

Congressman predicts

Money from feds could get tight

By JACKIE KLEIN

In light of the nation's troubled economy, it would be a mistake for local communities to depend on federally funded programs to pump their 1980-81 budgets.

That's the advice of Congressman William Brodhead, D-Detroit, who spoke at a legislative breakfast in Southfield Monday.

Federal revenue sharing is up for reauthorization by Dec. 30 and could be

substantially cut, Brodhead warns. Cuts could result in the reduction or loss of a variety of local subsidized programs.

"A number of programs are being re-examined and I caution local units of government to use restraint in putting together their 1980-81 spending plans," Brodhead said. "Besides, it's a political year and issues will be resolved for better or worse."

"Economic issues have been sub-

merged in the twin foreign crises of Iran and Afghanistan. When these crises are over, the state of the economy will emerge. This isn't a cheery report. But cities should use the better part of wisdom and proceed cautiously."

Southfield could also lose \$300,000 in state-shared revenues under a state House bill introduced last December. Farmington Hills would lose \$204,196 and Farmington \$28,879 if the bill passes. Detroit would gain \$15 million.

Intent of the measure is to amend the State Revenue Sharing Act of 1971 by delaying the census count in the distribution of these revenues.

The proposed six-month delay would benefit communities which are losing residents and hurt growing communities, said State Rep. Joe Forbes, D-Oak Park, who also spoke at the breakfast.

THE FEDERAL budget, which affects states and cities, is more unsettled than usual because of the high rate of inflation and unemployment, the

stagnant economy and the energy crisis, Brodhead said.

"We're being asked for greater pay-outs from the U.S. Treasury for welfare and unemployment benefits and revenues are shrinking," Brodhead said. "This is a year in which we don't know where we are. We're grappling with the economy."

"We're advised to cut back federal spending, cut taxes, balance the budget and get the economy going. We're told by many we need more restraint and others want us to spend more. The president is taking a middle position on continuing or reducing existing programs."

Brodhead said a \$15 to \$20 billion deficit in the federal budget is predicted.

"Don't expect the budget to fly," he advised. "But keep those cards and letters coming and tell us how the loss of programs will affect you. Then keep your fingers crossed with the rest of us."

Priest arrives at St. Fabian

The Rev. Seamus Ryan has been appointed pastor of St. Fabian Roman Catholic Church, Farmington Hills.

Father Ryan was ordained in 1950 and is a native of County Tipperary, Ireland.

In the Detroit Archdiocese he has been associate pastor of St. Francis Xavier, Our Lady of Sorrows, Assumption Grotto Church, and pastor at St. Frances Cabrini and St. Kevin.

He has served as chaplain of Daughters of Isabella, Knights of Columbus, been a member of the Ministerial Alliance, National Committee of Priests for Equality, Irish National Caucus and Corpus Committee.

In April 1978, he received a master's of divinity degree from Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake. He is pursuing a master's degree in religious education.

He has been a missionary in Tanzania, East Africa and served there for five years before coming to the United States in 1956. He has been mission di-

rector of the USA for Pallottine Fathers for eight years and pastor in the Appalachian coal fields.



REV. SEAMUS RYAN

Senior citizens eyed in condominium law

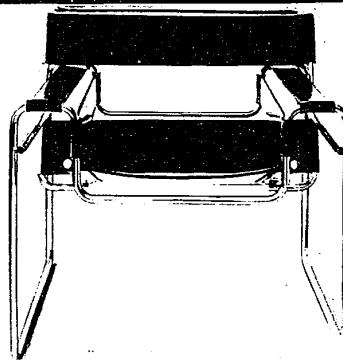
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obtained permits from the department of commerce condominium division to convert apartment buildings, Forbes said. Some are only "testing the waters" to see if their projects will sell, he added.

In a related matter, the state senate

has passed a bill introduced by Ross which would give tax credits for senior citizens who spend more than 40 percent of their incomes in rent. The state, under the measure, would refund the difference. The bill is now in the state House of Representatives taxation committee.

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