

Party blues

Tensions grip state delegation

By LYNN ORR

In the midst of ecstatic Reagan supporters, one hope dominated the majority of Michigan delegates this week — a Reagan-Bush ticket.

And the possibility of anything else was spoiling the mood for those delegates who had toiled to give Bush a primary victory in the state.

Some of the original Bush delegates were willing to accept alternatives — such as Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar and Michigan Congressman Guy Vander Jagt. But the cheers in the hall greeting hard-line conservatives such as North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms and New York Congressman Jack Kemp were few in the Michigan group spotlighted under the podium in the Joe Louis arena.

Asked whether she would support a Reagan-Helms ticket, 15th District chairperson Pat Ganzberger, a Reagan delegate, scoffed. "I would vote absentee ballot and hope I was disqualified."

"We're all Republicans, but a lot of them are unhappy," Ms. Ganzberger added. She was particularly upset with the party platform. "This has been hard. I'm pro-choice and pro-ERA."

"I supported Goldwater. But since then, I've found that everything isn't black and white. If you don't agree to-

tally with them (Reagan supporters), they're spastic."

Another delegate openly admitted that convention week wasn't going that smoothly for the state delegation.

"I think our caucus (platform caucus) was very poorly handled. There appeared to be a lack of leadership in any direction about the platform," said Rhys Lewis of Redford Township, a Bush delegate. He attributed part of the lack of spirit Tuesday to a fear that their man was out of the VP race.

"We're hoping that he's going to be the candidate, but showing our mad before it happens (if he isn't). Maybe we're just being premature."

OTHER DELEGATES were more optimistic. Catherine Wolters, a Reagan delegate from Waterford, and JoAnn Van Tassel, a Bush alternate from Lake Orion, denied signs of trouble in the state delegation.

"We're sticking together," Ms. Wolters said, adding that any vice presidential candidate would be acceptable.

"Whoever they come up with, I replied Ms. Van Tassel when asked her choice for vice president.

John Calandro, a Bush alternate from Northville, was less accommodating about accepting anyone but the for-

mer CIA director for the second spot on the ticket.

"Two-thirds of us were here because we worked for George Bush. We feel very strongly that he should be the vice president. . . he represents a philosophy that will help bring together the entire Republican Party."

Another Reagan supporter indicated more than a split in the Michigan party. Nancy Olson of the 16th district didn't win a delegate's spot.

"Because I'm a Reagan delegate, no one contacted me to do anything," she said. "I felt quite left out of things." A week ago she finally got a chance to volunteer and has been shepherding out-of-town Republicans, including Reagan's son, Mike, around town. Tuesday night she got into the convention with an entertainer's pass provided by Kansas Sen. Robert Dole's wife.

U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell from Plymouth denied tension in the state delegation but admitted that some of the politicking during the convention was getting out of hand.

Asked about former Gov. George Romney's attempt to draft Gerald Ford for the vice presidential spot, Pursell said, "I think those people are living in the past. They've got to look into the future."



Clara Giordano, a Michigan delegate, joins the convention floor rally for New York Congressman Jack Kemp. (Staff photo by Randy Bors)

Jack Kemp is their man, delegates tell Reagan

By STEVE BARNABY

Although Ronald Reagan was content to wait until the last minute to pick a running mate, delegates announced their favorite Tuesday night.

It was one of the more emotional displays in the generally low-key GOP convention.

New York Congressman Jack Kemp was greeted with a deafening roar from delegates, alternates and guests which lasted for more than 10 minutes.

Kemp enthusiasts hoisted signs and waved banners proclaiming the merits of a Reagan-Kemp ticket. A din of voices in unison chanted over and over again, "we want Kemp, we want Kemp."

Twice during Kemp's introduction speech by California State Assemblywoman Carol Hallert, the anxious delegates chanted for Kemp, who at age 45 has become the bright young hope of the conservative Re-

publican movement. Among delegates, Kemp and former Ambassador George Bush are the most popular.

But it was Kemp's moment in the sun and he didn't disappoint the GOP gathering. Only the Michigan delegation, which is split between Bush and former President Gerald Ford as vice presidential favorites, was less than ardent in lauding Kemp.

"THIS ISN'T just a campaign to defeat Jimmy Carter," he told the ecstatic crowd. "It's a crusade to recapture the American dream for all of our people."

Kemp made a strong appeal for broad-based support of the November Republican ticket.

"Soon we are going to find millions of Americans of every race, cultural and economic background surprising themselves by voting Republican in 1980," he said.

Noting that the Republican party

had been in the minority for the past 25 years, Kemp said the November election would show the country has turned to the GOP.

"It is clear today that we represent the majority philosophy of the American people."

"In November, we will convert this philosophic majority into a governing majority — in the White House, in the Congress and throughout America," he said.

Kemp has been a long-standing Reagan supporter who at one time served as the former California governor's aid. Conservatives proclaim him as the John Kennedy of the political right.

The former Buffalo Bills football quarterback could very well have played references to the "American idea."

This idea, he said, has made America the most prosperous, generous society in the world.

"THE AMERICAN IDEA was leveled to the same position in life."

