

Sen. Kuhn 'Blocked Me' For SEMTA—Pursell

By TIM RICHARD

An angry Carl Pursell has denounced State Sen. George Kuhn for blocking his (Pursell's) appointment to the board of the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority.

Pursell said he asked Gov. William Milliken to withdraw his nomination to the SEMTA board.

Pursell said members of the governor's staff told him that Kuhn opposed his appointment because Kuhn felt Pursell was a potential rival in this summer's primary for the GOP State Senate nomination.

KUHN DOES have some reason for feeling Pursell out-

rically. Pursell ran against Kuhn for the nomination in 1966 and admitted he is "considering" and "doing research" on another possible run against Kuhn this year.

Kuhn represents the 14th Senate District, which includes Livonia, Plymouth and Northville in Wayne County and the western part of Oakland County, including Farmington.

Informed by the Observer Newspapers of Pursell's statements, Kuhn said "I don't have any comment" and would say nothing publicly about Pursell.

PURSELL is one of two Republican members of the Wayne County Board of Super-

visors and represents a district that covers Livonia, Plymouth, Northville and Canton Township.

The county board originally suggested Pursell's name to the governor, despite its 242 Democratic domination, because of Pursell's strong interest in public transportation.

Pursell said he knew of no other reason Kuhn would oppose him except that he is a political threat. Pursell said Kuhn had never told him directly why he was opposed but made known his displeasure directly to the governor.

Pursell said the governor faced possible embarrassment if Kuhn fought Pursell's nomination in the Senate and that the governor needs Kuhn's vote on legislation this year, especially since Republicans have only a two-vote majority in the Senate.

IN A PREPARED statement, Pursell said:

"I am sorry that (Kuhn) cannot support a Republican or the governor on this important matter. I was happy to learn that I was the number one choice by the governor, but because these appointments need Senate confirmation, I have asked the governor to withdraw my name.

"Our carpetbagger senator has declined to support a Republican who lives 36 years in both Oakland and Wayne counties and has served a Republican Party leader for many years."

Pursell referred to the fact that Kuhn was mayor of Berkeley in a district represented by Democrat Sander Levin and moved to West Bloomfield Township only a short time before running for the Senate in 1966.

PURSELL said he had been considered for a "leadership" role on SEMTA, a six-county agency empowered to consolidate bus lines and start a rapid transit system.

By "leadership" he meant the possible chairmanship, succeeding Wayne State University economist Wilbur Thompson, who will give up the chairmanship and leave the board entirely in June.

Pursell only a short time possible, even if he were elected to the Senate, to serve on the SEMTA board, although he would like to take the chairmanship if he were a senator.

KUHN said he would say "nothing publicly against Carl Pursell. I said nothing about him in the last Senate campaign, and he can check the records."

"He can speculate as he wishes. I'm not certain what his political plans are. I didn't oppose him for supervisor."

But he's been saying a lot of things publicly against me," Kuhn said.

Kuhn declined to comment on Pursell's statement that Kuhn had blocked his appointment with the governor.



CARL PURSELL



SEN. GEORGE KUHN

Grandview's Fun Fair Will Build Spirit

Friday, Feb. 13, will be a special day for Grandview Elementary School's parents and students.

It's the day of the Fun Fair from 6 to 9 p.m. in the school's multi-purpose room.

General chairman Mrs. Robert McKillop has announced that among highlights of the evening will be the presence of roving clowns, celebrity ballplayers (Detroit Lion or Tiger) and "Peanuts" of comic strip fame. Also featured will be a talent show and numerous midway activities.

Booths will be staffed by classroom parents.

Mrs. McKillop is hopeful the fair will aid in creating a true community school spirit.

The fair, open to the public, is being held to benefit plans to purchase a movie projector and to provide aid for the sixth graders and their proposed camping trip.

Bake Sale Set For C'ville Band

The Clarenceville Band Parents and Friends will hold a bake sale at Croswell's in the Livonia Mall on Saturday, Jan. 17, beginning at 10 a.m.

'Traditional Obscenity' At An End—Attorney

By DENNIS PAJOT

Would Charles Rembar, the attorney who fought to clear books from obscenity laws, wage a similar battle to allow pornography on television?

