

Local Dems Are Concerned About Congress, Not Bobby

By TIM RICHARD
Johnson? McCarthy? Kennedy? That issue won't be fought at the 19th Congressional District

Democratic convention this spring, in the opinion of Chairman Aldo Vagnozzi. "We'll pick delegates to the state convention who will be most representative of the district. I'm not even sure they'll be pledged," Vagnozzi added.

"WHAT WE'RE really concerned about is the congressional race," he added. The 19th District seat is currently held by Republican Jack McDonald, a first-term who de-

feated Democrat Billy S. Farnum in 1966. "As of now, there's no one who is officially a candidate," said Vagnozzi, a Farmington Township resident who is editor of the AFL-CIO News. "Some people are considering it. We'll probably have something in the next two or three weeks or maybe a month." Vagnozzi personally is in favor of renominating and re-electing President Johnson. "The President's overall record is good, particularly on the domestic side. We've had the greatest gains in history for Medicare, Social Security, aid to education and so on."

Kennedy Announces

It Will Be 'Clash Of Issues'

Here are excerpts from the announcement of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-Mass., that he would seek the Democratic presidential nomination:

"I do not run for the presidency merely to oppose any man, but to propose new policies. . . .

"No one who knows what I know about the extraordinary demands of the presidency can be certain that any mortal can adequately fill it. . . .

"But my service on the National Security Council during the Cuban missile crisis, the Berlin crisis and the negotiation on Laos and on the nuclear test ban treaty have taught me something about both the uses and the limitations of military power, about the value of

negotiations with allies and with the enemies, about the opportunities and dangers which await our nation in the many corners of the globe. . . .

"THE REMARKABLE New Hampshire campaign of Sen. Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.) has proven how deep are the present divisions within our party and country. . . .

"Until that was publicly clear, my presence in the race of personalities rather than issues. But now that the fight is over policies which I have long been challenging, I must enter that race. . . .

"I made clear to Sen. McCarthy that my candidacy would not be in opposition to his, but in harmony. . . .

"My aim is to both support and expand his valiant campaign in the spirit of his Nov. 30 statement. . . .

"TAKING ONE month at a time, it is important now that he achieve the largest possible majorities next month in the Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts primaries. I strongly support his effort in those states and urge all my friends to give him their votes. . . .

"After saying he would enter primaries in California, Oregon and Nebraska, Kennedy closed by saying: . . .

"Finally, my decision reflects no personal animosity or disrespect toward President Johnson. . . . I do not lightly dismiss the dangers and difficulties of challenging an incumbent



SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY
... New Policies

Sen. Kuhn Rips Cavanagh On Session With Mayors

State Sen. George Kuhn has again blistered Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh, this time following Cavanagh's meeting last week with 44 suburban mayors.

At the same time, Kuhn hailed the Senate's 26-9 passage of a bill that will give mayors and township supervisors power to impose a 72-hour curfew in the event of civil disorder.

The West Bloomfield Township Republican, whose district includes Farmington, Livonia, and Plymouth, scoffed at the idea that the curfew bill allows "martial law."

"It's just the opposite," he said. "This is a preventive measure. It's designed to halt trouble before it starts."

The bill was opposed mainly by Detroit and some suburban Democrats, notably Senator Levin of Berkley and Roger Craig of Dearborn.

THE SENATE version, which differs from a House-passed bill, extends to local elected chief executives the power that the governor has to impose a curfew and ban the sale of alcoholic beverages, guns and ammunition.

The power lasts only 72 hours, and the governor can overrule the local official and lift the ban at any time.

Although in such cities as Farmington and Plymouth the city manager is the administrative head of government, the curfew power could be exercised only by the elected head—the mayor. And only mayors and township supervisors—not village presidents, whose jurisdictions are parts of townships—could use the power.

AFTER CAVANAGH's conference last Thursday with 44 suburban mayors, Kuhn wrote

them his own letter, which he made public, chiding Cavanagh for actions that are "not only too little but insignificant, including his establishment of a rumor control center."

