

# Nomination struggle cuts delegates fun and games

By LORRAINE McCLEISH

Mary Lou Barth ordered breakfast sent to her room in Kansas City's Crown Center Hotel at 7 a.m. Tuesday. She canceled her appointment at the hotel beauty salon and at the same time realized there would be no swimming for her that day. Nor would she be able to accept any of the invitations offered by the city's residents to see Kansas City sites.

She is a member of the Ford team, a resident of Farmington and a delegate to the Republican national convention from the 17th Congressional District. Her breakfast was eaten while she read literature from Reagan propaganda from officials that had been dropped at her door following her return to her room Monday night.

son, they were all smarting over the fact that Reagan T-shirts are being worn all over their hotel.

"I feel that's embarrassing to the President," Mrs. Barth said.

TO COUNTER this, a Kansas City Ford car dealer was contacted, and 50 white shirts bearing the Ford name were ordered with the promise of delivery by five that afternoon.

The old expression "quick bite" can be taken very literally for the time allotted for lunch. Ordering any meal here is not easy, particularly in the hotel. More often than not, it's a hurry-up-and-earn experience.

was as wide then as it is in Kansas City today.

Back in her room at 3:30 p.m. for a press conference, she finds more literature at her door and inside, some on the bed.

"How did this get here?" she asked no one in particular. "What's this Reagan stuff doing here?" "I know my roommate hasn't been here all day. Are those people bribing the maids now to get this stuff in our rooms?"

The old expression reveals that the other day she had gotten a personal letter from Ford asking her to list five persons she would like to see considered for vice-president.

## Fletcher's win is no surprise to our delegates

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Peter Fletcher, delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention from Livonia, has been re-elected Republican national committeeman by a 54-30 vote of the Michigan delegation.

Fletcher, whose opponent was Byron Crosse of Kalamazoo, retains the position he won last year after the resignation of Craghton Holden.

Quite predictable. No surprise here, said George Kettunen, a Reagan supporter from the 2d Congressional District. "The Ford and Reagan contingencies are running pretty consistent."

Robert Law, a delegate-at-large from Livonia, echoed Kettunen's no surprise statement after the Michigan delegation voted Sunday in caucus to defeat the Reagan camp's move to change the rules on vice-presidential nomination.



George Kettunen of Livonia and Shirely Arnold of Southfield are delegates at the Republican convention.

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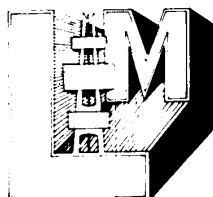
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