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O'Hara, Montgomery

By MARCIA ABRAMSON

ROCHESTER—Rep. James O'Hara (D-12) came to town Friday to blast the "Nixon-Agnew-Ford-Rockefeller administration and boost the candidacy of fellow Democrat George Montgomery in the neighboring 19th district.

O'Hara's district includes Rochester and the eastern half of Avon Township, while the 19th district covers western Avon, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield and Southfield Township.

In the Nov. 5 election, O'Hara will face Republican Eugene J. Tyza. The two races present almost a mirror image, with Bloomfield an unusual favored to win the predominantly Republican 19th, and O'Hara expected to win re-election easily in the 12th.

But O'Hara and Montgomery stressed their increasing hopes of pulling off an upset in the 19th at a benefit spaghetti dinner for Montgomery Friday night. About 50 people attended.

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very much like 1964," said O'Hara, referring to the Democratic landslide of that year.

Concern over economic problems may give Montgomery an unparalleled opportunity to win the district, O'Hara said.

"I listened to Gerald Ford the other night and he said the ladies are causing inflation by buying things they don't need at the supermarket," O'Hara said. "If he thinks people are going to believe that it's the housewife and not the policies of the Republican administration, he's got another think coming."

O'Hara took the traditional Democratic line of criticizing Republicans for "anti-people" policies. For example, he said, former President Richard Nixon in 1970 vetoed a public service employment bill.

"Nixon said he thought public service was bad for the character of those on the public payroll. If we had known then what we know now about him, we might have understood what he meant a little better," said O'Hara.

"WE NOW have the unparalleled opportunity to repudiate one of the sorriest, shabbiest abuses of the public trust in our history," he added.

Montgomery said he is running on his own record of service in six years in the state legislature and against Broomfield's record in Congress. Montgomery now is a professor at Oakland Community College.

Academy gains \$75,000 grant

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Cranbrook Academy of Art has received a \$75,000 grant from the Ford Foundation.

The grant, which must be matched within three years, was awarded for student scholarships.

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Broomfield just recently supported the President's veto of legislation to stop military aid to Turkey because of the Cyprus situation, Montgomery said.

"I don't like to see Greece and Turkey beating each other up with NATO-supplied arms. It's very wrong of our Congress to allow it. We've let death and destruction on both sides," Montgomery said.

Montgomery called for substantial cutbacks in military aid, especially to military dictatorships. "I think we

should ask the Pentagon to suffer along with the housewife and worker in this economic pinch," he said.

The B-1 super bomber also came in for Montgomery's criticism. "It's a weapon we don't need and we will never need," he argued.

Montgomery promised to become a "commuter Congressman" who will spend weekends in the district. "I think the people have that coming," he said. "My main thrust is to restore some confidence in government and in Congress," explained Montgomery.

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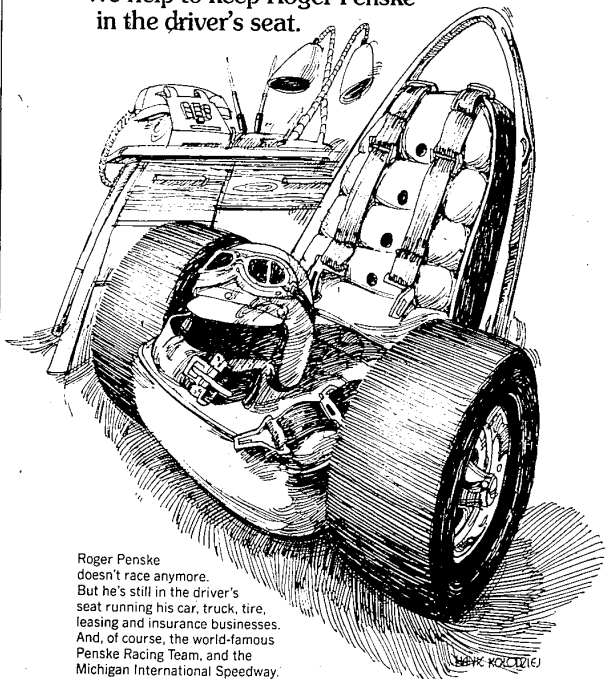
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