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Libertarian Senate hopeful shut out

By Gary M. Cates staff writer

Bette Erwin, Libertarian candidate for the U.S. Senate, is yelling foul after being excluded from last week's League of Women Voters discussion in

Plymouth.
The topic was "American Women in the '80s: Perspectives and Prospects."
Although it wasn't a candidate's night, the speakers included Mari Egipton wasn't an engage manager for Republications and the companying manager for Republications. night, the speakers included Mari Eg-bert, campaign manager for Republi-can gubernatorial candidate Richard Headlee; Olivia (Libby) Maynard, chairwoman of the state Democratic Party, representing James Blanchard; Laura Callow, ERA-Michigan co-chair, and Glenna Davis, former state chair of homemaker rights for the National Organization for Women.

"I WAS SHOCKED they would have omen who work for men (candidates)

women who work for men (candidates) speak, rather than having a woman stually on the ballot speak, said Erwin, a resident of Oak Park.

"I offered to speak, but they told me they were having women who work on campaigns speak. I then offered to have a woman working on my campaign speak. They said no third parties," said Erwin, a practicing psychotherapist.

The league didn't intend for the discussion to be political, says Michele Howard, chairwoman of the event.

"When we first started it, we only had two speakers, which were both league members. Then we got the bright idea to get someone represent-ing the two major parties," said How-

ing the two major parties, said now-ard.

"If we would have to invite all mi-nor parties, You have to be very care-ful to invite everyone or no one. We de-cided to stick with the two major par-ties."

ERWIN SAID she was hurt that, as a woman candidate, her problems were coming from women.

"My gut guess is that at some level, they are accepting the myth that men are really superior," said Erwin, who holds a Ph.D. in psychology from Wayne State University.

Howard disagrees with Erwin's guess. "Obviously that can't be true. The league is made up of women who work very hard to elect women. We are happy to see Martha Griffiths running for office. That's just not true."

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THAT WASN'T the Irist time Erra man and minor party candidates have been excluded from discussions.

In the Headliee-Blanchard debate before Oakland chambers of commerce in Troy, supporters of independent candidate Robert Tisch picketed in protest of the Shiawassee County drain commissioner's exclusion.

"It's a battle we're fighting this year that we haven't been experiencing in the past. I have to believe it's because we are growing in strength and offering a fresh alternative," she said.
"We will protest and raise hell whenever we are excluded."

We have 23 people in office nationally."

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In the spring of 1981, Erwin ran for

the 4th Congressional District seat va-cated by federal budget director David

Stockman.

Campaigning as a Libertarian in the southwest corner of Michigan, Erwin was excluded only once — from a high school debate.

school debate.
"I think something new is happening, a deliberate exclusion of Libertarians. Someone is really getting threatened by the Libertarian Party," says Erwin.
"Because of the fact that we are winning, there's a real shutdown going on.

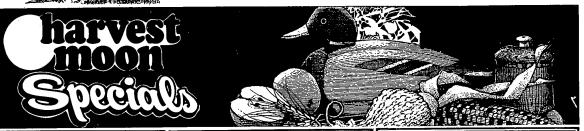
THE SHUTOUT in Plymouth was the third exclusion in Erwin's current campaign for the U.S. Senate.
"The first big exclusion came at the National Assembly of Women's Conference in Detroit," she said.

The June 25-26 conference featured speakers from women's groups in the Republican and Democratic parties.
"We told them we would like to speak on behalf of the Association of Libertarian Englimate women's group within our party," she says.

Village sale nets \$1 million

Heary Ford Museum and Greenfield Village grossed more than a \$1 million for collection acquisitions and conservation in last weekend's auction of surplus items.

The highest bid was \$90,000 for 1822 Jossvin Town Car.
Conducted by the auction firm of Hudson and Marshall, line. of Macon, Ga, the sale included telephones, radios, phonographs, pianos and organs



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