

public affairs

Dupont
Blisters
Everyone

Jerome Dupont is criticizing Republican and Democratic alike in his bid for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 2nd District.

Dupont, a 29-year-old Ann Arbor lawyer, hit incumbent Republican Rep. Marvin Esch for voting in favor of a combination tax hike-spending cut.

Dupont's view is that the tax increase will help finance the war in Vietnam and that domestic spending should be cut but increased.

BUT FORMER DEMOCRATIC Rep. Weston E. Vivian (1965-66) also has been getting his lumps from Dupont, who said in a recent statement:

"Vivian was an administration supporter throughout the 89th Congress; he applauded and defended its record even today. His present candidacy is based on the record of that Congress—a record scarred by short-sighted policies and the priorities of violence."

By the "priorities of violence," Dupont means "the national priorities which favor military stockpiling and space exploration over the health, education and welfare of our own people."

DUPONT ALSO faults Vivian's record in Congress for "his vote for a civil rights amendment allowing discrimination by real estate agents on written instructions from clients."

On the other hand, Dupont "welcomes" the candidacy of John McDermott Sr., of Howell, because he "has taken a clear and unequivocal position of support for the record of the Johnson-Humphrey Administration... (It) will aid in presenting a clear choice to the voters."



REV. JAMES L. MEYER keeps score at 19th District Democratic caucus.

Priest Is More
Than Spectator
In 19th District

He wasn't at the party's caucus to say grace. He was in the fight up to his Roman collar. He's the Rev. James L. Meyer, assistant pastor of St. Benedict Parish in Waterford Township, up near Pontiac, and he was a delegate to the last Democratic state convention. He almost got elected an at-large delegate from the 19th District to the national convention, collecting 47 votes with 55 needed to win. A lot of those votes came from Livonia and Redford.

GM Trains
Ex-Soldiers
Fireworks
Bill Is Alive

The Michigan Legislature on July 23 will consider a fireworks bill sponsored by Rep. Louis E. Schmidt, R-Livonia, as a special order of business. A conference committee will report to the House and Senate on Schmidt's bill regarding permits for fireworks shows.

Purpose of the bill is to establish a procedure for handling fireworks permits and to set up better controls over handling and storage of fireworks. Schmidt said the present law allows a person to get a fireworks permit one place for a display in another. Under Schmidt's bill, the permit may be processed only in the community in which the fireworks show is to be presented.

Before original approval of the bill, the Senate attached an amendment relative to persons licensed to carry pistols. The amendment also defines areas in a vehicle in which pistols may be carried. Fire Marshal John Bunk of the Detroit Fire Department, a member of the Legislative Committee of State Fire Marshals, worked with Schmidt in contacting interested fire department personnel. The bill has the support of the State Fire Marshal's office, the State Police, and the Michigan Association of Fire Marshals.

Following graduation from the GM training course and separation from the service, each man who is interested will be offered a job interview by a GM dealer representing Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick, Cadillac, GMC Truck & Coach, Detroit Diesel, or Frigidaire. There is no obligation to seek a GM job, however. Further, there is no cost to GM dealers.

Storm Loss May Rate
Income Tax Deduction

If you suffered a loss because of last week's heavy rain and floods, you may be entitled to a casualty loss deduction on your 1968 Federal Income Tax return.

So says A.M. Stoepeler, district director of Internal Revenue in Detroit.

WHILE MOST PERSONS will not be required to file returns until next April, Stoepeler pointed out that the best time to prepare the necessary information is as soon after the occurrence of the casualty as possible. Lists of losses or of damage to property are apt to be more complete if prepared early, he said.

In addition, photographs of the property as it existed before the flooding and those taken afterwards will be very helpful in determining the nature and extent of the loss.

Bills for replaced property or necessary repair work as well as records of original cost and insurance coverage of damaged property should also be retained to support deductions.

THE DISTRICT director said that affected taxpayers may wish to seek information about the method of computing the loss and certain limitations which apply. For instance, unreimbursed losses of property used for personal purposes are deductible only to the extent that they exceed \$100 for each casualty. The \$100 limitation, however, is not applicable to losses of business property or property held for the production of income.

Fights For Party Control
Shape Up In Local Precincts

By TIM CHICARD

In dozens of suburban neighborhoods, political battles are brewing in the August primary. Individually, they are minor. Collectively, they add up to battles for control of the two political parties in some towns.

Democrats in Redford Township, Republicans and Democrats in Livonia and Republicans in Farmington city and township will wage the battles in precinct delegate elections.

