

In Oakland GOP Split

Cartwright Turnout Largest

Five Republican lawmakers, many of them sitting on the fence in the 19th Congressional District's intra-party war for the last year, last week made it clear they are supporting the moderate segment headed by Chairman John Cartwright.

Congressman Jack H. McDonald and four state representatives, including Raymond L. Baker of Farmington, wrote, to precinct delegates asking them to attend the Cartwright group's Wednesday convention in Oakland County.

MEANWHILE, a conservative group headed by Christian Powell, ousted at the 1966 GOP state convention, held its own convention the same evening in the 19th District. But in interviews and speeches, the conservatives saw a growing split between themselves and the moderate wing of the GOP.

Richard Kuhn, barely beaten by McDonald in the 1966 congressional primary, said he would consider a 1968 race for Congress. If an official investigation is made into alleged voting irregularities in McDonald's bailiwick of Redford Township and turns up anything unfavorable to McDonald.

In an interview at the conservative convention, Kuhn said he expected the GOP state convention next month would once again vote to seat the Cartwright group. But the Pontiac attorney added that conservatives would probably carry their fight to the national convention in an attempt to gain the delegate seats from the 19th District.

"This is a holding action," Kuhn said of the conservative meeting. The conservatives, while refusing to admit publicly that the Cartwright group is the legal GOP organization in the 19th, are actually aiming their efforts at the Aug. 6 primary, when a new batch of local delegates will be elected from the precincts, he added.

ORIGIN of the split is the 1966 district convention's disputed vote on election of delegates to the state convention. Powell, then chairman, ruled his supporters had won, 53-52, and adjourned the meeting.

The Cartwright supporters held the vote was improper and the adjournment premature, and continued the convention after Powell's group walked out. The GOP state convention seated the Cartwright group and has officially recognized it.

Only lawmakers who failed to endorse the Cartwright group was Richard Kuhn's brother, State Sen. George Kuhn. The senator didn't appear at either convention, although Richard was personally confident of George's support.

Conservatives suffered a blow when Sen. L. Harvey Lodge, a veteran legislator from Pontiac, attended the Cartwright group's convention although he did not sign the

legislative letter of support.

ALMOST ALL Farmington city and township precinct delegates ignored the conservative convention.

Mrs. Grace Richardson, a conservative stalwart, was considered part of the Powell group's strength and elected an alternate delegate to the state convention, but she didn't actually attend the district meeting.

Otherwise, no elected Farmington delegate attended the conservative gathering, and that group appointed seven Farmington residents to fill out the Farmington delegation.

THERE WERE 138 delegate posts that could have been filled in the 1966 primary; 108 persons were actually elected. Of these, 27 attended the conservative convention and 52 went to the Cartwright gathering.

Through the appointment process, both conventions filled most of the vacancies.

Shortly before last week's conventions, delegates received letters signed by five lawmakers asking them to attend the moderate convention. "The Republican Party in the 19th District has demonstrated the broad-based appeal which incorporates the many perspectives of Republicanism. That appeal has flourished under John Cartwright's leadership," the letter said.

It was signed by McDonald, Baker, and State Reps. Clifford Smart, Loren Anderson and Donald Bishop.

All but McDonald actually attended the Cartwright convention, and the congressmen was represented by an aide from his Farmington office.

Also adding their support to the Cartwright group were a couple of Wayne County visitors—State Rep. Louis Schmidt of Livonia and Sen. Lorraine Beebe of Dearborn.

BIG GUN, at the conserva-

tive convention was State Sen. Robert Huber, of Troy, guiding light of the Republican Citizens Committee of Oakland County, a conservative group which feels its being "excluded" from GOP affairs.

Huber charged there is an "unholy alliance" between Republican leaders in the Legislature and the most liberal wing of the Democratic Party headed by Sens. Sander Levin and Coleman Young.

Most legislation being produced, Huber said, "is Democratic legislation. We have defied the Democratic leadership."

He said there is now "a division" in GOP Senate ranks—"a group of senators who are no longer buying the Levin and the Youngs" and are putting heat on Republican leaders.

Huber urged conservatives to get politically active to "protect your life, your property and your pocketbook."

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The special 10-man committee will investigate the program relative to the effects of insecticide spraying on the environment and report to the legislature by the first of the year. Recently the City of Farmington was named as a co-defendant in a court case for the use of DDT in spraying to control Dutch Elm Disease. The city has since discontinued the use of DDT and has filed a stipulation of its action and was allowed to withdraw from the case.

Has Promotion

Army Pvt. Glenn R. Davis, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Davis, 31009 Bycroft, Farmington, distinguished himself during his recent basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

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