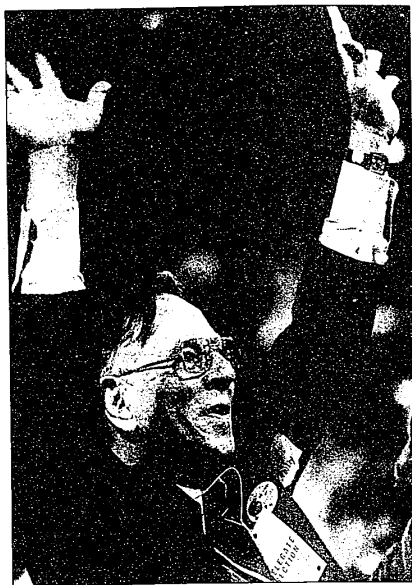


Convention sights and faces add luster to a gala affair



Michigan delegate Jerry Nissley raises his hands in approval as Gerald Ford took the podium to address the convention Monday night. (Staff photo by John Stano)



State Sen. Jack Welborn and delegate Peter Secchia have a little fun during a break in convention proceedings Tuesday. Both are with the Michigan delegation. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)



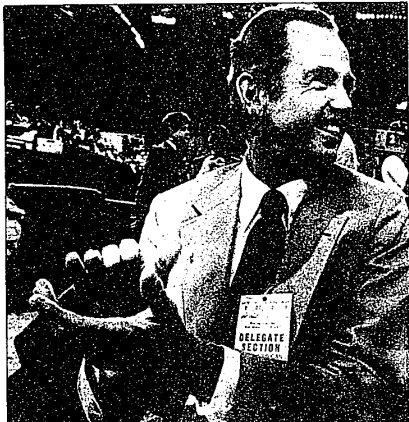
Cheerful delegates urged Gov. Ronald Reagan to pick New York Congressman Jack Kemp, former pro football quarterback, as his vice presidential running mate. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)



As the temperatures outside the Joe Louis Arena soared into the 90s during convention week, several visitors took advantage of the water fountain in Hart Plaza to cool off. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)



Nancy Reagan attended the convention sessions while her husband Ronald followed tradition and stayed away from the Joe Louis festivities. (Staff photo by Art Emanuele)



Gov. William Milliken greeted Detroit Mayor Coleman Young with applause Monday during opening ceremonies as the mayor welcomed the GOP convention to Detroit. (Staff photo by David Frank)



Betty and Gerald Ford waved to the crowd from the podium Monday evening before Ford offered his remarks on the future of the Republican party. (Staff photo by John Stano)