



Speaking at Adat Shalom this week, Bella Abzug called for fresh leadership in Washington D.C. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Abzug blasts Carter's handling of foreign and domestic crisis

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

Her representatives like to point out she has a new, toned-down image. Gone are the flamboyantly flowered hats which were as much a Bella Abzug trademark as the strong, husky voice asking for equal pay and equal rights. But once she begins to speak, the effect of the conservative straw hat and soft hairstyle fade as the familiar persona emerges from the new package.

In Farmington Hills to speak before the Sisterhood of Adat Shalom, Ms. Abzug blasted President Jimmy Carter as a "liar" who sacrificed community programs affecting women, children and the elderly for his own political ambitions.

While denouncing the Carter administration for its handling of domestic and foreign issues, Ms. Abzug predicted that those three groups will overcome political neglect.

The '80's will be a good decade for women and for Sen. Ted Kennedy, according to Ms. Abzug.

Showing her support for Kennedy, Ms. Abzug appeared confident that he would win the nomination despite the fact that the senator trails Carter in the number of delegates committed to him.

"I THINK Kennedy has a chance. By

the time July comes around, the administration will have unraveled the economic situation to the point where it would be impossible to elect Carter," she said.

The president has bungled foreign and domestic crisis and out of this leadership crisis comes a growing frustration, she said.

"People are really frustrated," she said. They've tuned out a bit. There's a desperate need for open, honest and fresh leadership."

Such leadership would be faced with an issue which the former U.S. representative from New York sees as a failure for the Carter administration.

"Inflation has confirmed the failure of the president on domestic and foreign issues. We've been misled a great deal about what the real issues are."

"The real issue for the public is the economy."

Instead of decontrolling the price of oil, Ms. Abzug believes that Carter should impose controls. Rising oil prices are a cause of inflation, she maintains.

Controls on profits and wages would be more effective than the drive to balance the budget, she said.

"Cutting the federal budget has less than one-tenth of 1 percent impact on inflation."

THESE CUTS affect programs for the elderly, the cities, women and children, according to Ms. Abzug. (Continued on Page 12A)

obituaries

MADELINE MCCOMSEY

Madeline McComsey, 56, of Detroit died May 7 in Bon Secours Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

She was born Aug. 13, 1923 in Michigan. She was a banquet waitress for the Statle-Hilton Hotel in Detroit and a member of Local 705 of the waitresses' union.

Survivors include: daughter, Carol Sheridan of Port Sanilac; brother, Fred DeMarco; and one grandson.

Services were May 10 in Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Timothy Vagle of Fairlane Assembly of God, Dearborn Heights officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

MARY ZUPKO

Mary Zupko, 83, of Farmington Hills died May 9 in Beverly Manor Nursing Home.

She was born May 24, 1896 in Old Forge, Pa. Mrs. Zupko lived in Port Charlotte, Fla., before moving to Farmington Hills. She was a housewife and a member of St. Gerald's Roman Catholic Church of Farmington.

Survivors include: daughter, Marjorie Blake; four sisters, two brothers, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were May 12 in Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with Maurice Decker of St. Gerald's Roman Catholic Church of Farmington officiating.

Burial was May 14 in Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Port Charlotte, Fla.

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