

For Michigan Dems, 'Not Much Hope'

By DON HOENSELL
GRAND RAPIDS -- Michigan Democrats tried to patch up their party after a wild week in Chicago which inspired one leader to mourn that "we'll lose in November from top to bottom."
They look hopelessly for a sign of magic from their nominee, Hubert Humphrey.
"It's just not there, and there's not much hope," said a top party spokesman.
Michigan Democrats came to Grand Rapids for their state convention, exhausted and disheartened after their frustrating national convention in Chicago.

DEMOCRATS in Chicago saw their lines split over the Vietnam plank in the National platform which will send Democ-

crats out to fight Republicans carrying the torch of the maligned Johnson Administration. Michigan voted 52 to 44 for a dovish minority plank which would have halted the bombing and provided a phase-out of ground military action.
Humphrey people—with the exception of some rebels in Michigan—were lashed to the hawkish majority plank, which called for a bombing halt only upon commitment by the north Vietnamese to a lessening of infiltration and military action south of the demilitarized zone.
"One top Michigan delegate said, 'It was presidential politics in Chicago without regard to the position of the party on the issues.'"
IT DEVELOPED that a vote for the minority plank was a

vote for Sen. Eugene F. McCarthy whose views on Vietnam paralleled those of Sen. George S. McGovern, an early supporter of the late Robert F. Kennedy.
Humphrey people from outside Michigan—including some from Observerland—were in a rebellious mood. They threatened to set up an out-state organization to strip power away from the present state leadership.
Another cloud on the horizon developed in Michigan when a group inside the delegation started working for the nomination of Sen. Edward Kennedy. They failed to make a splash in the convention only because Kennedy slammed the door on a draft. Involved in the Kennedy business were State Chairman Sander Levin, Sen. Philip Hart and others, Hart said dis-

consolately.
"It's pretty clear he's not available."
THROUGHOUT the convention the Michigan delegation showed a conservative voting pattern on the credentials fights, the candidate choices and on a measure including young people in the top echelons of the party.
Insiders argued that the principles involved were not powerful enough to attract a vote which would overthrow the committee system.
Even the timing of the state

convention here on the heels of Chicago created problems. There was little communication if any between the party leaders here and those—mostly McCarthy supporters—left behind in Michigan.
In Grand Rapids, the party named their candidates for state-wide offices for the Supreme Court, the University of Michigan Board of Regents, the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, the State Board of Education and the Wayne State University Board.
THE 94 MICHIGAN votes in Chicago were widely split in the range beyond the first 61 originally pledged to Humphrey. There were 12 at one point for McCarthy and a scattering. Michigan's delegation was barraged with serious and

sometimes comic appeal. Humphrey tipped over the microphone and Prof. John Kenneth Galbraith spoke for McCarthy winning the battle philosophically but losing the political reality's vote.
McGovern was thought by some Michigan delegates to be the voice of Sen. Edward Kennedy, but it developed that he was speaking for himself.
The Kennedy boom was started by others but had Michigan connections. It all left the old-liners ambivalently figuring the Kennedy name would help in November while others theorized his candidacy could wreck the party.
IF A BRILLIANT young man with a magnificent political heritage could grab off the brass ring with a minimum of effort, it would be difficult for the local party to recruit door-to-door canvassers and envelope addressers in the future.
The pro-Kennedy Michigan group was in contact with California Assembly Speaker John Unruh, and Chicago Mayor Rich-

ard J. Daley. They visited and worked in the Kennedy draft headquarters in the Sherman House.
Daley set the stage for the suspense by withholding his decision on which direction the powerful Illinois delegation would go. There was speculation that the last of the old political bosses would torpedo Humphrey for Kennedy.
Early in the Kennedy search, Michigan delegates were ruffled by a story quoting Hart and Levin as favoring Kennedy. The two Michigan officials had been poured into an inquisitorial funnel.
AT THE NARROWEST point, Hart and Levin said they liked Kennedy, that he would do well against Republicans on the handwriting on the public opinion polls, and that it is important to recruit to win.
Both Hart and Levin assured the delegation later that they had not declared for Kennedy, had not committed the strongly-Humphrey delegation to a wild candidate chase in search of