"The American idea was that each individual should have the same opportunity to rise as high as their initiative and God-given talent could carry them," he said.

Kemp harkened back to the American traditions of the work ethic and individualism.

"No government has ever been able to do as much for people as they can do for themselves — and for each other — if only they are given the opportunity."

Much to the delegate's delight, Kemp lambasted Carter White House philosophy.

"Mr. Carter believes that unemployment is the answer to inflation. If that were the case, then the Carter anti-inflation plan ought to be enjoying its finest hour."

Kemp called for a restoration of opportunity through economic

growth and rejection of big government.

"We can have full employment without inflation, a rising standard of living and a strong defense. The American people know we can, because we have done it before," he said.

To do otherwise, he said, is to cheat the American worker. "It's immoral to tell working men and women to hold their wages increases to eight percent while the government devalues their paychecks at 12 percent," he said.

He lashed out at government taxation and spending.

"When you tax something, you get less of it. When you subsidize something, you get more of it," he said. "In America today, we are taxing work, savings, investment, enterprise and excellence as never before. And we are subsidizing non-work, consumption, debt, leisure, idleness and mediocrity."



New York Congressman Jack Kemp is a favorite for vice president among the conservatives.

GOP spawns quips, barbs

GOP convention delegate Dr. Tom Huggins of Galion, Ohio, sported what he hopes to be a collector's piece — an oval-shaped Reagan 1980 button with a buckeye in the middle of the zero. There were only 2,500 of them made for Ohio Reagan fans, he said.

Michigan's delegation had a casualty early on in the week. Ellen Templin from the 19th district fell over the step next to the delegation's seating on the convention floor and suffered a broken wrist.

Early on, an ardent Reagan-Kemp supporter was having second thoughts. "I don't know if we could sell an actor and a football player to the American public," he told one member of the Michigan delegation.

One visitor to the convention explained why she was wearing her GOP-ERA elephant upside down. "He's, or she's, in distress and is resting," said 72-year-old Marie Wentala, Michigan GOP vice chairwoman for senior citizens.

Larry Keller of Farmington Hills, a student at Catholic Central, scored much better than some of the press in getting past the heavy security. He wouldn't reveal how he sneaked into Cobo Hall, where a "limited access" pass was required but did elude a "how he got into the Joe Louis arena. "I rate on an alternate from Louisiana into letting me use his pass for a while." The enterprising student had never met the man from down south. When last seen, Larry was working on getting to the floor — a major task for some of the media heavies who lacked all four pieces of press credentials.

Dr. Samuel Ursu and wife, Evelyn, of Birmingham had a great time as guests at the convention but he had a little different philosophy than the delegates about the sanctity of the affair. The president is "a face the masses can identify with," said Dr. Ursu, a dentist who also has a law degree and just completed his master's in business administration. Asked why he ditched the process was very important, he replied: "If it was, all the bad people we've had in the past would have led us to destruction." But he also said that it "beat the heck out of having a lot of police do 'de who's going to be elected.' Seemingly never at a loss for an opinion, Dr. Ursu hedged when asked about supporting Reagan: "When you have the star of Bedtime for Bonan, what can't say?"

Prime time turned out to be a good time to promote the latest literary efforts of some speechmakers at the convention. Former Secretary of the Treasury William Simon plugged "A Time for Truth" while New York Congressman Jack Kemp mentioned his latest, "American Renaissance."



The Associated Press doesn't limit its messengers to the younger set, nor does it frown on family media connections.

Dolphine Puscas, wife of Free Press sports columnist George, is running around the convention floor while hubby sits home idled by striking Teamsters.

Sporting a "Reagan por Presidente" button the Beverly Hills resident noted, "I told George I would work for free or for pay. I'm not sure, but I think I get paid. . . It's marvelous anyway."

Peg Molin, a Michigan delegate from Ann Arbor sporting a pro-ERA button, was seen carrying a sign which listed:

"The dumbest things I've got to do: Elect Reagan anyway."

East Detroit's VFW Post 6782 Color Guard carried in the Stars and Stripes for Tuesday's convention ceremonies. Their claim to fame? In veterans' circles they're the only known all-Vietnam veteran color guard in the U.S.

You could tell the delegates by the canvas bags they were carrying. Donated by Kelly Services, Inc., the bags, bearing the Civic Host Committee insignia, were stuffed with 16 gifts and 25 pieces of literature.

Gifts, donated by area merchants, included pens, perfume, sun visors, tape measures — and aspirin. Thirty volunteers occupied the 10th floor of Hudson's downtown store for the gift-stuffing project.

"The Best of Detroit and Michigan," the displays which Republican delegates will see, can be viewed by the general public until 10 tonight.

They occupy 28,000 square feet of the Detroit Plaza Hotel's Ontario exhibit hall in the Renaissance Center near the riverfront.

"The Best. . ." includes 100 vendor booths, 20 displays by Michigan corporations, refreshment stands and convention souvenirs of every description.

J.L. Hudson Jr., the department store magnate, is chairman of the retail committee of the Civic Host Committee and responsible for the exhibit.



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