

Romney For Veep?

Senators Hope Romney Uses Michigan Votes Right Way

By TIM RICHARD

MIAMI BEACH -- "Every morning we have breakfast at 6:30 and have a little caucus,"

observing the GOP

chuckled State Senator George Kuhn, "and we make a tally of the delegation."

The delegation is Michigan's, with 48 votes at the Republican National Convention for favorite son, George Romney, and the "we" to which Kuhn refers are the Nixon supporters of Michigan.

Breakfast is in a posh white house overlooking Biscayne Bay. It's elegantly appointed, excellent for relaxing and, more important to the resident, impressive for entertaining Michigan delegates.

The tally, as of the weekend, showed 13 delegates for Nixon, 13 for "R" (which Kuhn ex-

plains stands for the Romney-Rockefeller ideology) and 22 "I" for "Independent."

Presiding is Michigan's Senate Majority Leader, Emil Lockwood. Part of the group

watching, Kuhn repeats over and over.

Kuhn's list shows Mrs. Isabel Haynes, Farmington resident who heads the state GOP Women's Federation, as in the "R"; she's an alternate delegate.

Both 19th District delegates, Mrs. DeLores Kary of Redford and John Cartwright of West Bloomfield, have an "I" in front of their names, but Mrs. Kary is known to have Rockefeller sympathies while Cartwright is believed leaning toward Nixon.

John Boyle, a 15th District alternate from Westland, ranks as an "I" leaning toward "R."

LOCKWOOD and Kuhn figure that whichever way Romney jumps, he'll take a hefty majority of the Michigan votes with him.

The Nixon forces were in good position last weekend. On Sunday, the Michigan Delegation had nothing formal to do, and

the natural gathering spot was the Nixon Camp's House with its sparkling pool, ample supply of beverages, and delicious shrimp.

Among the visitors was the prominent Rockefeller backer -- Mrs. Helen Milliken, wife of Lt. Gov. William Milliken, who just happens to be head of the Rockefeller forces in Michigan.

"Bill's in Michigan; he had a lot to do," Helen Milliken said as she left the party, where she had received a cordial welcome and not one bit of joshing.

Back in the Carlton Hotel the Michigan delegations' headquarters, there was a hospital-ity room with an "Office Rocky" sign on the door but nothing was going on there.

Michigan Delegates Stick With Romney

MIAMI BEACH -- Gov. Romney lost four of his 48 Michigan favorite-son votes to California's Ronald Reagan today as the Republican National Convention waited to ballot on a presidential nominee.

Romney made the announcement following a steaming caucus with the 48-member Michigan delegation late yesterday.

He identified the four break-aways as "Dick Durant" types, two of them from Durand's 14th district in Grosse Pointe and two from the 12th district in Warren.

The rest of the delegation, including the group from Observerland, stayed with Romney as a favorite son playing high stakes politics in the pressure cooker of the presidential nomination.

"They will go as Romney goes," for Richard M. Nixon, New York's Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, or whoever the Michigan governor chooses to support on the second or later ballots.

Romney will be nominated for the presidency by Michigan's junior Senator Robert P. Griffin. Seconding speeches will be made by Utah State Chairman Dick Richards and by Michigan State Chairman, Mrs. Elly Peterson, also a former national committee chairman.

Romney said the four break-away Reagan supporters lend "some degree of uncertainty" to the Michigan delegation and thus increases interest in it and also enhance his chances of winning a platform plank depicting the concentration of economic power in big industry and big labor.

Romney said he would take the fight for the plank to the convention floor.

Michigan delegates met yesterday with Nixon but there was no indication of further slippage from Romney, Nixon refused to take a position on Griffin's fight to block the confirmation of Abe Fortas as chief justice of the United States Supreme Court.

He told Nixon he would not comment on any move that, if successful, might be beneficial to him should he become president.

At a closed-door breakfast caucus, Monday, the Michigan

Graduates

Gary A. Stern graduated recently from the University of Detroit dental school. A graduate of Clarenceville High School, he received his B.S. from Wayne State.

Now stationed in Virginia while serving in the army, Stern is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Stern, 1941 Antago, Livonia.

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Gribbs spoke briefly to the gathering on the importance of the sheriff's position.

"I found when I took the job that I didn't really know about the enormity of the position. I didn't realize that I had a \$5 million budget, or 500 employees under my command, or 1,200 'guests' in the jail, and all the problems attendant with that," Gribbs said.

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RELAXING AT POOLSIDE of the posh house on Biscayne Bay at which Michigan Nixon supporters make their headquarters are: from left, State Senator George Kuhn of West Bloomfield, and N. Lorraine Beebe of Dearborn Heights, and Farmington Township resident Robert Lyle, a broadcast newsmen.

