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3 Democratic Gubernatorial Hopefuls Agree --For Now

If Gov. William Milliken's ESP told him he was being talked about last Thursday evening, it was entirely right.

In fact, when the three most likely candidates for the 1974 Democratic gubernatorial nomination shared a speaker's platform for the first time, it was the GOP's Milliken who was their common target.

Even though they may become foes in the party's primary election next summer, there was nary a word against one another.

Sander Levin, the party's defeated standard bearer in 1970; former Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh, and State Rep. Bobby Crim from the Flint suburb of Davison all were guests of Wayne County 2nd District Democrats at a forum conducted in Livonia, and the mood was akin to Rotarians selling Rotarians on Rotarianism.

Levin, who lost to incumbent Milliken by 44,000 votes in 1970, touched the enthusiastic pulse of the capacity crowd in Livonia's District Court Building with a statement, "I'm convinced the people are going to punish the Republican party for the mess we're in."

Declaring that his motto is "44,000 or bust," Levin said he is in the race for keeps, and so did Cavanagh, now a resident of Ann Arbor, although the latter has made a formal announcement of his candidacy.

Crim, a teacher from Davison who is serving his second stint in the Legislature,



SANDER LEVIN



JEROME CAVANAGH



REP. BOBBY CRIM

wasn't as positive about his plans. He is majority floor leader in the House, apparently is a reasonably safe bet for re-election in the 82nd District, and if he goes for governor will have to relinquish that seat. He said he will make a decision about March 1.

A "Draft Crim" movement was launched recently by a group of Democrats and includes Livonia's Marvin Stempien, former state representative and House majority leaders who is now chairman of Wayne 2nd Democrats.

Cavanagh launched the anti-Milliken approach as the opening speaker with the remark, "I do not subscribe to the theory that Gov. Milliken is unbeatable," and it grew from there.

The former Detroit mayor called the governor's record one of "dreary non-performance," saying there has been "abysmal failure" in educational reform and overall "non-concern as to consequential things."

Crim told his partisan listeners, "1974 has all the makings of a great year for Democrats in Michigan if we don't go on butting our heads against the wall as before."

Criticizing Gov. Milliken's record concerning educational reform, unemployment and consumer protection, Crim added:

"Milliken doesn't like controversy, he doesn't like to take his lumps. We're going to have to have one of those old fashioned Soapy Williams campaigns and go after Bill Milliken all over the state. I'm looking forward to being part of that in '74."

Accusing the governor of "sitting on his hands," Levin

added to the fodder in saying, "Milliken hates anything that is controversial" and asked nomination of a candidate "who is willing to talk straight even on tough matters."

Asked what makes him think he can beat Milliken this time, Levin replied, "I've been in Livonia all day talking to citizens. I find people remember me positively. People don't buy the idea of 'one time and you're out.'"

All three agreed that the four per cent sales tax should be removed from food items and they expressed unity in opposing cross-district busing, although neither Levin nor Cavanagh showed enthusiasm for a constitutional amendment banning such busing.

Crim said, "If the court doesn't act, legislatures will have to. I would be prepared to vote for such a proposition."

"The test of leadership is whether you're willing to stand up and grapple with the issues, no matter how unpopular, and have guts—not grapple over the status quo," said Cavanagh. "The state is crying out for that kind of leadership. I'd be most content to be measured by what I've done."

Stempien served as chairman of the forum and Mayor Edward McNamara of Livonia as moderator.

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