



John Budzinski of Southfield (left) helped map Reagan strategy with John Gnaou of Bloomfield Hills at the Republican convention.

Reagan backers claim shabby treatment in KC

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lured all over Kansas City this week there are a few which proclaim "Nixon is obnoxious."
In Republican jargon John Gnaou, a Bloomfield Hills resident and GOP delegate from the 18th Congressional District translated the words to mean: "I'm for Reagan."
The slogan marks the bearer as one who has shifted his support from the incumbent because of the Nixon pardon.

ACCORDING TO Gnaou, it is the single most reason for the Ford-Reagan split within the party.
Since the first vote, the Michigan delegation has barely wavered from the 50-50 or 55-45 pro-Ford split on any given issue. As of Tuesday morning, this was still holding.
Gnaou has been a party worker since he joined the old 13th District Young Republican in 1952 and has made known his pro-Reagan feelings in the past year through a host of activities, notably as state finance chairman for Reagan.
Monday night, Gnaou and his wife Mary were feeling like second-class citizens because the two are staying in the Crown Center Hotel, which is marked "President Ford Headquarters" on one side of the complex and "Ford Country" on the other.
Room service for dinner, ordered by the Gnaous to avoid the heavy restaurant crowds before going to Kemper Arena for the convention's Monday evening session, was cancelled. The hotel wasn't able to accommodate both those in the Reagan hospitality suite and the Ford party at the same time. The Reagan suite lost.

MARGY GNAOU holds sway over the Reagan hospitality room, adjacent to the Gnaous' living quarters, where the conversation was greeted with such comments as "Well, after all, we're the dissidents," and "It's the rebels who are living up here."
Gnaou's comment was that this kind of treatment, taking a second place stand to the Ford faction, "has been going on all week."
Gnaou said he even had trouble getting adjoining accommodations to set up the Reagan hospitality room.
The single instance this reporter witnessed of the hotel's deference to Ford was when a hotel security man asked that a Reagan banner be removed from the lobby when the Michigan delegation was setting up the Ford welcome Sunday afternoon.
Gnaou, an Oakland County road contractor, is floor leader for the Reagan faction of the Michigan delegation this week making sure the Reagan people are where they are supposed to be in the event of an emergency vote.
The job is almost invariably given to one of the party's working veterans because it is so easy to get lost in the shuffle and just lose the whole ball game," Gnaou said.

AS ADAMANT in their votes as the two factions are now, there doesn't seem to be any doubt in anyone's mind that they will pull together once the nominee is picked.

Barr demands tax equity

John Barr, chairman of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, is leading a crusade for more equity in distribution of federal tax money.
"For every dollar we pay in taxes to the U.S. Treasury, Michigan now gets back only 48 cents," Barr said.
Barr asked Gov. William Milliken to form a coalition with governors of the other four Great Lake states to demand a fairer distribution of taxes.
He said many northwestern and midwestern states, especially Michigan, already have seriously declining economies marked by high unemployment, loss of population and flight of tax-paying, job-providing industries.

There was some evidence of this in Kemper Arena Monday morning. Someone pointed out that the only delegation in the hall which distinguished themselves from the crowd were those from Hawaii because they all wore leis.
That was not altogether true. All the Michigan delegates were wearing "Each nation supporting U.S. Rep. Marvin Bash for the U.S. Senate" lei.

Local arts funds available in fall

Michigan Council for the Arts recently announced a change in the funding period for the community assistance program. The program grants up to \$1,000 for arts projects sponsored by nonprofit organizations. The new dates are Oct. 1, 1978 through Nov. 30, 1977.
Previously, the beginning date for projects in many grants, artist-in-residence, consultant service, conference assistance and touring presentations was Dec. 1, 1978.
E. Ray Scott, executive director, said the change was made to allow for increased arts activity at the end of the bi-centennial year, to make year-long activity easier to plan and implement, and to allow for continual activity during the year.
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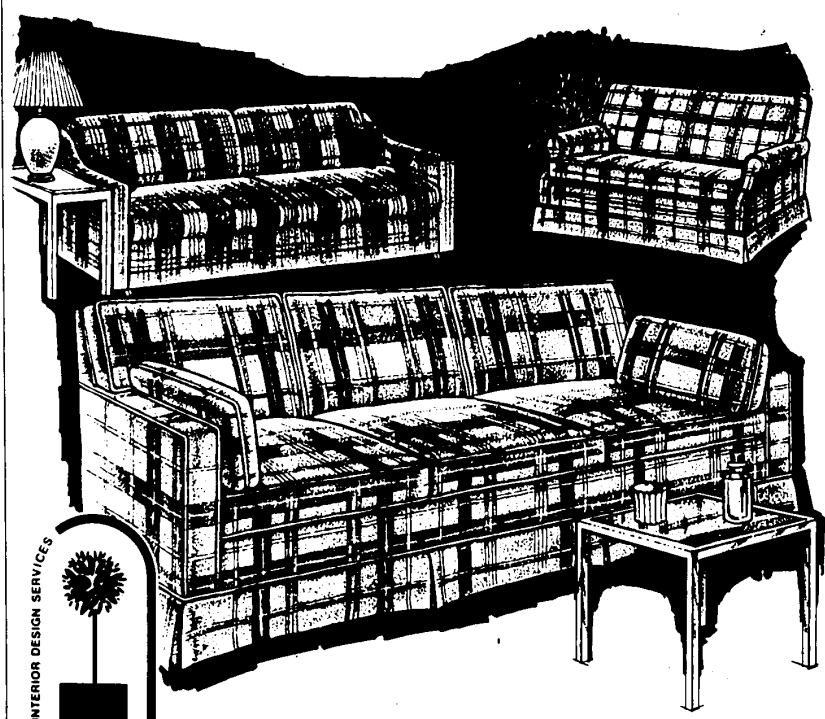
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