

'No functional cooperation'

SEMCOG chief deplores Detroit-suburbs rift

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The chairman of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has high praise for the first of a series of informal meetings between suburban leaders and Detroit Mayor Coleman Young.

"If we expect the federal and state governments to treat us like a cohesive unit, we have to act like one," said Donald E. Shelton, mayor of Saline who last week was elected to a second one-year term as SEMCOG chair.

"Detroit's efforts have been in the vain hope of reversing the flight to suburbia. Suburbia has treated Detroit with fear. There has been no functional cooperation," Shelton said in remarks prepared for delivery at the SEMCOG General Assembly's annual meeting.

DURING A Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce retreat to Mackinac Island, Shelton reported, Young met with Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy, Wayne County Executive William Lucas and Pat Johnson, chairman of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

Shelton publicly offered to use SEMCOG's offices as a "facilitator" for future discussions between leaders of the four largest governmental units in the region.

Ironically, none of the four attended SEMCOG's annual meeting Thursday in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.

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Lucas and his top assistants missed the meeting but had lower-level aides there. Macomb County dropped out of SEMCOG about a dozen years ago, and its political leaders have been hostile to regional ideas, though staff people have contact with the seven-county planning agency.

WHILE 90 percent of the region's residents live in a governmental unit that belongs to SEMCOG, Shelton said the lack of "functional cooperation" between Detroit and suburbia had resulted in "tremendous costs."

"It has cost us \$600 million in transportation aid (federal aid for rapid transit). It means outstate legislators can pit suburbs against the city, resulting in an over-balance of power to the outstate."

"And the cost in economic development has been more than we'll ever know."

"If there's an 'enemy,' it's Atlanta or Houston or the sunbelt — not Birmingham or Detroit or Warren."

SHELTON ANNOUNCED SEMCOG is formulating a stronger link with the

state Legislature by having members of both parties in both houses as non-voting SEMCOG delegates.

The legislative contacts, picked by party caucuses in Lansing, are:

- State Sen. Richard Fessler, R-West Bloomfield
- State Sen. John Kelly, D-Detroit
- State Rep. Justine Barnes, R-Westland
- State Rep. Ruth McNamee, R-Birmingham

Before becoming legislators, Barnes and McNamee were active in SEMCOG as delegates from their respective city councils.

Shelton said SEMCOG has made itself more active at the state level, both in legislative affairs and in dealing with the state bureaucracy.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the SEMCOG General Assembly, representing some 140 governments in the region, instructed its leadership to testify at all three hearings of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on proposed sanctions against the tri-county area for having dirty air.

EPA is proposing to withhold most highway aid and to clamp restrictions on industrial plant construction and expansion that would further pollute the air.

The next hearing is set for July 12 in

Macomb County.

The Michigan Legislature has adopted rules to implement a vehicle tail-pipe inspection program, Shelton said, but the \$1.3-million appropriation is tied up in a political fight.

If the Legislature fails to act by the time of the hearings, Shelton said, EPA probably will impose the sanctions July 15.

Two signals set at busy intersections

Stop-and-go traffic signals will go up at two busy Oakland County intersections, the Road Commission has decided.

One will be at Adams and the west leg of Hamilton Road in Avon Township. It will operate on green-red from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday and as a flashing signal at other times. Cost is \$15,000.

The other will be at Orchard Lake and the north driveway of Orchard

Mall, just south of Maple Road in West Bloomfield Township. It will operate on green-red from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 9-9 Sunday, and as a flashing signal at other times. Cost of \$22,750 will be split 70-30 between the Road Commission and Orchard Mall.

"Both will be installed in conjunction with projects to widen the roadway at these locations," said Chairman Richard V. Vogt.

First new Wayne jail guards graduate

Sixty newly graduated jail guards will begin their "hands-on" training next Monday when the first 50 prisoners are brought into the new Wayne County Jail.

They are graded as "Police Officer 1," meaning they are unarmed. Police officer 2s are full deputies who will carry weapons.

Sheriff Robert Ficano last week told a Wayne County Commission that meeting the complement will mean eventually growing to 500 new guards. The new PO1 classification was created to hold down costs.

Ficano said 500 prospective PO1s had passed their initial dexterity and intelligence tests. He said 300 will be held in reserve and the balance sent through training classes in the new jail's gymnasium and administration classroom buildings.

To be called the Andrew C. Baird De-

tection Facility, the new jail, a block away from Greenview in downtown Detroit, will be opened in stages. Ficano said the first stage would include 2½ floors of the 13-story building.

FICANO AND County Executive William Lucas announced the jail annex, in the M Building of the Eliot complex in Westland, will be closed later this summer.

The decision affects 250 inmates and 140 deputies. "All inmates will be transferred to the new downtown jail. We expect an annual savings of approximately \$3 million," Lucas said.

They said the state Department of Corrections ordered the annex closed because it fails to meet standards for a permanent jail. "The annex was always considered temporary," Lucas said.

Ficano said, "I have been advised by the executive's office that there are not

sufficient funds to continue operating the jail annex and to open the new jail. Therefore, we have examined the situation thoroughly and mutually agree upon making the opening of the new jail a priority."

Both said no jobs would be lost because of the action.

MEANWHILE, LUCAS announced tentative agreements have been reached with four local unions representing Wayne County Road Commission employees.

A general membership meeting is scheduled for today for formal ratification. A news blackout was agreed to until after the voting.

Affected are American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) locals 101, maintenance; 182, supervisor; 207, foreman; and 2827, professional engineers.



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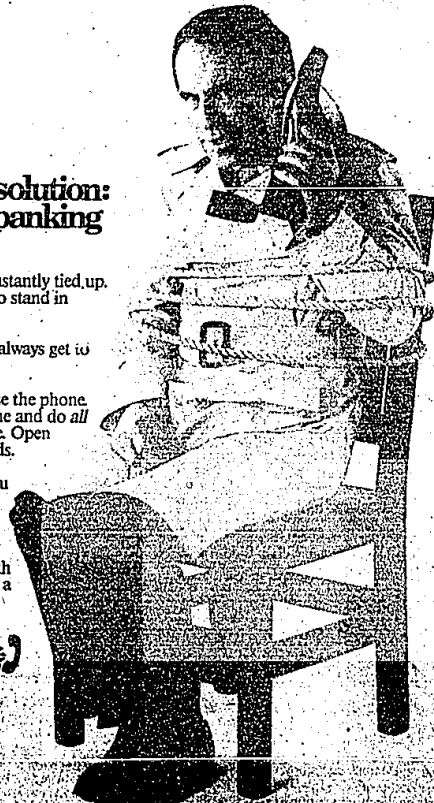
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