

Michigan delegation cool to Ford-for-V.P. idea

George Romney gave a ringing endorsement to Gerald Ford for the vice presidential nomination Tuesday afternoon.

But despite the enthusiasm for Ford, few of the state delegates followed the former governor's lead.

Romney, a Bloomfield Hills resident, asked the Michigan delegation to support Ford at its caucus.

"The man (Ford) has the experience in international affairs that we need so badly," Romney said. "He's never refused to accept responsibility. I'm sure he would accept a genuine draft."

However, Paul DeWeese, an alternate from Detroit, told delegates Ford had said in a television interview Monday he would not accept the vice presidential nomination.

"We (Republicans) would look bad if we nominated a man and he turned it down," DeWeese advised.

ROMNEY PREDICTED a difficult campaign for the Republicans in the fall. Presidential nominee Ronald Reagan has two major drawbacks, according to Romney.

"He's an amateur in international matters, and he's been painted by the

media as an ultra-conservative," Romney said. "Ford could weaken both of these attacks."

Romney's proposal drew moderate applause from the delegates, the majority of whom supported George Bush for the second spot on the ticket. About two-thirds of the state delegates were committed to Bush at the onset of the convention after his win in Michigan

shortly before he withdrew from the campaign. The delegates were scheduled to meet with Bush Wednesday morning for his official release of their commitment.

However members of the group appeared pleased Tuesday night that a number of Michigan politicians were mentioned for the vice-presidential nominee, including Ford, who received

standing ovations from the convention Monday night, Congressman Guy Vanderjagt of Muskegon, Gov. William Milliken and former Sen. Robert Griffin.

Surrounded by media personnel throughout the convention because of their seating under the podium, delegates were more than happy with their chance to shine and show off their home-grown talent.



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