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SEMCOG rejects wider powers

Leaders of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) are still shy about expanding the seven-county voluntary agency's powers, but they no longer recoil in horror at the idea of taking on new re-

powers, out they no longer recoul morror at the idea of taking on new responsibilities.

SEMCOG is Executive Committee last week declared "philosophically unacceptable" the so-called Ryan Bill to revamp it. At the same time, it declared its willingness to swyk with the sponsor, former State House Speaker William Ryan (D-Betruit), to find "changes that will," make our work more effective."

And in its debate, the executive committee listened without anger to a bawling out from member Arch Valler. a Schoolerah College trustee from Plymouth, who declared they were "hiding our heads in the sand on the issue of regional government.

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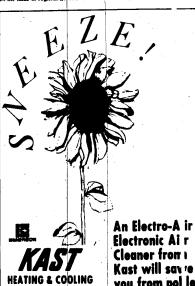
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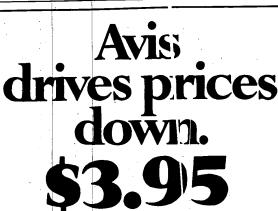
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