

Battling the new right

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"I sat in at a meeting of Republican and Democratic women leaders, and they were asking what they could do together.

"This may give the liberals or moderates a real jolt," she said. "It may be healthy. It may make them rethink their philosophy.

"Some of the programs we fought for do need to be made more effective and streamlined."

MRS. MORROW BEGAN her address by saying she didn't think the moderates "fully perceived the dimensions of the New Right movement."

"I hate to overstate its strength, though," she said. "It is frightening in some respects but it can be combated."

She regards the John Birch Society as the precursor of the New Right, but added, "I don't want to claim that everyone in the New Right is a Birchler."

However, she said, Robert Welch once introduced anti-ERA advocate Phyllis Schlafly to an audience as a loyal member, and Schlafly also spoke at Birch rallies in the '60s.

"The Birch philosophy is absolutely fantastic," she said.

"It believes that the Communist Party controls about 55 percent of the U.S. government, 80 percent of the British government and 60 percent of the Israeli government.

"It wants to protect our freedom by dismantling the government to save us from Communist influence.

She drew a laugh when she mentioned that Birchers were prominent in the anti-ERA fight, with one of their local groups being called Humanitarians Opposed to the Degradation of Our Girls or HOTDOG.

"Today, the New Right is far more sophisticated organization than the Birch Society. It has so many interlock-

ing directorates that General Motors or IBM are tame in comparison.

"On issues like SALT, the Panama Canal, abortion, dismantling OSHA and promoting right-to-work laws, they work as a team. This is something the progressive movement can't claim."

MRS. MORROW BELIEVES the New Right draws in many members by claiming the federal government is responsible for the decline of family life.

Once they become interested, it begins to push its real issues such as an end to OSHA, more money for armaments, and a dismantling of the federal welfare payments system, she said.

She compared this to the technique used by Elaine Donnelly of STOP ERA in her radio broadcasts.

"She starts off with a report on ERA and a few paragraphs later talks about deregulating oil," she said in an interview following her talk.

The speaker listed what she regards as the main groups in the New Right. Her list includes:

- The Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress, founded with money from Joseph Coors of the Coors Brewing Co. It specializes in campaign training, she said.
- The Heritage Foundation, which had a \$4-million budget for 1980 and recently called for restoration of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. "Any group that disagrees with its line is subversive in its opinion," she said.
- The National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC), which helped defeat South Dakota Sen. George McGovern.
- The Washington Legal Foundation, a law firm whose existence means that litigation on the conservative point of view can be expected in the courts.
- The Conservative Caucus and the Moral Majority.



Two by Two

The kissing couple are Jac Cortes and Emily McSweeney who take the roles of Noah and Esther in Family Players production of "Two By Two" in Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple Road, West Bloomfield. The musical version of Noah and the ark will be staged at 8 p.m. Saturday, and at 2 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$3.75, or \$2.25 for students and seniors, available in the center. Group rates are available by calling the center, 661-1000.

club circuit

THE GATHERING PLACE hosts Jo Sheehy, older adult counselor from Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, to talk about "Holiday Blues" at 10 a.m. on three Mondays beginning Dec. 15.

"It is not uncommon to be unhappy at this time," said Lorretta Conway, director of senior adult activities in the Farmington area. "The holiday season has a way of intensifying all of our emotions. For many of us it is a painful time."

She invites seniors to the sessions to explore the thoughts and feelings they may have about the holidays.

Meanwhile, another group of seniors man telephones for the "Direct Lines to the North Pole" program when youngsters can call Santa Claus 4-6 p.m. each day Monday through Friday, Dec. 15-19 at 474-6115. The program is sponsored in conjunction with Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

All seniors who visit the Gathering Place on Wednesday, Dec. 17 must wear a T-shirt for "T-Shirt Day."

The senior adult center carries a regular schedule of events that runs from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. The Gathering Place is located in Mercey Conference Center on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road. Guests are asked to enter from Gate 4.

HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB members create swags, pine cone wreaths and delta robins at its meeting at 8 p.m. tonight in Farmington Hills Community Library.

BETHANY NORTHWEST hosts a Christmas Get-Together at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 in Mercey Conference Center on 11 Mile Road east of Middlebelt.

The support group for separated and divorced Christians asks other separated and divorced persons to join in the get-together. There is no charge, but guests are asked to bring a tray of appetizers or cookies to pass.

SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH ACHIM hosts its Torah Fund Ice Cream Social at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15 in the synagogue, 21100 12 Mile Road.

Guest speaker for the evening is Rabbi Alan Lucas, who will talk about the Torah Fund. Reservations, at \$10 each, will be taken by calling Loly Partovitch, 546-4452.

FARMINGTON NEIGHBORS CLUB invites women to join them for the club's Christmas luncheon at noon Wednesday, Dec. 17 in Glen Oaks Country Club, 50500 13 Mile Road.

Music for the afternoon will be furnished by The Cranbrook Chamber Singers, an honors group, directed by Fred Bellinger.

Reservations are necessary and will be taken by calling Ruth Paul at 478-5739.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, Farmington Hills Chapter, meets at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 in the downstairs room of Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road.

Entertainment for the afternoon will be furnished by Dancing Grandmothers from Dearborn.

Membership is open to all persons over 55, whether retired or not. Membership inquiries will be taken by calling Victoria Spohar at 477-4329.

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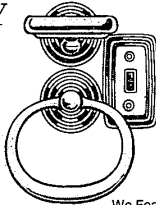


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