

# 4 Local Lawmakers Hit Political Tithes

By DON HOENSHALL

and aides to contribute one per cent of their income to the Republican party. They said they have never used campaign money raised through compulsion and never

would. "It's highly unusual," said Rep. John Bennett (D-Radford Township). "This is interesting, though, in light of the Governor's Code of Ethics."

THE FLAP STARTED last weekend with disclosure that Rep. Martin J. Butz (R-Comstock Park) sent a letter to secretaries and legislative aides requiring them to buy

tickets to a GOP fund-raiser. One other lawmaker said the letter contained the phrase that the contribution would "be the only compulsory" solicitation this year. Lansing observers

said the letter was expected to raise \$14,000. "I guess the Republicans are desperate for money," Bennett said. "You hire employees, and they're under your control.

They have no alternative but to contribute or lose their jobs. "It just goes against my grain. I'd never do anything like that."

Garden City) said he has accepted many contributions over the 25 years he has spent in public service, but never has resorted to force or intimidation.

"I think everybody should support the party of their choice but do it without open or veiled threats of retaliation or in any way going to injury to another."

Therney said he told sponsors of a \$5 a plate dinner for himself to "make it more of a get-together of people who have supported me and who have given me their trust in public office."

He said that he has "genuine gratitude for the people who get out and help me at the polls," that retired people and those on fixed incomes were given special consideration in attending the dinner.

REP. RAYMOND BAKER (R-Farmington) said he did not know of Butz's letter, adding:

"Personally, I don't think much of it. For the past four years, I've never taken anything from the state or local (GOP) organizations. I just don't like to be told I have to tithe myself for anything."

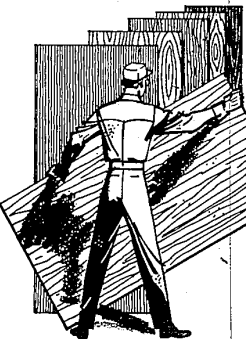
Rep. Richard A. Young (D-DeARBORN Heights), whose district covers Westland and part of Livonia, said Butz, No. 2 GOP representative under Rep. Robert E. Waldron (R-Grrosse Pointe), was merely reflecting the "Republican caucus position."

"I was surprised by it," Young said. "I know I've never received any contributions directly or indirectly solicited by force. I think it (the letter) was a mistake in judgment more than anything else."



RICHARD SZEC has been appointed director of the reactivated Office for Industrial and Commercial Development by the Wayne County Board of Supervisors. A registered professional community planner, Szec will be responsible for technical assistance to local governments and private enterprise, including data on growth trends and resources. The new office, located at 2331 W. Fort in Detroit, succeeds the former Economic Development Commission of the county.

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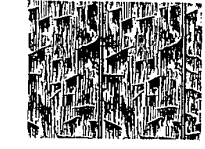
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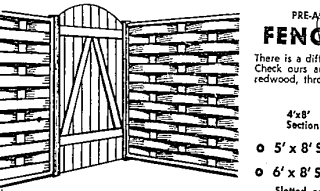
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