May Seek GOP Reins

MIAMI BEACH -- William McLaughlin of Northville expressed a strong interest Monday in running for Michigan Republican state chairman next year after Mrs. Elly Peterson moves up to national committee.

McLaughlin, 36, is presently state vice-chairman and works for pay full time as executive director of the party.

The Michigan delegation to the national convention Monday morning unanimously elected Mrs. Peterson and Harold M. McClure, Jr., of Alma to the National Committee.

They will succeed Mrs. Ella Koene and John B. Martin, both of Grand Rapids.

Martin said he and Mrs. Koene will remain on their jobs through the 1968 campaign "for the sake of continuity" and retire after the first of 1969.

Mrs. Peterson then would hold the state chairmanship and national committee post simultaneously until the February 1969 state convention, at which time she will step down as chairman.

McDonald Tries To Roundup Rocky Votes

MIAMI BEACH -- Congressman Jack McDonald has broken a long silence and started campaigning for Nelson Rockefeller for president.

As of late Monday, McDonald, freshman lawmaker from the 19th District, was also trying to bring the Second District's Marvin Eech of Ann Arbor and the Third District's Garry Brown into the New Yorker's camp.

Each interviewed Monday afternoon at a Michigan reception, admitted his personal philosophy was closest to Rockefeller's, but declined to make his own endorsement at that time.

McDonald cited two reasons for backing Rockefeller.

"My own proposals on urban and poverty problems have been close to his -- and I think he can win," McDonald said.

"I'm working on lining up a number of Congressmen," he added.

McDonald pointed to his votes on the combined tax hike and spending cut, and on a Federal fair housing legislation, as bringing him close to the Rockefeller philosophy.

Also a likely factor in McDonald's mind, although he didn't directly mention it, was the fact that a private poll taken from the Michigan GOP showed Rockefeller running nine per cent ahead of Richard Nixon in the state's "marginal Republican" congressional districts.

Those marginal districts, taken over by the GOP by less than five per cent in 1966, include McDonald's 19th, Eech's second, Brown's third, Donald Riegler's seventh, and Phillip Ruppe's 11th.

AT THE SESSION, McDonald buttonholed John Cartwright, a 19th District delegate, and got Cartwright to admit:

"I'm a conservative -- but I want a winner."

In political code, a person who wants "a winner" can be safely assumed to be leading towards Rockefeller, while one who says he wants "the best qualified Republican" is most likely to be a Nixon man underneath.

public affairs



Vice-president Hubert Humphrey explains his views at a private news conference in Detroit Saturday morning.

Black Crowd Is Skeptical

By HENRY J. TEUTSCH

Women wearing shorts and halters with little children sitting on their hips, did people sitting in lawn chairs, unattached kids with muddy shoes and greasy faces, young black militants with black tums and jackets, pretty young black girls, wealthily dressed sporting the natural, Afro-American look and other people of the Detroit ghetto -- that appears well-kept on the

outside -- gathered on Seidon St., between the high rise, 14-story Jeffries Projects apartments and waited for Vice President of the United States Hubert Horatio Humphrey.

As secret service and Detroit policemen filtered through the audience, they were given side glances and ignored. Nobody likes "the man."

It was a skeptical crowd and it was evident they had come to cash in on free music, buttons, literature and toys.

Humphrey was more than two hours late. A black hippie standing near the back of the throng remarked, "Why did he bother comin'. We was gettin' along fine with the pigs."

THE DEMOCRATIC contender was greeted with a few boos: most of the applause came from his staff on the platform.

He didn't say much. Humphrey asked the crowd if they liked the Supremes. The unattached kids said yes. He asked if they liked James Brown. The kids responded.

"I'm happy to be in the neighborhood that produced two of the Supremes," he said. The hippie said, "Hell! Don't be evenkin' they come from the east side."

"I'm proud to let you folks know the Supremes have endorsed my candidacy." The kids clapped.

"When I was in Watts, I sang a duet with James Brown. Mr. Brown told me I couldn't sing very well. Mr. Brown kidded me and said I wouldn't have any soul unless I could do the Boogie Woogie."

"Can you do the Boogie Woogie?" he asked. The kids said yes.

"I've come to get a little of that soul," he said. A black militant commented, "You're in the right place, man."

HUMPHREY concluded, "I urge all you children to get your parents out to vote this November. All you adults don't forget to vote in the elections either. I hope you will vote for me. I want to work with the black people to make this country great."

The militants booed the unattached kids applauded and everyone else began to mill around. Humphrey had spoken for almost four minutes.

Some people felt cheated. An old man, with white hair and a limp in his walk, said, "I stood here for a long, hot time waiting for Mistuh Humphrey and all he does is ask me if I like the Supremes. That too much."

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