A Murphy aide said another result of the suit, if successful, would be poorer

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control of county spending and less than uniform policies. "Outside the county executive," he said, "depart-ment heads would be able to lobby the board to do their bidding. With an executive, they have to lobby in two places."

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# Move to oust Murphy political, philosophical

By TIM RICHARD

On paper, it looks like a court chal-lenge to abolish the position of Oak-land County executive and oust Daniel T. Murphy, who presently holds the ich.

Beyond the legal pleadings, how-ever, are far different philosophies of what government should be like in an

what government should be like in an urban county.

Three conservative Republican politicians and one bipartisan group, the courty road commission, are asking Gruit Judge Seven Andrews to eliminate Murphy's job. Their request:

"That this court enter a declaratory judgment ordering that the office of Oxidand County Executive is unconstitutional and unlawfut; order that defendant Murphy is ousted from office and commanding the defendand Murphy to ease exercising any of the functions of said office."

THE SUIT would do more, however, than eliminate Murphy's office. It would change the thrust of govern-ment in Oakland County and southeast Michigan.

, . If successful, it would allow Oakland

# Kissinger to boost **Broomfield**

...The topic is expected to be Israeli-Egyptian relations. The speaker will be former Secretary of State Henry

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I. Kläsinger the Nobel Prize-winning master of shuttle diplomacy for Presidents Nixon and Ford, will speak at a 50 a plate fundraiser kicking off Congressman William Broomfield's reelection campaign. It will begin sept. 14 at noon at Southfield's Raelegh. House.

Broomfield, the ranking Republican on the House Committee on International Relations, is seeking reelection in the 18th Congressional District, which in cludes Birmingham. Boomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield and the Lakes area.

area.

According to George Halter, chairman of the fundraiser, tickets are going fast. Remaining tickets may be reserved at Oakland County's Republican Headquarters at 245 S. Woodward in Birmlingham.

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to withdraw from the Southeastern Mchigan Transportation Authority and probably wreck the ge-withdraw and probably wreck the ge-withdraw and probably wreck the ge-withdraw agency: it would halt the efforts of Murphy and his supporters to consolidate three, public works agencies under one roof; and it could lead to establishment of a "bulk appropriation" process in which a department head would get one lump sum from the courty budget to spend as he pleases. The plaintiffs are Commissioner George W. Hoot (R-Bloomfield Town-Stories) and a 2-1 majority of the road commission, an appointed body which functions relatively independently of general courty government.

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Personal politics are involved, to. Put printing and some moderate against Hoof tay, and some moderate against Hoof tay, who was to be chief sponsor of the county executive law. Patterson is generally outside the mainstream of Republican politics and took at 1 drubbing from U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin in the Aug. 8 primary after other candidate dropped out.

what Title FOUR are arguing is that the 1963 Michigan constitution contemplates only two forms of county government.

One is the traditional form of a host of independent officials. The other is charter form, with an elected charter commission drafting changes.

They argue that Fursel's 1973 bill is flawed because it allowed voters to create the county executive directly, create the county executive directly, can be considered to the channels of a charter commission.

a charter commission. Murphy's attorneys haven't filed a response yet. But when they do, they are likely to rely on the final section of the local government article in the constitution which tells courts to give a liberal—or broad—construction to statutes oncerning the powers of local governments.

HOOT'S COMPLAINT is that Mur-phy vetoed a board of commissioners resolution withdrawing Oakland county from SEMTA. The vote was 18-

8. Actually, Oakland politicians were using the withdrawal as a plot to draw SEMTA's attention to their problems. Few were serious about actually quitt-ing SEMTA. Hoot was in the latter

# analysis

Withdrawing a county of one million

Withdrawing a county of one million population from an agency which serves about three million would offectively wreck SEMTA. Any randi transit funding from Washington for metapolitan Detroit would likely fall through. Hook indicated his feetings about regionalism when he was a fill-in delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. He voted with a hard-core minority from Wastheava County of the Waster of th

the city of Details and winningness we deal with SebATA.

THREE DIFFERENT agencies have some public works authority within Oakland—the drain commissioner, under the independently elected Kuhn; the department of public works, under Murphy; and the road commissioners, but whose funding is almost entirely from the state.

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ects in return for the general fund money.

Murphy put a halt to it. He argued the county can't predict what financial circumstances might face the county live years from now.

A friend of Murphy's pointed out and the county of the county o

stoners relating to the road commission.

WHAT IS UNSAID in the suit is that famply is seeking state laws to abolish the road commission.

The plan of the "unified county government" people, one of whom is Murply, is to unify all operations under one executive and all policy-making under the elected board of commission electric plantiffs seek, there would be a greater public works commission, each fer on lobby road commission, each fer on lobby road commission, each fer on lobby road commission, each fire the one county and deal with the board of conversal chief like Murphy.

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different.

The prosecutor promoted 27 of his 40 assistants and granted them substantial pay raises. When the paperwork went to the personnel department, under Murphy's control, the executive blocked the changes as being out of line with general county policies.

Patterson is asking the court to order Murphy to approve the list of promodions.

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A Murphy aide refers to Patterson's budgeting idea as the "block appropriation" theory. Put simply, a department seeks a single sum of money and asks freedom to allocate it any way he wants.



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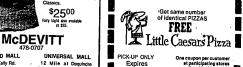
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