

Dissidents try to change GOP direction

By TIM RICHARD

GRAND RAPIDS—Dissident Republicans, with strong help from the 18th Congressional District delegation, lost the battle but may have won the war in getting a change in direction of the state GOP organization.

The 18th, which includes Troy gave 44-23 support to Roy Strause's vain effort to block state Chairman William F. McLaughlin from a third term at Saturday's state convention.

Strause, now Lapeer County GOP chairman and a former Clawson city planning commissioner who had been active in Oakland politics, got support from state legislators who were angry that Gov. William G. Milliken last year refused to use the label "Republican" in his successful reelection campaign.

AMONG OTHER promises, Strause pledged to "aid and assist all Republican incumbents and hopefuls in running for office." Some in the 18th blame the defeat of Congressman Robert Huber (R-Troy) on Milliken's failure to spread his coatails.

Other area delegations, however, supported Milliken's choice, McLaughlin, for the chairmanship. The 18th District backed McLaughlin 85-6, and a state convention roll call vote was halted when the incumbent built up an overwhelming lead.

Nevertheless, the challenge has helped prompt a dramatic change in policy by Milliken. McLaughlin and friends Milliken has already begun to devote attention to the party and will turn over the proceeds from his annual "Bill's Birthday Beefsteak" in the Raleigh House next month to the party organization, once his gubernatorial campaign debts are paid.

A DEFENSIVE Milliken told the state convention:

"This party has always been accused of living in the past; therefore, I believe we should make a special effort to keep our eyes on the future."

"Whatever the polls may show

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— Gov. William Milliken

about the declining number of people who identify themselves as Republicans; there is abundant evidence that the great majority of the American people find themselves more comfortable with the approach that we represent than with the approach of our opponents...

"In the election booth, people seem

to forget their concern about party labels and vote for the man or woman they perceive as the best candidate."

But the governor added that McLaughlin has hired a field representative to bolster local organizations—one of Strause's campaign pledges.

IN OTHER matters, the 18th Dis-

trict delegation voted much the same as the rest of the 1,200 delegates.

A defeated proposal to give state assistance to electric utilities was also opposed in the 18th by a vote of 62-3.

The 18th gave 50-0 approval to a proposal to delay for five years the implementation of auto emission control standards, a plan overwhelmingly approved by the convention.

Party registration for state primary elections voted down 54-7 in the 18th District and by a 9-1 margin statewide.

The 18th opposed 56-1 the question of state financing of campaigns for

governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general. The convention rejected it by almost as heavy a margin.

The 18th voted 38-12, with one abstention, against state approval of the federal Consolidated Railway Corporation's plan to abandon 37 per cent of Michigan's rail lines. The convention turned it down.

IN CAUCUS, local delegates elected Jean Chamberlain of Royal Oak chairman of the 18th District organization for the next two years.

First vice chairman will be Bob

Fredericks of Troy; second vice chairman, Joe Werner of Sterling Heights; youth vice chairman, Tom Shields of Berkley; secretary, LaNette Davis of Sterling Heights; and treasurer, Larry Littman of Troy.

The 18th's four members of the State Central Committee, governing body of the party between conventions, will be Jeff Schor of Troy, Dick Marshall of Warren, Dorothy McIntosh of Ferndale and Alice Schoenholz, mayor pro tem of Royal Oak.

Among 15 members of the district board of directors will be Betty Elliott and Robert Beach, both of Troy.

