

## Regional government provides effective services, expert says

By VICKY BILLINGTON

For some, the way to a more effective government is through regionalism, where the tax burden of day-to-day services is evenly distributed among all residents in a geographic region, regardless of city boundaries.

One person who feels strongly about regional government is James L. Heland, the first chairman of the Metropolitan Council in Minneapolis-St. Paul, home of the country's first regional system. Heland was the key speaker Tuesday at the annual meeting of Metropolitan Fund, Inc., one of the major backers of Michigan House Bill 5527, a regionalism proposal up for debate in the legislature this fall.

"YOU'RE ALL interdependent on the economic and social health of the south-eastern Michigan region," Heland said. "An urban lifestyle is a mobile. You may work in one unit, live in another, go to church in yet another, constantly moving for a variety of functions. So there are really artificial barriers as to who pays for the services. And those who receive services should pay for the services."

House Bill 5527, also called the Ryan Bill for its sponsor Rep. William Ryan (D-Detroit), is very similar to what Heland said has been successful in the Minnesota twin cities since its introduction in 1967.

"MORE EFFECTIVE government doesn't mean more or less taxes," Heland explained. "But the cities and the suburbs should have the same taxes for day-to-day services such as roads, sewage and water lines, hospitals, airports, sanitation, parks and a transit system."

The regional system in Minnesota, he said, is apposite and cannot pass laws, with the legislature having the final control over its proposals. But it has its own tax base, has the right to issue bonds and has the power to veto any item in its budget.

The Ryan bill provides for an elective governing body which has the authority to coordinate the funding of such services as sewage and roads.

Regional government, Heland said, "takes the burden away from individual cities and has all cities work on these problems, services which the citizens cannot effectively provide alone."

## Phil Hart donates papers

U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart, who is retiring after 18 years of Michigan representation, has donated his papers to the Michigan Historical Collections of the University of Michigan.

The collection of correspondence, legislative files and campaign materials is expected to total more than 700 lined feet, according to Robert Warner, director of the collections which are housed in the Bentley Historical Library.

"The Hart papers make an outstanding addition to the library," said Warner. "They join those of several of the senator's political colleagues such as six-term Gov. G. Mennen Williams, Democratic chairman and former congressman Neil Slaughter and long-time Democratic party worker, Margaret Price. These materials make an important resource for researchers interested in legislative politics of the 1950s and 1960s."

Hart graduated from the U.M. Law School in 1937 and was in private practice before entering public office. He served two terms as lieutenant governor of Michigan before becoming a senator.

## State policy on freeway patrol eyed

Gov. William G. Milliken, who recently ordered state police to patrol state freeways in Detroit, has confirmed that he is considering a policy on state patrol within cities that would "apply uniformly throughout the state."

He also said he plans to submit to the legislature a supplemental budget request that would restore cuts made by the legislature, allow for reformation of the state police recruit school, and fund an increase in the number of troopers.

"I want to assure that in the long run there is no robbing of one area to supply troopers for another," Milliken told Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy in a private meeting in September at an Atlanta conference.

Murphy had inquired about prospects and state police patrol on the interstate system in Oakland County.

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## 4 career seminars set

Four career information seminars have been scheduled for October by the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Placement Office.

Each week a panel of experts from one career will present a discussion about that field, followed by a question and answer period. Representatives from Michigan's professional schools also will be invited to discuss admissions procedures and career opportunities.

The seminars will meet each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Module 4, located next to the cafeteria at the school, 4901 Evergreen. The sessions are open to the public. On the agenda are: Oct. 6 - medical schools; Oct. 13 - communications, including journalism, public relations and broadcasting; Oct. 20 - dental schools, dental hygiene; Oct. 27 - urban planning, city management and transportation.

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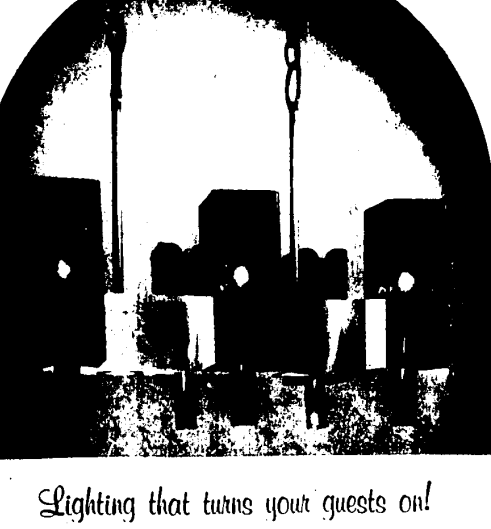
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