## editorial opinion

# Is there a better way to select candidates?

Voters in tomorrow's presidential preferential primary might find confusing the matter of what their votes for presidential candidates are buying. It need not be that complex. In actuality, both Democrats and Republicans will chose delegates to their national conventions. For that reason, the preferential primary is serious enough business that it would be unwise to cross party lines just to screw up the other guy. If s spate of crossovers do skew the results, the cigar-chomping party politics have no one to blame but themselves.

DEMOCRATS HAVE the more confusing method of delegate selection of the two parties.

Three-fourths of Michigan's 133 votes at the Democratic National Convention will be apportioned to the 19 congressional districts on the siss of the number of Democratic votes in the 1972 presidential election and how many paid-up Democratic Party memberships there are in the district 60 days prior to tomorrow's voting.

District caucuses will apportion seats on the basis of popular votes for each candidate in Tuesday's contest.

Democratic State Central Committee will fill the other quarter of the delegation when it meets June 12.

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Republican voters formerow will be able to choose between delegates committed to Ford. Reagan or uncommitted.

Every congressional district in Michigan has three Republican National Convention delegates, regardless of party strength in the district.

A presidential candidate who gets 25 per cent of the vote in a district gets one delegate: 50 per cent. two delegates: 75 per cent. all three dele-gates. This accounts for 57 Republican delegates. Left over are 18 at large delegates who, to put it simply, will be picked in Grand Rapids in June by the entire state Republican convention.

DELEGATE SELECTION procedures of the two parties will probably reflect the will of the respective voters, however the possibility exists that either or both procedures could arrive at a delegate majority that does not reflect the procedures will be seen that neither party is trying to pull a fast one. Instead, they have evolved elaborate procedures trying to simulate the one-person, one-vote ideal.

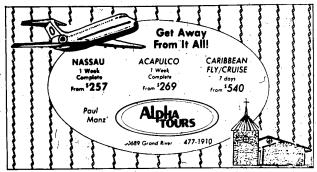
A third-grade mathematics student could come up with a simpler, more easily understood procedure using ratios to dictate the effect of popular vote on delegate count.

Democrats would do well to not allow paid-up party memberships to determine delegates. It hearkens to not-so-long-ago days of poll taxes when people had to pay to vote.

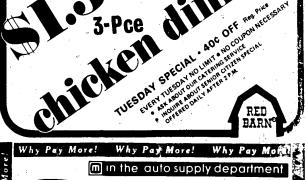
Republicans could do better than three delegates per district regardless of party strength. It evidences an ellist approach.

In any case, as long as political parties operate as private clubs and machines rather than open forums, they can do pretty much as they please and the general public won't give much of a damn.

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# Oakway performance defended

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to don't believe Mr. Peters knows many of the facts concerning the operation of this line group or he would never have written such a derogatory criticism. It is true the symphony is composed of a varied age group and all of them are dedicated musicians. They are unpaid and have rehearsals once a week, with the exception of an extra dress rehearsal before the concern of the control of the cont

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