a name. Hart told Michigan delegates:
"In no case do I speak for anyone but one man and his one vote. I'm still not determined how I shall cast that vote."
There was a shortage of professionalism in the handling of the delegation. It was caused largely by inexperience in handling people when they reach the ragged edge of exhaustion.
On the floor, delegates complained about the seemingly whimsical caucus-call. At one point, Michigan Vice Chairman John Bruff and others waited in a caucus room for the delegates.
"They're not coming," said a messenger sent to the floor. "We're wasting our time. Let's go back to the floor," Bruff said.
At one point, Livonia Councilman Jerry Raymond was offered a "draft Ted" sticker. Raymond was a Humphrey man from the start.
"That's not the Kennedy I supported," he said.



FLOOR CAUCUS of the Michigan delegation is led by Sen. Philip Hart, aided by administrative assistant Sidney Woolner (standing at Hart's shoulder) and party treasurer Stuart Hertzberg (right).



IT'S NOT 'BOTTOM' from "Midsummer Night's Dream" but a Pennsylvania delegate wearing a hat that has become the symbol of the Democratic Party. Michigan sat behind Pennsylvania.

How They Voted

CHICAGO — Here is how delegates from Observerland's three congressional districts voted on the two key issues at last week's Democratic National Convention.
The first was the minority report on the Vietnam war plank which called for withdrawal; votes for the minority report are labeled "dove" votes against, "hawk."
The second issue was the presidency, with four candidates in nomination—Hubert Humphrey, Eugene McCarthy, George McGovern and Rev. Channing Phillips.
2ND DISTRICT
Leroy A. Capraert, Ann Arbor—dove, McCarthy.
Morton Cohn, Monroe—dove, McCarthy.
Marjorie Horky, Blissfield—dove, Humphrey.
Gerald Sixbey, Brighton—hawk, Humphrey.
15TH DISTRICT
John Canfield, mayor of Dearborn Heights—hawk, Humphrey.
Grace Hampton, Inkster—dove, Humphrey.
William Marshall, Taylor—didn't vote on Vietnam; Humphrey. His alternate, Robert Peters, voted "hawk" on Vietnam.
Thomas Brown, mayor of Westland—hawk, Humphrey.
19TH DISTRICT
Aldo Vagnozzi, Farmington—hawk, Humphrey.
George Googasian, Pontiac—dove, McGovern.
Jerry Raymond, Livonia—dove, Humphrey.
Rebecca Woods, Pontiac—hawk, Humphrey.

Chicago: City Under Siege, Convention Under The Gun

CHICAGO -- They called it "Fort Chicago" and "Stalag 17" and compared it with the Russian Yelag. Veterans remember riding through Naples and Paris under similar conditions.
Delegate buses from their hotels to Chicago's International Amphitheatre at the stock yards were escorted for miles and aft by police cars with flashing lights.
Rooftop sentries with shotguns and rifles watched overhead and helicopters buzzed angrily over Old Town near the Loop. It was a city under siege, geared to protect the delegates.

ed to make an electrical contact. The green light meant you could go in, a red light brought questions.
House Speaker John McCormack, of Massachusetts, went to the wrong entrance with a wrong card and was delayed 20 minutes getting in to see his very own Democratic Party in the trauma of nominating a President.

CHICAGO police and the yuppies and hippies staged confrontations every night in Grant Park across from the Hilton, the convention headquarters.
The major target appeared to be newspapermen. Sixteen were clubbed or beaten in the first 24-hour period when they

tried to cover the clash.
There was a theory expressed that Mayor Daley—like the man who was depressed about reading facts about the hazards of smoking, so he gave up reading—figured he could best preserve the hospitable reputation of Chicago by barring the public from getting the news.
The most sensational news pictures on television showed a parade of bloodied newsmen, describing cops as club-happy clouters who marched into Lincoln Park chanting: "Kill, kill, kill."
Hundreds of young people were arrested and fined for violating the 11 p.m. curfew in the park.



19TH DISTRICT delegates in center of photo are Jerry Raymond (glasses), Wayne 19th chairman, George Googasian (to left), Oakland County chairman, and Mrs. Rebecca Woods (right), of Pontiac.

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