Kuhn said that unless Cavanagh makes it clear he will not tolerate criminal activity from "the so-called five per cent hard core agitators...the citizenry has no choice or alternative but to arm itself for its own protection and security. This, I say, is deeply regrettable in this day and age."

THE REPUBLICAN conservative urged that Cavanagh take tougher actions such as:

"Giving strong and total support to many anti-crime and riot bills now facing the Legislature, with particular emphasis on those bills against inciting riot, snipers who shoot at firemen and policemen in the line of duty, firebombs and those who throw Molotov cocktails."

"Immediately appointing a new police commissioner, with full powers to carry out the duties of that office without political interference."

Kuhn added that Cavanagh should have invited State Police Commissioner Frederick Davids to attend any meeting of the mayors.

"If I am not mistaken, Col. Davids concurs with my thinking on opposing mutual police pacts between Detroit and suburban communities."

Bradley Prefers Election

EDITOR'S NOTE: A week ago, in our roundup report of local judges' opinions, we inadvertently omitted the City of Westland. The local judges were asked their reaction to a proposal for a state constitutional amendment providing for the appointment, rather than the election, of all judges. Here is what Westland's Judge Michael W. Bradley had to say:

Michael W. Bradley, one of Westland's two municipal judges, said that he is "old fashioned" when it comes to electing judges.

He said he still prefers the former method of electing all judges and having the governor pick men to fill vacancies on the bench.

However, under the new state constitution approved by the voters five years ago, judicial vacancies are filled by special elections, which Bradley termed as too expensive taking the power of appointment away from the governor.

"I'm not in favor of any committee picking nominees for judges," Bradley stressed.

"During my career," Bradley continued, "Governors (G. Mennen Williams, (John B.) Swainson, and (George) Romney have all picked good men as judges."

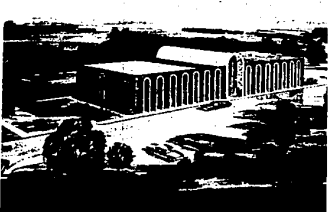
The most qualified judges during my career have been appointed by the governors, Bradley stressed.

The judge, saying that he didn't read the Honigman report, said that most of the proposals have been attempts to improve the court system.

"Judges should be elected and allowed to run for reelection at regular intervals," Bradley said.

Art Identified

WASHINGTON POST -- The Civil Aeronautics Board has ordered airlines to put a price tag on movies and drinks by April 6 to make sure that only passengers who want them have to pay for them. The board said it felt that the cost of these "extras" should be paid by passengers who use them, not shared by those who don't.



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ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE -- Students at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College heard a pitch from Dr. John Weiss, chairman of the Michigan Citizens for McCarthy, for workers in the Wisconsin Primary Campaign. Weiss, who is WSU history professor, was research director of the Michigan Independents for Johnson in 1964.

Students Recruited To Aid McCarthy

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Senator Eugene McCarthy's quest for the Democratic presidential nomination formally inched forward Friday when Dr. John Weiss, chairman of the Michigan Citizens for McCarthy, spoke at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

Weiss was in search of student help for the McCarthy campaign in the Wisconsin primary. Area efforts are being run by the McCarthy for President headquarters at 7500 W. McNichols, Detroit.

He was also seeking funds and urged the students to attend the March 22 McCarthy rally at Cobo Hall.

THE IMMEDIATE program of the McCarthy Citizens is to help the Minnesota Senator win the April 6 Wisconsin primary. Such a win, according to Weiss, would force Michigan Democrats to take a second look at their support for President Johnson.

"I can recall only one Michigan history professor, assumed the chairmanship of the McCarthy organization March 10. A member of the executive

board of the Michigan Americans for Democratic Action, he served as research director for McCarthy, for workers in the Wisconsin Primary Campaign. Weiss, who is WSU history professor, was research director of the Michigan Independents for Johnson in 1964.

