Senate hopefuls air inflation views

By TIM RICHARD

If a Democrat were to defeat Republican U.S. Seator Robert Griffer and the season of the season of

PHILIP POWER, owner of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and an econ-omist by academic background, distin-guished between several causes of

omist by academic background, distinguished between several causes of inflation.

"First, there are price increases in raw materials...gas, coffee. Second, there is index inflation—cost of living, escalators built into everything—labor contracts, social security. Third, there is lack of competition in some industries.

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industries.

'The second kind (index inflation) is hard to attack.

'Right now the oil industry is the marketing representative for OPEC (Organization of Oil Exporting Countries). It is vertically integrated. I would break up the oil industry's vertical integration... and force competition at the refinery level."

JOHN OTTERBACHER, state senator from Grand Rapids, said he would
start with "putting people back to
work, to increase tax revenues and
stop the drain on social services. Second, energy conservation and conwersion from fossil fuel; find alternative resources.
"Third, take a hard look at existing
anti-trust laws and increase the funding to the attorney general's anti-trust
division. We should allow private
attorneys to take on anti-trust cases."
Otterbacher advocated stiffer penalties in anti-trust decisions "so that
when you lose one, you really lose—it
hurts."

Fourth, he proposed "a broader Federal Reserve Board, not just bankers."

ANTHONY DEREZINSKI, state

enator from Muskegon, said 'most inflation is caused by OPEC. Foreign companies made that decision. Oil prices will continue to rise unless we change our foreign policy."
Derezinski favored reducing consumption of oil and seeking alternative sources of energy.
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"President Carter made a choice: Bring down the unemployment rate and put inflation on the back burper, said Derezinski, indicating he agreed. On anti-trust measures, he said "is would not be good to break up the Big Three (auto companies). We should put more scrutiny to price fixing and vertical integration of industry."

HARRY PAYNE, former Michigan director of the American Arbitration Association, said he agreed with the other candidates and "I would add

other canniums on.

Payne's additions: "Our trade agreements need realignment. Our agreements with Japan are absurd. I ried to buy an American Chevrolet in Japan a couple of years ago-\$12,000! It's probably \$3,000 or \$14,000 now.

He praised Treasury Secretary Michael Blumethal for wanting to sell some of America's gold supply because "it's improving our balance of payments."

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Payne advocated "reducing the work week and looking at our budget deficit—we can't buy everything."

PAUL ROSENBAUM, state repre-sentative from Battle Creek Township, emphasized reducing unemployment as the method of correcting the federal deficit

deficit.
"For every one per cent unemployment drops, it makes a \$20 billion dif-ference to the treasury" in higher tax revenues and lower costs.
Rosenbaum called for "zero base budgeting," under which a govern-mental agency would have to justify its budget appropriation from scratch rather than adding on a few per cent every year.

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"I'm opposed to wage and price con-trols, but I would beef up the Council on Wage and Price Stability," said Rosenbaum. He called for alternative sources of energy such as "organic conversion and solar energy."

CARL LEVIN, former Detroit councilman and council president, called for alternative energy sources—"solar

energy, also wind and wave—except nuclear energy."
Levin's anti-inflation plank called for 'cutting dependence on foreign oil monopolists and full employment.
"We should have the gust so say no' to special interests," Levin said, criticizing incumbert Griffin for voting for 'am inflationary farm bill ... to win their votes,"

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Levin said the senate "should put the reins on the federal bureaucracy. The real power is in the federal bureaucracy. Lay down a copy of a law and then next to it place a copy of the bureaucracy's rules and regulations derived from the law. It isn't Congress' intent. Bureaucracy is responsible for our loss of freedom and money."

RICHARD VANDER VEEN, former RICHARD VANDER VEEN, former U.S. representative from the 5th District in western Michigan, said "we can't really attack inflation until we attack the real problem—the bad example of the federal government." Some kinds of federal spending are not inflationary and some are, he said, cliting "defenses spending as highly inflationary."
Vander Veen advocating reducing oil imports. He added, "I'd don't know if Congress will face up to the indexing of government salaries and pensions with the cost of living."
Two other candidates in the Aug. 8 primary did not appear—Dudley Buffa, former aide to U.S. Sen. Philip Hart, and Warren Bracy, leav professor at the University of Toledo.

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