

A Liberal Split

Livonia Coalition To Leave NDC

Just a month after joining the statewide organization of the New Democratic Coalition, the Livonia chapter has given notice that it will withdraw.

Cause was the state NDC board's refusal to change its name to simply "New Coalition," which the Livonia chapter had done.

Meeting in Lansing March 8, the state board counted chapter by chapter votes and found the name change dropped 772 to 510 with 101 members abstaining.

Livonia strongly and the 19th Congressional District NDC specifically had urged the name change at the first state board meeting it attended in February.

STATEWIDE membership votes did approve a change in the wording of the state NDC "purpose," however, which states that the organization "will work within political parties as it deems necessary and will undertake completely independent political action where possible."

The attempt to drop "Democratic" from the organization name had been aimed as a direct slap at the established Democratic party which NDC has been attempting to "reform."

Mrs. Jeanne Havstad of Livonia, speaking on instructions of her group, told the state NDC board the Livonia New Coalition is "ready to move toward formation of a fourth party."

AS EXPECTED, the state NDC board validated a membership vote giving overwhelming support to the gubernatorial candidacy of Zolton Ferency, 850 to 176 with 200 abstaining.

Ferency was the Democratic party nominee to run against Republican incumbent George Romney in 1966, but lost the general election.

He is a former regular Democratic Party chairman and has held several appointive government posts.

3 Get Degrees From 'Tech'

Three Observeland residents will receive bachelor's degrees from Michigan Technological University in commencement exercises.

Douglas J. Mouch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mouch, of 32550 Illinois, Livonia, and Barry J. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Prisk of 24130 Twin Valley Court, Farmington, will take their degrees in civil engineering.

Gary R. Bird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Bird of 31903 Roscomon Court, Westland, will take his degree in forestry.

Oakland Gets M-Week Head

John H. DeCarlo has been named Oakland County's Michigan Week Chairman by L.J. Finch, regional chairman for Michigan Week in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. This year's Michigan Week activities extend from May 16-23.

DeCarlo, 42, of Bloomfield Hills, is assistant chancellor for the professional performing arts at Oakland University. His most recent position was vice president of public services at Central Michigan University.

SEMCOG Planning Gets Funds

State Highway Director Henrik E. Stafseth today described as "vitally important" a \$1,500,000 contract between the State Highway Commission and the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

The contract, approved today by the State Administrative Board, will help finance SEMCOG's transportation planning program for the Detroit metropolitan area from March 1, 1970, through June 30, 1974.

The program will cost \$2.

385,025, with member governmental units paying \$1,234,863 and the state \$1,150,132. The federal government will reimburse the state for approximately 75% of its share.

"We have every confidence that SEMCOG can and will do the job of transportation planning for southeastern Michigan," Stafseth said. "We hope that every municipality in the area will participate and cooperate in this program."


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Striewski To Exhibit

An Oakland Community College instructor from Farmington is among such renowned sculptors as Andy Warhol, Claes Oldenburg and Robert Rauschenberg to have works exhibited in a show sponsored by the Bloomfield Art Association entitled "Plastic Image."

The exhibition is being held at 1316 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, and will extend through March 29.

Prof. Theodore H. Striewski, 36, has the work entitled "Pink Drip," made of fiberglass, epoxy and polyester resin in the exhibit.

Striewski, who teaches at OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus, was the first prize winner in the 1969 Michigan State Fair competition for his plastic sculpture entitled "Let It All Hang Out." It was widely considered obscene.

Early American

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