Not for prime time when it might be viewed by children.

"Children" in this context are persons under 18, in his opinion, he answered a question at his lecture Thursday at Schoolcraft Community College.

ABOUT 200 HEARD the defender of "Fanny Hill," including a couple bearing a baby in arms. None was exposed to lewd four-letter words or prurient prose. A campus policeman sitting in seemed bored.

Miss Suzanne Kaplan, a faculty member, asked him if, given the fact that the audience was forewarned on the topic, he could have quoted passages from a pornographic book without fear of law.

"I might be able to do it legally, but I wouldn't impose on anybody that way. I don't believe in imposing on anyone," he answered.

"Reading a book is a private experience," he said, illustrating his point that his U.S. Supreme Court victory was for freedom of the press for materials which a discerning adult could select or reject to view.

"IF THE SAME MATERIAL" were spelled out on billboards, it's a different thing. Then by exercising one kind of freedom, you're impairing another," he said, stating that he believes the freedom to be left alone is equally important.

Rembar didn't choose to tackle the incident of last year when an allegedly obscene four-letter word was printed on an anti-war poster at Schoolcraft. His allusion to "billboards" reflected his pre-lecture briefing on that incident, however. Miss Kaplan was a defender of the poster.

Likewise, Rembar stayed away from direct reference to Plymouth's current controversy over an anti-obscenity ordinance, except to allude to legal principles involved.

He said, "Obscenity," in the traditional sense, has meant writing that deals with sex to a degree of explicitness that is regarded as unacceptable.

"OBSCENITY IN THIS traditional sense, in cases of literature, is at an end."

This, he explained, is also the point expressed in his best-selling 1968 book "The End of Obscenity," which recounts

his experiences as defender of first "Fanny Hill" and "Tropic of Cancer," and finally "Fanny Hill."

Each was a different type of publication, he said.

"Chatterley" went far beyond anything previously allowed in its duo "sins" of describing sexual acts and use of then prohibited language.

He accepted the case on the basis that his defense would admit its likely "prurient" content but that he might show that despite this the book had literary value worth acceptance.

"Cancer," he said, was a publication unlike "Chatterley," which tended to attract prurient interests in that it tended to repel by aggressive use of lewd language. Here, again, he said, it was necessary to show that this form had social value.

"FANNY HILL" WAS the "tough one," said Rembar. "It was obviously designed to excite the reader. A witness of mine described it on the stand as a classic of pornography."

By showing that, even so, "Fanny" contained writing excellence, Rembar gained the new Supreme Court ruling that is now the law.

"In order to be (illegal) the publication has to be utterly without redeeming social value," he explained.

This means, he said, "no serious writer has to be inhibited by what the law might do to his book."

What about non-serious writers? He told Observer Newspapers, "As far as literature is concerned, I'm afraid anything goes."

TELEVISION? MOVIES? Local ordinances? His stance was consistent with his comment to the Observer.

"Where they apply to the protection of children, they (obscenity laws) will be upheld."

He noted that a recent Supreme Court ruling upholding this child protection principle

came on what he considered a "poorly written" local statute.

Asked his comment on a draft of a proposed City of Plymouth obscenity ordinance, he said, "They shouldn't make it hilarious."

Rembar, at the suggestion of Schoolcraft lecture series

committee member Dr. Harold Atchley, was willing to meet with attorneys for both sides of the Plymouth question.

None came forward with the \$250 asked as a consulting fee by what is probably the foremost practicing attorney authority on the subject.

Genetic Drift Changes People

By HUGH W. BRENNEMAN

Michigan Medical Society
In the long course of human evolution, the species has become slightly different.

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arises as to how these slightly varied groups of men took on the different physical aspects that may be observed.

THERE SEEM to be four cardinal mechanisms that might account for the changes: mixture, mutation, natural selection, and genetic drift. All except genetic drift are fairly well understood.

The phenomenon of genetic drift depends for its operation on the complete separation of a small group of people from reproductive mating with distant groups.

This usually occurs through some physical barrier, such as mountains, oceans, deserts, large lakes, and less frequently, by religious taboos and political dicta.

Anthropologists have recognized for a long time that isolation must have been a factor of extraordinary importance in the early history of man and the different patterns he developed as he evolved.

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