



ANDREW SUGAR, 17, defends amnesty for draft evaders in 19th Congressional District state convention caucus.



BRIAN OLIMSTEAD, 29, of 30401 Patricia, Farmington, spoke slowly, softly, soothingly — and won a compromise resolution supporting amnesty for draft protesters in Canada. He is flanked by District Chairman Aldo Vagnozzi (Observer photo).

How 19th District Democrats Fought Over Amnesty Plank

BY DENNIS L. PAJOT

Adoption of a strong amnesty plank by the Democratic State Convention surprised local liberals almost as much as it embarrassed party leaders and candidates.

Mrs. Jeanne Havstad, an active New Democratic Coalition delegate from Livonia, told Observer Newspapers she didn't know how the amendment was added to a peace resolution.

"All of a sudden, there it was, and we stood up and screamed at the top of our voices when the 'yes' vote was called," she said.

Observer Newspapers also learned that Livonian Ronald Hecker was a member of the convention resolutions committee and was the sole vote against a majority proposal that excluded amnesty. It was a minority proposal that was subsequently adopted.

Hecker was the NDC candidate in a four-way contest for the Democratic nomination to run for congress in the 19th District, placing third behind labor-backed Fred L. Harris of Farmington.

The 19th Congressional District delegates went nearly as far as the Democratic state convention in its anti-war stand.

The district adopted a resolution for convention consideration.

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tion supporting amnesty for draft evaders in Canada if they perform "some" government service upon their return. A 55-40 hand vote endorsed the position.

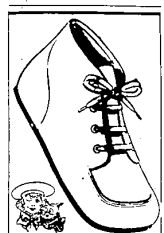
A 17-year-old Livonia youth who took part in the district caucus, adult New Democratic Coalition (NDC) members and an unlikely Farmington plumber forged the successful strategy.

Two war veterans tried to lead the resistance.

THE NDC offered a resolution asking complete amnesty. It was fought to a standstill by veterans Nick Latrow of Livonia, who has a permanently crippled arm, and Clayton Shackett of Redford Township.

They argued that all wars are immoral and that the party should work for veterans benefits instead of undercutting present servicemen.

Chairman Aldo Vagnozzi



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attempted to put the question to a vote.

The NDC shouted him down and 17-year-old Andrew Sugar of 20031 Maplewood, Livonia, charged that Vagnozzi wasn't allowing youths to speak. Vagnozzi asked for one speaker to represent all Sugar was put forward.

MOUNTING THE speakers rostrum with a black Vietnam-Moratorium armband and flaring thick curly hair, Sugar de-

livered an impassioned defense.

He ended with the cry, "You give me three choices: kill, go to jail or be called a coward. Some choice!"

Real victory was achieved by Brian Olimstead, 29, of 30401 Patricia, Farmington. He proposed an amendment which softened the amnesty by requiring that it be tied to government service.

He spoke slowly, softly, soothingly, stating he had tried to

volunteer for the draft and had been turned down on health reasons. He composed his amendment at the podium while the room was in hushed anticipation.

ALTHOUGH HE was urged to take the stand by NDC members, Olimstead told Observer Newspapers he is not an NDC member but simply feels the evaders should be allowed to return. The amendment passed.

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Clarences teachers and the school board have reached a tentative agreement on a new contract, the Board of Education announced.

Bargaining leaders for the board and the Clarenceville Education Association (CEA) reached agreement late Wednesday night. Patrick McDowell said the new five-year pact and the new package would cost the district more than last year.

Other than that, the teams declined to reveal any details until the new pact is signed and a chance to show the package.

The CEA head, Dr. William Water, is expected to meet Sept. 15 with the board. A board spokesman said the board would vote on the

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