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CALIFORNIA SENATOR JESSIE UNRUH SPEAKS AT UM

MISSOULA, MONT.----Jessie M. Unruh, California's Democratic assembly leader, will speak at the University of Montana May 8 at 8:15 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

Past speaker of the California Assembly, Unruh held this post from September of 1961 to January of 1969 when control of the Assembly passed to the Republican party. During his tenure as speaker, he served longer in that post than anyone in California history. After leaving the speakership, he was unanimously elected assembly leader by his colleagues, a post he now holds.

Unruh was the first major figure in California Democratic politics to join the John F. Kennedy presidential campaign. He headed the Kennedy forces in the California delegation to the 1960 Democratic National Convention and served as manager of the Kennedy campaign in southern California. John Kennedy carried Los Angeles County, while losing the state by a narrow margin.

In 1964 Unruh again played a major role in Democratic campaigns in southern California. He was in charge of campaign activities on behalf of former President Lyndon B. Johnson and former Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey. In 1966 he served as chairman of the executive committee of Governor Brown's unsuccessful campaign for a third term.

Unruh served as chairman of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's presidential campaign in California and chairman of California's Kennedy delegation to

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the 1968 National Convention in Chicago.

In 1967 Unruh was appointed by former President Johnson to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and the National Advisory Committee on Highway Safety. His alma mater, the University of Southern California, awarded him an honorary doctor of law degree in 1967. He also acts as a trustee of the Institute for American Universities which provides foreign university training for American students.

In addition to many appearances at colleges and universities in California,
Unruh has toured extensively outside the state as a lecturer on politics and
state legislatures. In October and November of 1963, he lectured in the
Far East in a program sponsored by the U.S. State Department.

Mr. Unruh's appearance on campus is sponsored by ASUM Program Council.