When you get a majority of precinct delegates in your camp, you can go a long way toward controlling the party structure.

FOR DEMOCRATS, the Redford and Livonia delegate races point to an apparent battle between 19th District-Wayne Chairman Jerry Raymond, the Livonia councilman and party "regular," and Ron Martiros, a candidate for Congress and leader of the anti-Vietnam war Democrats.

Another party source said 19th-Wayne Democrats are actually split into four groups—behind Raymond, Martiros, Paul Kadish and Marvin Stemples.

At present, the Raymond, Kadish and Stemples Democrats are united against the Martiros forces.

Martiros denies he's fielding

a slate. He says it's the tradition for 19th-Wayne Democrats to fight hard for precinct delegate posts.

"Take a look at the Oakland County 19th," challenges Martiros. "In 154 precincts, only 64 have any candidates, and 90 are vacant."

"It's not because there aren't enough Democrats. It's apathy. It makes you sick."

No single group can dominate a party when there's plenty of activity like this," Martiros said.

Raymond couldn't be reached for his version.

Perhaps it's significant, perhaps only ironic, that in Jerry Raymond's home of Livonia Precinct 17, the candidate opposing him is Martiros' father, Ruben.

ON THE DEMOCRATIC side, of 49 precincts in Redford, there will be vacancies in only two but contests in 21.

Livonia faces even more Democratic precinct combat. In 44 precincts, there are only two vacancies and 23 contests. And on the Republican side in Livonia, there will be only one vacancy but 20 contests in the 44 precincts.

By way of contrast, Redford Republicans will leave 10 vacancies and will see only six contests; and Farmington Democrats, with a total of 20 precincts in the city and township, have left nine vacancies and will see only two contests.

THE BIGGEST battleground in Observerland, however, will be among Farmington Republicans.

With 20 precincts, they'll have 17 contests. There's not a single precinct in either city of township where someone isn't running.

It's like that all over Oakland County in the Republican Party.

On the western side, conservatives led by former chairman, Christian Powell are trying to topple the Romney-oriented regulars led by current 19th District Chairman John Cartwright.

On the eastern side, the conservatives are led by State Sen. Robert Huber of Troy and would like to dump Oakland County Chairman Joseph Farham, a Romneyite.

NOT ALL BATTLES on the Democratic side can be traced to the Raymond-Martiros clash, nor can all GOP battles be credited to the conservative-moderate fight.

But when you find a town with a lot of fights for precinct delegate seats, it's likely that it indicates a bigger battle is going on.

Plymouth city and township are dual battles for both Republicans and Democrats.

With a total of 12 precincts, Republicans fielded only six candidates. Democrats got the same number. There are no contested precincts in Plymouth in either party.

PRECINCT DELEGATES attend district conventions. There they elect half the executive board of the local party (the other half is composed of the nominees for county and legislative offices).

Precinct delegates, in their district conventions, also elect delegates to state conventions, where the party's candidates for state office (below lieutenant governor) are nominated.

Precinct delegates elect Aug. 6 will have nothing, however, to do with their parties' national conventions. The precinct delegates elected in 1966 started that process rolling.

Odds On Them
HHH, Nixon Court
Michigan Delegations

Michigan's presidential candidate pickers in both parties still debated the front-runners today with the odds shaping up as a Humphrey-Nixon slate in November.

Both delegations have been wooed by candidates in the last week.

Democrats, without a strong governor to lead them, are expected at this point to give at least 30 of their 102 votes to Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

Gov. Romney has frozen the 46 Republican vote pledged to him as a favorite son. He is playing a waiting game with Ohio and California between Nixon and New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

Party leaders agree the technique is a gamble between tipping the convention toward the winner and holding back a second too long when the bandwagon starts rolling.

Senator Eugene J. McCarthy was the latest seeker after Democratic support in a visit to Lansing Saturday and Sunday. He came to Michigan with an estimated five delegates and left with a sure 12.

BUT THE closed-door poll of Michigan delegates to the National Democratic Convention showed 61 for Humphrey,

12 for McCarthy, four scattered and the rest silent or uncommitted.

Insiders said the fight over whether the poll should be taken kept a number of Humphrey people from showing their hand.

McCarthy expressed confidence both to the airport crowd and later to the delegates, but his back-track statements were subject to at least two versions.

A pro-Humphrey view: After a series of similar questions from delegates, including Plymouth's Robert Dwyer, and AFL-CIO President Gus Schioler, McCarthy said he could see some conditions under which he could support Republican Rockefeller.

A McCarthy view: McCarthy said Rockefeller's stand on issues is getting closer to that of the late Democratic Senator Robert F. Kennedy and approaching his own.