At the Orchard Ridge campus, Weiss told of plans for transporting 500 Michigan college students to Wisconsin to work on the McCarthy campaign. The mass effort will take place the weekends of March 22 and March 29.

A house-to-house campaign in Milwaukee is also planned on April 2, just four days before the primary.

When Sen. Robert F. Kennedy announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination Saturday, his statements about the campaign of McCarthy dovetailed neatly with the pitch made by Weiss.

Sen. Kennedy told the country that he is throwing his support behind Sen. McCarthy in the Wisconsin primary.

He urged his supporters in Wisconsin to roll up their sleeves and work for a McCarthy win on April 6.

The reason—Kennedy can't file for the Wisconsin vote at this late date.

DR. WEISS, chairman, told the students that whoever is their favorite candidate, they

should plan to work for McCarthy in Wisconsin.

Weiss called for students of all political philosophies who dislike the prospect of a Nixon-Johnson presidential campaign to back McCarthy in Wisconsin.

A McCarthy victory, the intellectual said, would force the Democratic party to examine alternative candidates at the national convention.

In the drive to recruit students from Orchard Ridge an organizational meeting was held Tuesday, March 19, at the campus.

He told the students that the people must convince the Democratic party that Johnson can't win in November before the convention could become open.

NOTING THE LACK of a Michigan primary to select the delegates to the nominating convention, Weiss asserted that "there are 15 to 20 people in the Michigan delegation who want to go for McCarthy, but they are in the minority. However we might keep the Michigan delegation neutral on the first ballot by a strong win in Wisconsin."

(Delegates to the Michigan Democratic Convention will be chosen by the Party Convention June 1 and 2 in Detroit.)

After Conference, Crime's Causes Still A Mystery

What are the causes of crime? "Pathetically little is known on the subject of crime," answered the keynote of the statewide conference on crime, called by Gov. Romney last week in Detroit's Cobo Hall.

The keynote was James E. Fain, executive editor of the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News and a board member of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Fain declared there is "vast mythology on crime that leads to over-simplified solutions—arming police with shotguns, forming vigilante groups, giving harsher prison sentences."

WHAT ARE THE causes of crime?

Fain said the President's Crime Commission had made at least a beginning attempt to answer by recognizing that crime is "infinitely complicated and little understood."

The report "erected intellectual roadblocks to rational, intuitive answers," said Fain.

"Crime" has come to mean "crime in the streets" or "Negro crime," but Fain said that's only part of crime. There are also white collar crimes (embezzlement, price-fixing), simple teen shoplifting crimes, organized syndicate crime, and many more.

WHAT ARE THE causes of crime?

Two of the "welcoming" speakers came up with quite different answers.

Gov. William Milliken said "criminal behavior begins not with the first criminal act, but in childhood or adolescence. It is almost not so much from unjust or unfair laws as from unjust social conditions," said Milliken.

But James Trainor, an executive assistant representing Mayor Cavanagh, reversed the order. "If we can't have safe streets, then we can't make a beginning on solving the social problems."

WHAT ARE THE causes of crime? Keynote Fain, a political liberal, warned that "white backlash" could be a great threat to racial peace this summer.

Such slogans as "crime in the streets" and "support your local police" are used, he said, as a kind of "linguistic shorthand by white racists to organize themselves politically" without revealing their true racist sentiments.

"They're polite ways for saying that whites should use the instruments of suppression to keep down the blacks," Fain said.

What are the causes of crime? Fain said.

There is tangible and visible terror in many low-income areas because of a fear of armed white attacks this summer, he said.

What are the causes of crime? Fain said.

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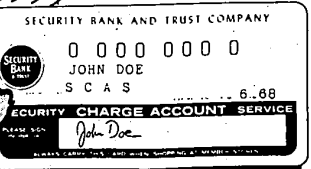
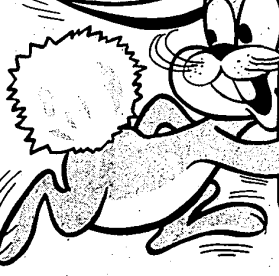
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