

# President Ford declines Murphy fund-raiser bid

**By ROBERT KIPPER**  
**OAKLAND COUNTY**—The effort to line up Republican superstars to help pay off County Executive Daniel Murphy's campaign debts suffered its first setback this week.  
 The White House announced Monday that President Gerald Ford had declined the invitation to come to Oak-

land County in February for a Murphy fund-raiser.  
 A White House spokesman, who said the President wouldn't be doing much traveling in the near future, said there is a chance President Ford will come to Oakland later this year on Murphy's behalf.  
**AS OF WEDNESDAY**, neither spokesmen for Vice President Nelson

Rockefeller nor spokesmen for former California Gov. Ronald Reagan had accepted similar invitations to appear for Murphy.  
 John Gnaul, Jr., Oakland County road commissioner and hold-over finance chairman of Murphy's 1974 county executive campaign, is hoping that both Rockefeller and Reagan, as well as Michigan Republicans Gov.

William Milliken and U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin, will agree to appear in the near future.  
 Gnaul, whose appointment as road commissioner was criticized due to Gnaul's closeness to Murphy, is masterminding the attempt to host a series of fund-raisers.  
 The goal is to pay off the \$40,000 Murphy still owes for his last cam-

paign and to create "a war chest" for Murphy's re-election bid in 1978. Gnaul said.  
 GNAUL WAS one of 17 persons who co-signed for two loans totaling \$40,000 to pay for a media blitz in the closing days of Murphy's tight race with Democrat Eugene Kuby.  
 To date, only Gnaul and Pontiac busi-

nessmen, Mahlon Benson, have acknowledged publicly they co-signed loans for Murphy.  
 The two loans represented more than half the total amount spent on Murphy's campaign.  
 Benson said this week he is notifying the other co-signers to get permission to release the other 15 names.

## Exhibit slated

The 11th annual Coin Show of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Coin Club will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Birmingham Masonic Temple, 357 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

Approximately 26 dealers from Michigan, neighboring states and Canada will participate in the bourse, and many specialists will be represented. A large variety of silver bars and gold bullion also will be available. Non-competitive exhibits planned for the show include a number of educational displays.

The show will give collectors a chance to show special displays and for dealers to get together. At the same time the general public can learn about and view rare coins.

INTEREST IN coin collecting has heightened recently with the U.S. Government lifting its 41-year ban on gold ownership by American citizens. The anticipated "gold rush" has not materialized but many people are quickly moving to obtain the precious metal and protect their gold ownership.

Gold coins of all kinds and gold bullion will be available at the show for viewing and purchase.

The club will strike its second coin of an Indian and Buffalo Wooden nickel commemorating the show.

The club has grown steadily while accentuating education in its programs. It has furnished local libraries with numerous books and periodicals. Members also will make available at the show free sample copies of various coin papers.

## Schools conduct seminar

**BIRMINGHAM**—The Birmingham and Boyne Mountain school systems are conducting a Northern Michigan Water Ecology Seminar for second

ary students from Feb. 9 to 11. Most classes will be taught in the field area around Boyne by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) personnel, local resource men and by Brian Campbell of Birmingham's Harman Junior High.

The seminar will examine the relationship between the vegetation and animal population of the area, its geology and soil types, and their relationships, the environmental and economic problems of fish plantings in lakes and streams, the environmental and economic importance and problems of the tourist industry and commercial enterprises of the northern area and Michigan's past and present forest industry.

Cross-country skiing will be used as a mode of transportation for many of the activities. Students will be provided with equipment and taught to ski cross-country by the staff at Boyne.

The seminar will be restricted to 30 students whose academic and citizenship record merit participation. Application should be made to Ernest Nash at Harlan Elementary School by Friday.

The \$155 fee for the program covers room and board, transportation, educational instruction and the use of recreation facilities at Boyne and planned activities during after-school hours.

## Bazaar to benefit center

**BIRMINGHAM**—The most bizarre bazaar ever will be held Feb. 8-9 for the benefit of Common Ground at the Birmingham Masonic Temple, 357 N. Woodward.

That's how organizers are billing the combination garage sale, flea market, craft show and art fair.

About 30 booths will be open for sales of antiques, furniture, knick-knacks, leather goods, original crafts, original art, stained glass, fantastic clothing and just about anything else.

The profit from the bazaar will help support Common Ground, the crisis intervention and activities center at 1080 S. Adams in Birmingham.

Booths have been made available on a first-come, first-served basis at a fee of \$25 plus 10 per cent of profits for a garage sale type booth and \$30 plus 15 per cent for a professional crafts booth.

The bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9. For more information, contact Alice McCarthy or Sheila Kasselman at Common Ground.

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