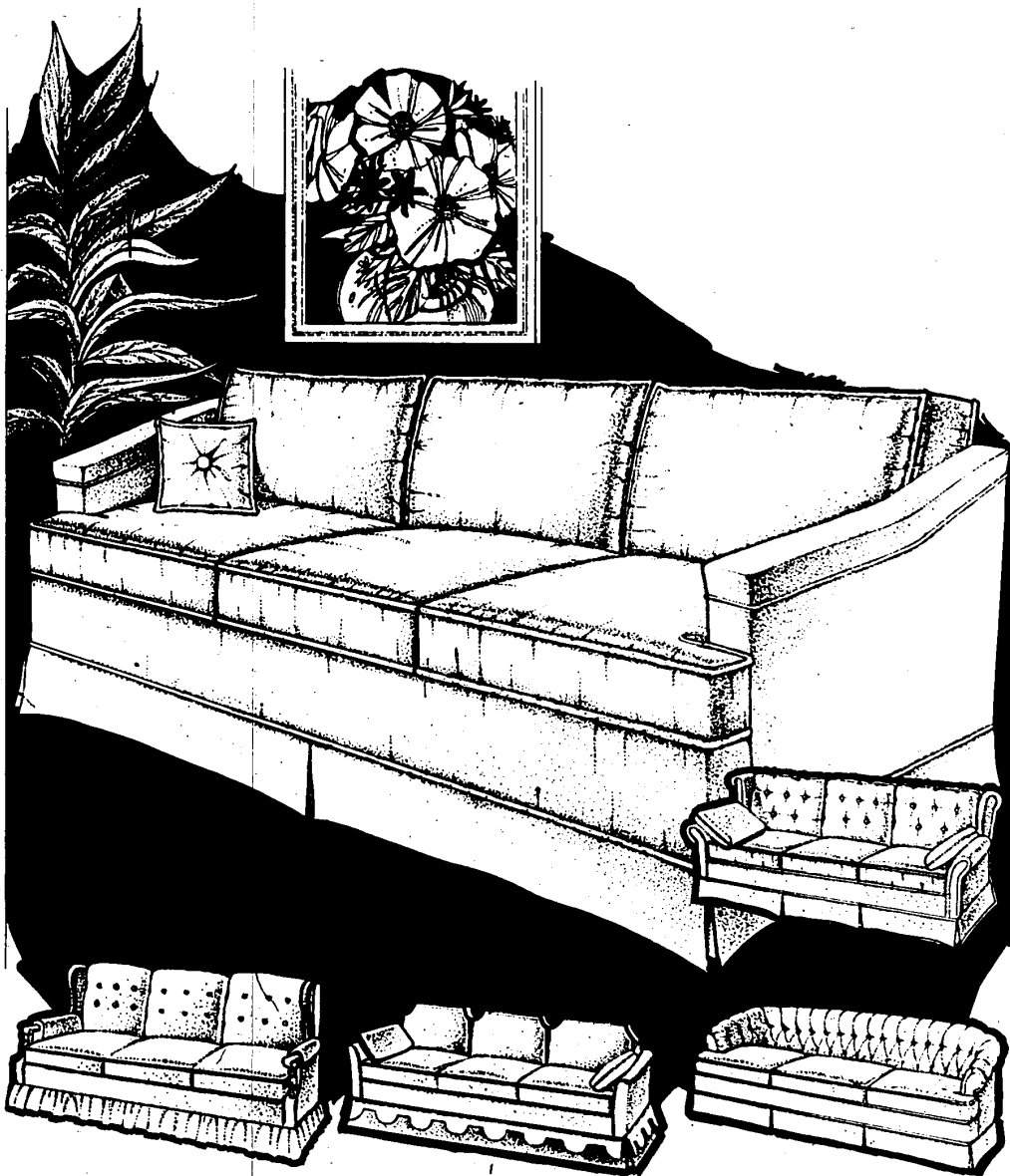
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Suspect to stay in jail

OAKLAND COUNTY—Although the bond for suspected hit man Chester W. Campbell, of Detroit has been reduced from \$1 million to \$400,000, he has been unable to meet bond and remains in Oakland County jail. Campbell's arraignment in circuit court has been set for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 25 before Judge Richard D. Kuhn. Campbell, who testified last week at his preliminary examination in district court that he is not the underworld hit man police authorities claim he is, faces three charges of carrying a concealed weapon and a charge for possession of heroin.

The Detroit man, once convicted of second degree murder and four times found guilty of burglary, was arrested Feb. 6 by Orchard Lake police after a minor traffic incident.

Found in Campbell's automobile were four guns, \$5,000 in cash, two sets of false identification, several packets of heroin and 27 notebooks containing names and other information of police officers, newsmen and former victims of execution-style killings.

Machine installed

New communication equipment has been installed at the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Called a facsimile machine, the equipment speeds requests and answers concerning interlibrary loans between the township library and the State Library in Lansing.

The Baldwin Public Library shared the cost of installation and also utilizes the service.

The machine sends and receives information in printed form over telephone lines.

"With this system, we get answers to requests for book loans from the State Library on a next-day basis," Beth Bamberger of the Bloomfield Library said.

She said that before installation information was exchanged by mail and long delays discouraged many requests.

The equipment can also be used to handle reference questions and to provide copies of virtually any materials or documents.

Event geared to counselors

"Counselor Education: Past, Present and Future" will be presented by the Orchard Ridge Campus Counseling Department Tuesday, at the campus in Farmington.

Counselors attending will hear speakers Dr. George Leonard of Wayne State University and Dr. Donald Harrison of the University of Michigan.

A luncheon will be served.