

# Brodhead launches vigil for freedom

Congressman William M. Brodhead (D-17th) launched a "Vigil for Freedom" for Soviet Jewry with a speech in the U.S. House of Representatives last week.

Charging that "the Soviet government has regarded the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Agreement as empty promises," Brodhead called upon House members to join him in a series of daily floor speeches to call attention to the plight of Soviet Jews who have attempted to emigrate from Russia.

Working with the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, Brodhead is congressional coordinator of the vigil. Each

for the past several months, members will lead off house sessions by giving brief speeches about particular individuals and families who have attempted to leave the USSR.

In his kickoff speech, Brodhead spoke of the Alexander Maryasin family who live in Riga in the Latvian SSR. Brodhead had "adopted" the family who have been attempting to emigrate to Israel since 1973.

"Since 1973, the family has been jobless and has been forced to sell its possessions merely to exist," he said.

"Letters I have written to Soviet Party Secretary Brezhnev and to other Russian officials have gone unanswered."

"THE MARYSINS, along with thousands of other Soviet Jews, have lost everything because of their desire to live in peace and freedom. It is my hope that this vigil for freedom will strengthen our resolve to assist them."

Brodhead pointed out that the Soviet government has drastically reduced the numbers of Jewish citizens permitted to leave Russia from over 35,000 in 1973 to about 1,100 a month through 1976.

The members of an informal group in the USSR established to monitor the government's compliance with the Helsinki accords have been officially and unofficially harassed, or like Anatoly Scharansky, imprisoned for months without the rights of other Soviet citizens.

Individuals wishing to emigrate often face long waits before receiving their papers, as well as repeated refusals, firings from unemployment, disruption of mail and telephone service, surveillance and other forms of intimidation.

# Ross takes a walk on campaign trail

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY  
Consumer advocate Douglas Ross says he won't be making a lot of promises in his campaign for the 15th district State Senate seat.

"I'm making a very conscious effort to break the pattern in American politics of overpromising the people what government can do for them and what a public official can do for them," said the Democrat and former head of the Michigan Citizens' Lobby.

"No one person can go to Lansing or Washington alone and solve their problems or their satisfaction."

Ross is the only announced candidate thus far for the seat held by State Sen. Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park). If Cooper seeks re-election, he and Ross and any other Democratic candidate

will square off in the August primary. Rather than invest a lot in advertising, Ross is planning a walking campaign through subdivisions in Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield, part of the 15th district.

On the opening of his Farmington area office, Ross said bringing government closer to the people, working for senior citizens' aid and concerns over low income housing and land use will be emphasized in his campaign.

LOW INCOME housing should be available for persons who work in the area, according to Ross.

"What people don't want is a high concentration of low income projects. In order not to dramatically change the character of the community, we

should disperse low-income housing."

"Low income people have to be housed," Ross said. "They can't be dropped into the river. The only solution is that low to moderate income people live throughout the suburbs."

Housing and aid for seniors are among area residents' concerns, he said.

Ross added that demand by seniors for low income housing has been "phenomenal" and is an "absolute necessity."

Citing a need for better public transportation, Ross said, "Some seniors are virtual prisoners in their own apartments and houses because they can't get around."

Transportation could be provided on a county-wide basis, he explained, through a dial-a-ride service. Such a system could be financed through the Milliken-Ryan bill, now before the legislature, Ross said.

IN ADDITION to better transportation for seniors, Ross favors assistance in paying utility bills for the elderly remaining in their homes.

During the winter, a program initiated to give seniors some relief against rising utility costs was a victim of poor administration, Ross said, as checks were sent out only a few weeks ago.

Besides getting help in paying heating bills, Ross said seniors should also be able to stay in their own homes and apartments as long as they can. Chore service, which would provide help in

home tasks, like shoveling the walk or grocery shopping, and a meal service would help seniors stay out of nursing homes, the consumer advocate said.

HIS WALKING campaign is aimed at bringing government closer to everyday experience, he said.

"There is a need for government proposals and agencies to work better so they become ways to improve our lives rather than be seen as obstacles to work around," Ross said.

Open government would make way for practical efficient actions, according to Ross.

The proposed lobbyists' disclosure law and an "enforceable" conflict of interest law would, Ross said, help to open government to the voters by informing them of officials' outside interests.

Programs could be kept on a more practical, relevant level through annual evaluation, he said. Sunset laws, which would place a termination date on taxes, programs and agencies could, he added, compel legislators to update their solutions to the state's problems.

Residents are concerned about land use, Ross said, adding that loss of recreational resources and agricultural areas are the consequences of poor land use. Controversy over the completion of I-75 is an example of residents, retailers, developers and environmentalists working together towards a solution to a land use problem, according to Ross.

# Franklin appeals Southfield rule

By JOE MARTUCCI

Franklin is asking Southfield's zoning board of appeals to overturn the city council's recent approval of plans for the Park LaSalle development.

Franklin Atty. Michael Feiler acknowledged that this is a "little known" method of appeal, but he said it's provided for in state zoning laws. Southfield Atty. Sigmund Beras, however, said he's never heard of such an appeal in his 11 years as city attorney. Usually, opponents seek to have a city council decision overturned in circuit court, he noted.

"This is a novel way of proceeding. I've never experienced anything like this at all," said Beras.

Joining with the village in the appeal is Concerned Citizens of Franklin, a homeowners' group opposed to the \$125 million high-rise Park LaSalle project.

The appeal is set for April 18, according to Feiler. He said no building permits could be issued in the interim.

The Franklin attorney also said the zoning board proceeding would be quasi-judicial in nature. Testimony will be taken and a formal record kept, as in court.

Traditionally, zoning boards of appeals rule on variances, special exceptions and hardship cases. These arise when a developer is unable to comply with ordinance requirements.

BUT FEILER contends the zoning board also has the power to overturn the city council's approval of Park LaSalle site plans. He said when the council considered the plans it was acting in an administrative—not legislative—capacity.

Legislative bodies set policy and administrative ones implement it. Actions of legislative bodies can only be challenged in the courts.

"Our basic position is that the city council has unduly narrowly considered the impact statement requirements. The one filed (by the developer) does not address itself adequately to all the issues," Feiler said.

Southfield officials required the Park LaSalle developer, S.B. McLaughlin, to file a community impact statement to determine effects on roads, drainage and the environment.

Project opponents have argued that the developer's study was inadequate. Southfield council members didn't see it that way.

Feiler said the community impact statement "is an integral part of the site plan review process" and that approval "should not have been granted."

Opponents are also considering a separate legal action against the developer under the provision of the state's Environmental Protection Act, according to Franklin's attorney.

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