

## Largest Dem Dinner In History?

# Packed House Welcomes McGovern

By EMORY DANIELS

**SOUTHFIELD**  
A number of cars had left the parking lot of the Raleigh House in Southfield Monday night before Sen. George McGovern finished his speech. They were driven by persons attending the Detroit Oilmen's meeting in the banquet hall next door. It is suspected they left shortly after the senator identified President Nixon as "the primary beneficiary of a \$10 million secret slush fund by which the oil interests and ITT and the others protect their stake and influence in this government."

**BUT INSIDE** there was a packed house as 200 persons more than expected turned out for the dinner. Some 1,500 were anticipated with 1,100 tickets sold in advance, but a head-count indicated 1,700 persons were there.

It was what Sander Levin, 1970 Michigan gubernatorial candidate, described as "the largest presidential campaign dinner in the history of the Michigan Democratic Party."

### 3 Attend Tire Show

Several persons from Plymouth Tire & Auto Service center recently attended the 32nd annual convention and trades show of the National Tire Dealers and Retreaders Assn. Inc. in Las Vegas, Nev.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cation and Mrs. and Mrs. Harold Oliver attended the largest tire industry convention in the company's history which featured nearly 600 booths.

**SAMMY LIEBERMAN**, owner of the Raleigh House, had everything prepared for this fund-raiser - the second he has hosted for a presidential nominee.

The first was for Richard Nixon in 1960 when the then vice president tackled John F. Kennedy and lost. The piles of half-chickens had been prepared by noon, and an hour before the dinner started were waiting to be shoved into warming ovens before being served.

While the salads were being prepared, the cooks and chefs were working on a banquet for Tuesday for 1,400 persons and another for today (Wednesday) for 1,200 persons. They already have the menu of strip sirloin written up for the \$100 a plate, closed-circuit television appearance of Nixon in the Raleigh House next week.

**SECURITY** was tight as Secret Service plain clothesmen met in the lobby at 6 p.m. to assign locations and repeat instructions. By the time guests filed in at 7 p.m., security agents had anchored themselves at corners in the banquet room, lobby, cocktail room, and in the halls.

About 12 security agents were on guard in the kitchen behind the banquet hall, because McGovern entered from the south side of the building through the kitchen. While most in the audience were unaware McGovern was there, the senator waited in the kitchen for the right time to make the grand entrance to the speaker's rostrum.

**THE ARRIVAL** was quick, well-planned, and arranged to leave little time for hand-shaking with admirers. Sirens could be heard about



SEN. GEORGE MCGOVERN

a half-mile away as the cavalcade neared the Raleigh House. Almost without warning, 10 Oakland County sheriff's riding motorcycles in formation went whizzing by the kitchen entrance, circled the building, and stopped in front of the main entrance.

About five police cars followed with red lights flashing, and parked at the end of the south drive.

Eleven cars followed with the first couple containing Secret Service guards who rode standing outside of the cars.

McGovern stepped briskly from his car and was quickly guided toward the door. A small crowd of well-wishers, mostly teens, rushed towards him. Only one had the chance to shake his hero's hand as McGovern spoke a few words of encouragement to them before being forced inside.

**RICHARD AUSTIN**, secretary of state, came early to greet the diners as they arrived. Detroit Mayor Roman Gribbs arrived stag and, when asked if his wife would be

there, replied she was in Los Angeles.

McGovern made mention of Mrs. Gribbs' endorsement of Nixon by commenting, "He proves that even in these days of women's liberation, a man can disagree with his wife."

U.S. Rep. Martha Griffiths (D-11th District) on an unexpected appearance, having announced earlier she would be in Washington Monday night.

Although Mrs. Gribbs was absent, former Mayor Jerome Cavanagh and his new wife were there along with Sen. Philip Hart and his newsworthy Ms.

**NOTABLE** by their absence were the suburban mayors. Missed in the crowd of 1,700 were Southfield Mayor Norman Feder, Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara, Westland Mayor Eugene McKinney, and Garden City Mayor James Lowe - all of whom are Democrats.

Farmington Democrats there included Alan Sipher, Jerry Friedman, Joanne Smith, Al Melon and Richard Frankel.

Southfield Democrats included: Ken Brown, honorary member of the planning commission who was a delegate to the last Democratic Convention; and Lawrence Pernick, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Asked if he were there because he was a Democrat or a McGovern supporter, Pernick quipped: "All good Democrats are McGovern supporters."

**THE HONOR** roll of those at the head table included such top state officials as: Austin; Frank Kelley, U.S. Senate nominee; State Sen. Coleman Young, national committeeman; House Speaker William Ryan; State Sen. Daniel Cooper, 18th District congressional nominee; and State Sen. George Fitzgerald.

Besides Mrs. Griffiths, congressmen attending were Lucien Nedzi of the 14th, John Conyers of the 15th, William Ford of the 18th and James O'Hara of the 12th. Ford's presence was significant because he had said publicly

in the past he was afraid McGovern's candidacy might hurt him in his western Wayne County district.

Other notables were John Canfield, Dearborn Heights mayor and head of the 15th Congressional District Democratic organization; Tom Turner, president of the Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO; James McNeely, state Democratic chairman.

Also: Emil Mazey, secretary-treasurer of the UAW; Circuit Judge Horace Gilmore, a State Supreme Court Nominee; Justice John Swainson; Douglas Frasier, vice president of the UAW; and Neil Staebler, Democratic national committeeman.

McGovern in Southfield in October. Cool outside, but very warm inside.

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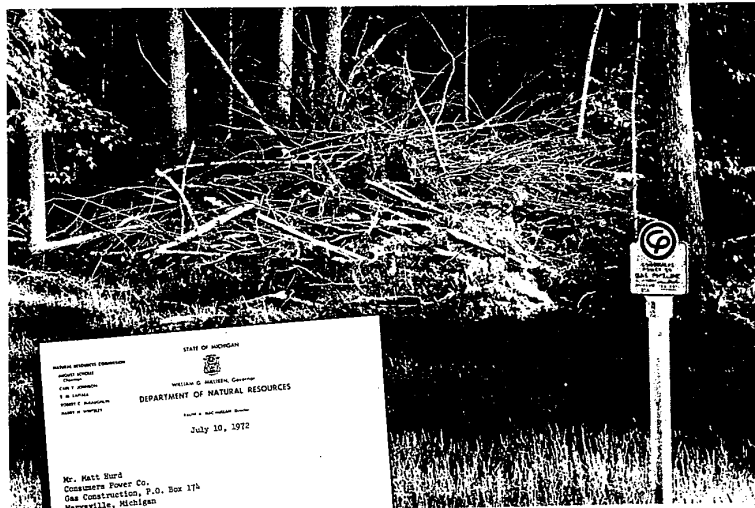
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