

Martha's Grip Strong Despite Nixon Sweep

By KATHY MORAN

U.S. Rep. Martha Griffiths, a Detroit Democrat, kept a firm grip on her 17th Congressional District seat last week taking 67 per cent of the more than 170,000 votes cast.

Her Republican challenger, Ralph Judd, lost in his third election attempt but outpolled Mrs. Griffiths in three areas of her district.

Mrs. Griffiths has represented the 17th District for 18 years, but the shape of the district changed after reapportionment last spring.

Instead of including all of northwest Detroit, Mrs. Griffiths' district moved westward to take in part of northwest Detroit and the Democratic area of Southfield, Republican areas of Farmington and Lathrup Village and the marginal area of Redford Township.

IT WAS IN the Republican strongholds of Farmington City and Township and Lathrup Village that Judd outpolled Mrs. Griffiths. But the heavy Democratic votes from the remainder of the district pulled Mrs. Griffiths' far ahead of her challenger.

Unofficial tallies show Mrs. Griffiths won 115,850 votes to Judd's 56,500. The Wayne County portion of her district voted 83,600 to 31,600 in her favor as did the Oakland County portion at 32,000 to 24,800.

A breakdown of the vote shows Mrs. Griffiths winning northwest Detroit 63,500 to 22,000; Redford Township 20,000 to 9,700; and Southfield 19,450 to 11,600.

Judd won in Farmington City 2,600 to 2,300; Farmington Township 9,600 to 9,400 and Lathrup Village 1,400 to 940.

ALTHOUGH THE areas went heavily for President Nixon, residents of the 17th split their votes to return her to office.

During her campaigning Mrs. Griffiths said she wasn't worried about a Nixon landslide since she had learned in past elections that people split their ballots.

She said she realized this in 1956 when President Eisenhower swept the country but she won a second term in Congress by a larger margin than her first term.

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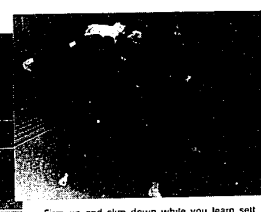



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