

19th District Dems Will Hear Young

State Sen. Coleman Young (D-Detroit) has been scheduled as the keynote speaker for the 19th Congressional District Democratic party convention which will be held at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, at the Eagle School, 14 Mile and Middlebelt, West Bloomfield.

Aldo Vagnozzi, 9th District Chairman, said that the main business of the convention will be to continue discussion of the party's reform program which began in county conventions last week.

Young is a member of the Michigan Democrats' Political Reform Commission, is a national Democratic Party committeeman and has been involved in a national reform study. "This is the first time in modern history that a major political party has subjected itself to a thorough analysis and come up with plans for significant changes aimed at expanding participation in our system of government," Vagnozzi said.

He said major areas covered in the reform report include selection of delegates to national conventions, extending the voting franchise, democratization of party structure,

financing of political campaigns, denial of political power to blacks, women and students and development of issues and policy.

Vagnozzi invited all area residents and students to attend the Dec. 12 convention. "You

don't have to be an active party member to participate. We want to hear from anyone who has a suggestion for reform of our basic political structure."

Proposed amendments to the reform report will be considered at the convention.



RON MARDIROS

Water System Gets \$ 42 Million

Detroit and its suburbs have gained federal and state aid in their fight against pollution of the Detroit River and Lake Erie.

Formal approval of a \$42,000,000 grant for a Detroit Metropolitan Water Services (DMWS) regional pollution control program has been announced by federal and state officials.

Chief qualifying factor was a DMWS rate increase to its Detroit customers and suburban communities to cover the system contribution to a \$139 million effort for 1970.

THE GRANT will be applied to \$80 million worth of construction to the DMWS sewage treatment plant and to expand the DMWS sewage disposal

system further into Macomb and Oakland Counties.

Contracts must be let by Dec. 31 to meet state requirements, according to DMWS General Manager Gerald J. Remus.

Immediately after the 1969 contracts are underway the department will start another \$79 million worth of construction to complete treatment plant improvements by the end of 1970, using additional state-federal grants and revenue from a new sewage disposal rate increase.

DMWS now furnishes sewage disposal service to Detroit and 55 suburban communities.

Contracts are in effect in another 16 communities in

Macomb and Oakland counties for sewage disposal service as soon as interceptors under construction are finished.

"Improvements to the sewage treatment plant at 9200 West Jefferson will bring us up to water quality standards to protect the Detroit River and Lake Erie which we agreed to meet in 1968," said Remus.

These standards require removal of 80-95% of most pollutants, in accordance with the contract signed by Detroit and the State Water Resources Commission.

DMWS is already into the first construction phase of a regional program expected to cost well over \$1 billion during the next 30 years. Future projects will expand the system into newly developing

Mardiros Gets Party Books—And 11 On Board

Records of the Jerry Raymond leadership of the Wayne 19th District Democratic party organization of 1967-68 have been passed on to the new Ron Mardiros leadership.

The day after an aborted meeting in Mardiros' office, the books were passed over by Raymond colleague George Whitten in Whitten's home.

ALTHOUGH NINE months late, the transfer seems to have made both the former and the current leader happy. Evidence of harmony was great in a convention last weekend in which Mardiros and Raymond members were blended in leadership roles.

Said Mardiros: "I'm pleased that all differences have been resolved with the factions."

Said Raymond: "We're really pleased that we've found a way to work together."

They agreed, "We've got more similarities than differences."

"What this really means," said Mardiros, "is trouble for Republicans."

PART OF THE reason for the happy unity is that Raymond won 11 votes to Mardiros' 13 on the Wayne 19th executive committee, by concession of Mardiros to add that many seats to the committee.

The Raymond forces had been unhappy with the rules by which the original executive committee was elected in January. While the Mardiros forces had a majority of only a handful of votes, it kept 100% of the executive board seats for itself.

The compromise brings some of the Raymond forces onto the board. It also brings Owen Cummings, who opposed Mardiros for the chairmanship in January, into the organization as a fourth vice president.



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Hart Absent, Still Toasted

The honored guest was absent, but that didn't prevent 19th District Democrats from honoring him Friday at a Congressional Dinner in Roma Hall, Livonia.

Philip Hart, Michigan's senior senator who will be facing re-election next fall, couldn't speak as scheduled due to an important vote scheduled in Washington, D.C.

JUST ABOUT every other party notable in the state did attend, including State Central Committee Chairman James McNeely; former chairman Sander Levin and former 19th District Congressman Billie S. Farnum.

Also, all the wings of the district were represented as Levin, McNeely, Farnum and host State Rep. Marvin Stempien (D-38th district) of Livonia, touted Hart for re-election and urged party unity and organization.

"Sen. Hart will help us out in swing districts like this," said Stempien. "I am confident both he and we will do the job in 1970."

McNeely urged, "There isn't anything that's important politically that isn't on the line for 1970."

LEVIN SAID that one of the important jobs, defeat of Republican incumbent Gov. William Milliken, is possible.

"There are plenty of issues upon which a Democratic candidate can run against Milliken," said Levin. He specified two.

On taxes, he said, "Milliken's program is set up to get a \$50 million increase from individuals but to cut corporation taxes by \$50 million."

On education, said Levin, "Instead of having a lot of local control over school policies and programs, Milliken's proposals put too much power in the hands of top level political appointees."

RICHARD AUSTIN, defeated candidate for mayor of the City of Detroit in November, attended and toasted Hart from the head table.

Austin's presence, while not unusual to a district that had supported him for Wayne County auditor, a position he still holds, raised speculation about his future intentions. Austin denied having any.

Informed guesses were that he will seek the secretary of state or lieutenant governor slots in a statewide race.

A Wayne County Supervisor, Harvey Beadle of Redford, sat in the audience. So did State Reps. John Bennett of Redford and Stempien.

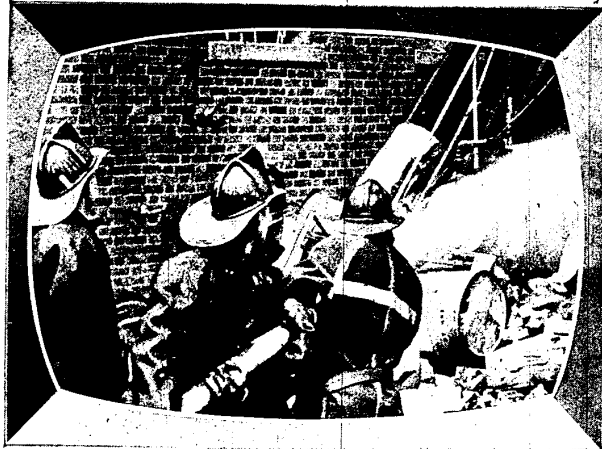
Redford State Central Committee member Charles Gillette and local municipal officials, were also in the audience.

At the head table with Austin, Farnum, McNeely and Levin were 19th District Chairman Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington, dinner chairman Paul Kadish of Livonia, Oakland County Prosecutor Thomas Plunkett and Mrs. McNeely and Mrs. Levin.

Local officials introduced in the audience included Livonia's non-partisan City Clerk



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