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A RESOLUTION CENSURING Lu-cas was presented during Aug. 18 Dem-ocratic district conventions to mem-bers of the 18th District. The district takes in western Wayne County and a third of Washenaw County. The resolution took Lucas to task for Toonduct and actions detrimental to the interests of the Michigan Demo-cratic Party and its members. Chairman Tom Anderson of the 18th District said there was an attempt to "distuade" the four of five people who were behind the effort. While Anderson believes the propos-al then disappeared, Lucas' staff. mem-bers were told it was talked about dur-ling some convention cacuse meetings.

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BEHIND THE RESOLUTION is con-cere by Wayne County Democrats that Lucas is not making enough job ap-pointments from their ranks. "His (Lucas') first consideration is competence. And I agree," explained Anderson, a Southgate resident. "But if there are competent people in both

parties, his loyalty abould be with the Democrata."

Anderson said there also is objection to the executive's proposed closing of Wayne County General Rospital in Westland. The facility has been leased to Konthwest Detroil Hospital Corp.

Other concerns apparently are Locas's reliance on staffer Dennis Nystrom, an Oakland County attorney active in Republican politics and the executive's recent appearance at an event honoring President Ronald Reagan.

"All these things contributed to the resolution. The primary concern is that Lucas is creating problems with Dems throughout the city and suburbs. The thought is that he's ignoring his sup-

porters."

Anderson, who has talked with Lucas about the concerns, said it did not surprise him that the executive wasn't up on the convention dats.

"I think it would been a little rift if he had been up there. Some people would have felt it was a slap in the face," the district chairman specular-

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LUCAS ALSO was not surprised that he was not up at the poddin. "Politics is a grown up at the poddin." Politics is a grown up person's game, and the people who are leaders decided Wayne County executive is not a very important, job," he said.

"I doo't agree with them. I Ieel what! I've done here a party would be proud of. They are the kinds of accomplishments I think any political party world embrace with pride."

Lucas said there have been Democratic objections to his fiscal moves like the plan to close the hospital.

"I took a debt-ridden county and made it fiscally responsible," he said.

"I resent those people who seem to abrogate the peation of fiscal integrity and give those qualities to Republicans. If you use tarapayers' money wisely you benefit your constituents and Democratic Party has always been the party of the people.

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TO THE CHARGES which brought about the resolution, Lucas said Nys-trom is the only "known" Republican in his administration. "The main criteria

explained.
"Maybe they aren't people who went to San Francisco for the convention. But no one has to show a card to work in this office."

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The executive said he attended the Reagan party because he was invited and went out of polliteness and because it might help his constituents if he attended.

"I was brought up in an era of respect for authority, it, would be had manners not to attend," said Lucas.

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"It would be violating my own per-nal code of conduct, which is to have is and respect.



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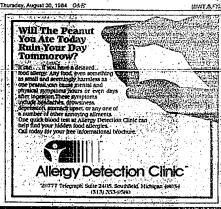


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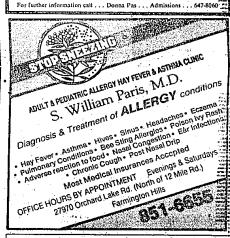
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