HUMPHREY has been the front-runner among Michigan delegates since the state convention in Detroit despite charges among McCarthy people that he is not being given a fair shot.

Nationally Humphrey is speculated to have the convention votes needed for the nomination while the polls are reporting

ing McCarthy, a surprise New York primary victory under his belt, as the most popular candidate of either party.

In Chicago, the Illinois at-large delegation was under attack by McCarthy backers. They said it was selected to lean disproportionately toward Humphrey.

Humphrey, earlier scheduled to make another sortie into Michigan on a delegate hunt, canceled his date with the delegation last weekend and sent former Illinois Senator Paul Douglas and Minnesota Senator Walter F. Mondale to speak for him.

"It would be a waste of time for Humphrey to come to Michigan now," said one pro-Humphrey delegate. "He's got it wrapped up here."

Nixon, who apparently has stopped all but token campaigning since the Oregon primary landslide, met Romney and the delegation to the GOP convention on Romney's terms in Lansing.

In a speech in the Civic Center, Nixon predicted a Republican sweep in November, called on private business and industry to help solve the problems of the cities, and urged reversal of "the power flow from Washington back to the states."

He attacked the Johnson administration for letting the nation get into trouble both at home and abroad.

"This is the first time in history that peace abroad and peace at home both are issues at the same time," he said.

REPUBLICAN National Committee Chairman John B. Martin and other state party leaders said they had not made up their minds on the presidential candidate and the choice would be made "in open convention in Miami."

There were indications that Romney, embittered by the failure of the National Republican Governor's Conference and Rockefeller to support his own candidacy before his withdrawal, will use Michigan's 40 votes in Miami as either a club or a rapier.

Michigan Democrats are more certain at this moment where they are going in the Chicago convention, but the outcry from McCarthy's camp that the Establishment is ignoring the most popular candidate of either party is expected to continue to keep controversy alive.

National observers see Humphrey's campaign collapse with Nixon almost the certain GOP nominee.

In such a confrontation at the polls, they predict a Nixon landslide.

2 Companies Will Train 'Hard-Core'

Ford Motor Co. and Great Western Stamping Co. plan to train 210 hard-core unemployed persons in the Greater Detroit and Monroe areas, Secretary of Labor Willard W. Wirtz announced.

Two contracts with Ford covering the Detroit and Monroe Metal Stamping Division plants call for federal expenditures of \$85,854 and \$85,792 respectively to train 50 and 20 workers in various occupations.

The Great Markwestern Packing Co. of Detroit contract will provide \$414,709 in Federal funds for 140 trainees.

The National Alliance of Businessmen (NAB) participated in the development of the three contracts. In the M-3 series, as it does with most contracts in the President's Job Opportunities in the Business Sector (JOBS) program to provide employment for the jobless in the nation's major cities. Each contract is of two years duration.



SUPPORT — State Sen. George Kuhn, R-West Bloomfield, gave GOP presidential hopeful Richard Nixon a framed resolution indicating the support of 19 of the 20 Republicans in the Michigan Senate. Kuhn said he hoped it would influence the Michigan delegation to the Republican National Convention. The state delegation, so far, is supporting Gov. Romney as a favorite son. Nixon visited the state last week.

MEA Appoints
Pro Negotiators

Two consultants have been added to the Michigan Education Association Metro Area Center staff to assist Wayne County MEA units with professional teacher negotiations this summer.

Donald Louis, 34227 Spring Valley, Westland, and James Carlson, Allen Park, were retained as professional negotiators.

Richard Gray, Area Center Director said:

"BOTH HAVE excellent records as classroom teachers and past professional negotiating experience," he said.

"They'll be invaluable to us in the weeks ahead, advising local associations on the federal tax law. The Internal Revenue Service will send the document to interested persons. It can be obtained by dropping a postcard to the District Director of Internal Revenue, Detroit, 48226.

The appointment of Louis and Carlson was made after all MEA-affiliated local units had filed their initial proposals with the school district negotiating teams.

WIN MANY INSTANCES, the Boards of Education have been extremely slow responding to the initial proposals," Gray said.

Some delays were expected from a few school boards until the results of the June 10th operational millage elections were known," he continued.

Citizens approved 177 of the 232 millage issues in Michigan on that date, but many school board negotiating teams have yet to make counter proposals to the local association unit," Gray said.

Thus far, only three MEA affiliated teacher units in Wayne County have reached contract agreements. They are Cherry Hill, Huron and Grosse Ile. Twenty-three units are still negotiating.

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