



Doug Ashley's panoramic lens shows a jammed Madison Square Garden where 71 disappointed Michigan delegates saw their man, Sen. Ted Kennedy, bow out of the presidential nomination race.

# Party in Big Apple is almost over

## O&E photographer, writer help catch convention flavor

Birmingham, Livonia, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, West Bloomfield, Troy, and Rochester are all being represented with delegates at this week's 1980 Democratic convention in New York. And so are the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers with political writer Tim Richard and free-lance photographer Doug Ashley. Richard and Ashley are capturing in words and pictures the suburban flavor and roles being played by Michigan's delegates. Going into the convention, Michigan was split, 71-70, in Kennedy and Carter delegates. That caused a lot of caucus conversation. But in the end, the group united. Its backing of the Equal Rights Amendment helped hammer an ERA plank into the party platform.



West Bloomfield attorney Robert E. Niderlander has his ERA sash adjusted by Barnbara Rom, 5136 Corners, West Bloomfield, as Ann Mastey, 36006 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, looks on approvingly. Michigan's delegation was split early on in the Carter/Kennedy fracas. But with that behind them, delegates united to help get the ERA plank into the party platform. Its goal is to gain approval for ERA in at least three more states via pressure on Democratic legislators.



Detroit Mayor Coleman Young basked under the Garden's brilliant overhead lights as he continually waved to friends on the convention floor. Young, the party's platform committee chairman, was a Carter man from the beginning. If the president is re-elected, Young's city will probably continue to benefit from federal programs — and the front door of the White House will remain open to him.



ABOVE — Among suburban delegates to the 1980 Democratic convention were, from left, Dale Jurcisin, 14743 Yale, Livonia; Susan Reznick, 27320 Fairfax, Southfield; and Aldo Vagnozzi, 26193 Kiltartan, Farmington Hills. All were Kennedy delegates. Their man's fiery Tuesday evening speech was being called the finest of his career and maybe the convention's most impressive. LEFT — Pausing for a quick floor chat are, from left, Donald F. Tucker, 3510 Shore Crest Circle, West Bloomfield, and Attorney General Frank J. Kelly of Okemos.