

SNAP SHOTS

NEW YORK — Sights and sounds from the Democratic National Convention:
Michigan missed its chance to vote by the numbers on the vice-presidential nomination of Walter F. Mondale. State Chairwoman Libby Maynard had to pass because the 141-member Michigan delegation hadn't completed its poll. Before the poll could be completed, Mondale had far more than the 1,666 majority, and a voice vote of the full convention made his renomination unanimous.

MICHIGAN was forgiven, however. Presiding officer John Glenn, former astronaut and senator from Ohio, appointed Ms. Maynard and Michigan AFL-CIO President William Marshall to the honorary committee to inform Mondale he had been nominated.

KNOW HOW to spot a Secret Service agent when you're too far away to see his little lapel pin? He's the fellow paying no attention and not holding his hand over his heart when they say the Pledge of Allegiance.

NO SOONER did Michigan Democrats get finished with one convention than they began preparing for another.

District conventions were last weekend, and the delegates elected there will go to a state convention this weekend in Cobo Hall, Detroit.

The state convention will nominate candidates for State Supreme Court, State Board of Education, the governing boards of the three big state universities and presidential electors.

ALTERNATE delegates have little to do, officially, except fill in for a delegate. In practice, delegates frequently took short leaves of absence to give alternates a chance to sit on the convention floor and really vote.

On Thursday night, when President Carter and Vice President Mondale gave their acceptance speeches, it was common practice for delegates to give their floor passes to alternates and friends who wanted to see the chief executives up close.

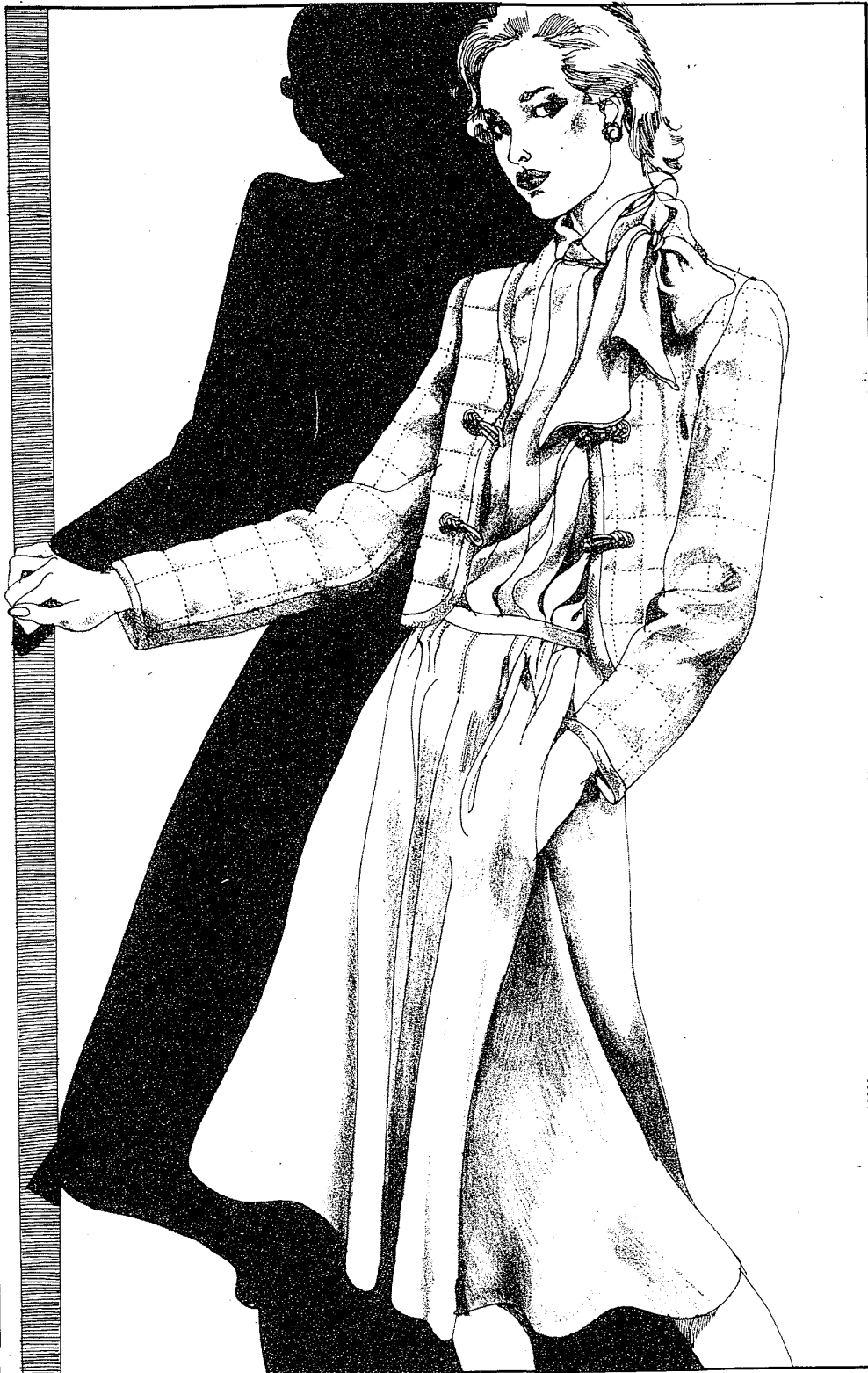
MARY RYAN Taras, Carter delegate from Birmingham, used the trip to New York to look up an old friend with whom she taught in East Africa 15 years ago.

Jerry and Rosina Raymond — he's the former Livonia councilman, she a Schoolcraft College trustee — used some vacation time to travel with the delegation and attend the convention. Raymond had been a delegate to past conventions when he was a district chairman. They visited his sister in New York.

INTERNATIONAL Association of Machinists delegates from eastern states were so sore about the Carter renomination that they walked out of the convention, but they didn't make a big show of it. They departed when the lights were out for the showing of a film on the presidency.

CARTER and Ted Kennedy didn't get all the cheers. After the long show was ended and delegates filed out of Madison Square Garden, a group stood under the CBS network booth and chanted, "We want Walter." Walter Cronkite, due to retire as evening news anchorman, responded with a shy smile and a big wave.

SWEET YOUNG thing from New Jersey: "Where are you from?"
Sophisticated reporter: "Michigan."
SVT: "Oh, where they make all the cars."
Reporter: "Use 'to."
SVT: Wry grin.



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