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Suburbia Gives Birth To Liberal 4th Party

By DENNIS L. PAJOT

Farmington may become the new Human Rights Party what Jackson became for the Republican Party in pre-Civil War days: the birthplace of a sustaining partisan political organization.

Southfield could go down in history as the place of conception. Livonia may be able to claim a daughter as one of the party's founders and earliest proponents.

On Dec. 8, 1970, the party was created officially when papers were filed in Lansing. This followed a Nov. 22 meeting at Howard Johnson's Inn in Southfield (10 Mile and

Evergreen) of a group of frustrated liberal Democrats.

Another meeting has been called for Dec. 10, 1971, at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland County Community College in Farmington Township.

Likely result of this meeting is that some form of formal charter, constitution or by-laws will be written and initial standing officers will be chosen. At present the party is represented only by an acting chairman, Howard Jones of Lansing.

NEARLY A YEAR ago, Mrs. Jeanne Harstad of Livonia proposed to the state-wide meeting of New Democratic Coalition officers that the NDC make a complete break from established parties and form their own.

The NDC was then, fresh from a sound thrashing by union and regular Democrats in a special Democratic Party Reform Convention.

Her fourth party idea was turned down at the time by the State NDC. It continued to be nurtured by several in attendance, however.

One of these was John W. Hoppin of Birmingham, chairman of the 18th District New Democratic Coalition (since re-named New Coalition). He attended the Nov. 22 Southfield meeting, is enthused about formation of the Human Rights Party and will attend the Jan. 10 Farmington meeting filled with optimism.

OTHERS WITHIN the 18th District who attended the first meeting were Mrs. Hoppin, Mrs. Milton Halpert of Birmingham, Tanya Simon of

Berkley, and Calvin Lippert of Oak Park.

In addition to Mrs. Harstad, from Livonia were Paul Endicott, chairman of the Livonia NDC, and Ron and Adrienne Hecker. Ron was a Democratic primary candidate for 19th District U.S. representative in August, losing to union-backed Fred L. Harris who eventually succumbed to the incumbent Republican in November.

From Farmington at the Nov. 22 meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Lee O'Connor; Lee is chairman of the 19th District NDC.

Nobody attended from the 15th District, Westland and Garden City, from the Wayne County portion of the 2nd District (Plymouth).

HOPPIN, RESPONDING to Observer Newspapers inquiries, said the Nov. 22 meeting was attended "by people who represent groups interested in the new movement." He said these same people have been invited to the Jan. 10 meeting.

Will the Human Rights Party attempt to compete with the established partisan groups or just serve as an outside pressure group?

"It will become a strong competition party. I don't think it could possibly pose as just a threat successfully," said Hoppin. "We're going to have to be a strong, vital force."

He said he believes, however, that one of the first results will be that the ruling regular Democrats will "throw modest bones to NDC members in an attempt to hang on to them."



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Under Michigan law, a boating certificate issued by the sheriff's school is required before a minor may operate a power boat.

The first class is scheduled at Pierce Junior High, Jan. 15, 22, and 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Hilbert Junior High is the site of classes Feb. 1, 8, and 15, from 3:30 to 5:30. Redford Union classes start

Feb. 2 at the same time, continuing Feb. 9 and Feb. 16. Pearson Junior High is host Feb. 3, 10 and 17, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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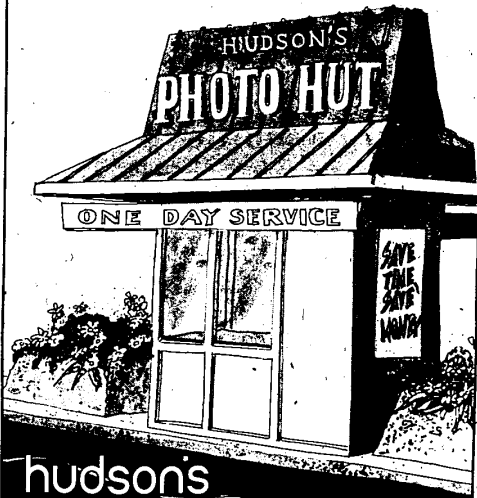
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