


This Is The Week That

By DON HOENSCHEL

LANSING—It would be easy to say that the week that began today is the week that the voters to imagine Gov. Romney coming back from Miami Beach after midnight wearing a rubber mask. He didn't, of course. People who know him best figure Romney believes his performance was statesmanlike and proper. "Whatever was left of his national political career was drained out in the sawdust before 30 million television viewers," said one critic here. Republican insiders stated privately before going to Miami Beach that Romney's national star, which started falling during his abortive campaign for the presidency, had plunged to zero. "THERE WERE REBELS in his own tent when he arrived. Four of the 48 which had been committed to Romney were announced as defecting. They finally went to Nixon on the first roll call. Romney held 44 to the end. It still has them. His first move, to get his ideas into the GOP platform, failed. A year fight he promised over a resolution attacking the concentration of economic power in big business and big industry also failed at that point. It was Everybody for 2. Romney D. Then Romney, in a floor interview with Television's Martin Armstrong, blamed the press for wrecking his own chances for the presidency. When pressed for specifics, the governor ended the interview. When at their floor interview, he said "No." He had quelled a rebellion in the Michigan delegation. Secretary of State S. Gilliam, of Grosse Pointe, said the delegates rejected a resolution Romney tried to pass. ABOUT THIS TIME, Channel 4 Detroit, WJL-TV, The Detroit News, and the S. L. A. Marshall, retired military writer of The Detroit News, in an examination of the GOP platform plank on Vietnam, said how the plank was beautifully

Grand Jury Justice Dissatisfies Many

The 22 indictments of the one-man grand jury in Wayne County passed within a two-day period last week. Grand Jurors, Judges Edward L. J. and George Bowles, and the clerk, a traffic ticket collector, were in then-National Township. Grand Juror I. Judge Pittgens, out into many areas and one of the three Grand Jurors was then-Wayne County Sheriff Peter L. Buback. Grand Juror II, Judge Bowles, and Grand Juror III, Judge Bowles, and some of the three Grand Jurors were then-Wayne County officials or former officials, Edwin Freeb, Jr., Brian Callahan, and Eugene Salas. THE TRIO WAS indicted in October of 1967 on charges of conspiracy to steal public funds in the purchase of the Civic Center in the summer of 1961. All three maintained their innocence although the case has been pending for nearly two years. Each said that his innocence would be proven when they get their day in court.



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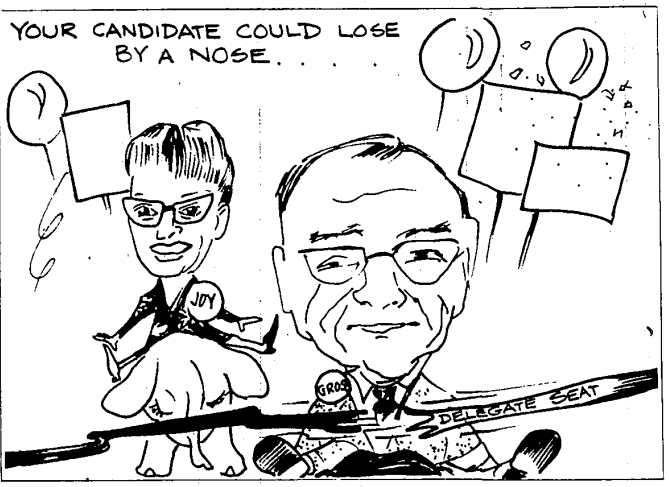
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The Fight Over Agnew  
Nixon Gets A Northern Warning

The "Romney for Vice President" boomlet in Miami Beach last week wasn't that at all. The Michigan governor had no intention of seriously trying for the nomination and no dream of getting it once his name was placed in nomination. And no one really had anything against Nixon's choice for vice president, Gov. Spiro Agnew of Maryland. Why did Romney do it? HE DIDN'T lead it, really. What happened was that a lot of big state and northern delegations were trying to warn Richard Nixon that he shouldn't play footsy so closely with the Thurmmonds from Dixie. Nixon apparently got the message. He has assured the northerners he will consult them more closely in the future. As soon as Nixon announced his VP choice Thursday morning, this observer began tracking down the reaction of Michigan delegates. They were shocked. People who are normally reserved in their political comments were bitter. Romney claimed that in running for the VP nomination, he was only letting his name be used



How A Single Vote Was Crucial Many Times For Mrs. Rohm

This is another of those election year stories about the importance of one man's vote. It's true. It's recent. And Observerland people were involved in it. It came to light last week during a session of the credentials committee at the Republican National Convention. THE CREDENTIALS committee voted 32-31 to seat Mrs. Rohm. (Incidentally, E. O. Weber, of Northville, a 2nd District delegate, was a member of the credentials committee and voted for Mrs. Rohm.) But wait! The matter wasn't over yet. If that doesn't convince you three times over of the importance of a single vote, then consider these additional gems of political warfare. One Iowan on the platform committee disqualified himself from hearing the case. His vote could have changed the outcome. Another Iowan refused to disqualify herself. Mrs. Rohm's attorney considered this unethical conduct. Moreover, that delegate voted for Gross. Had she disqualified herself, Mrs. Rohm would have been seated. And so time after time, the case of Mrs. Joy Rohm of Iowa was decided by a single vote. Keep that in mind Nov. 5. —The Observer Newspapers

Voters Are Sense And Nonsense Authority

The Observer two months ago editorially called for the resignation of Gerald T. Harris as president of the Westland Industrial and Commercial Development Corp. Harris didn't take the advice but, instead, seemed intent on furthering his political career. He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Wayne County Board of Supervisors' 25th District, which includes all of Garden City and most of Westland. He finished sixth out of a field of eight candidates and gained only 401 votes, a 3-1 loser to winner Ralph Turco, also of Westland. Harris, never known for keeping quiet, may have been silenced by the greatest authority in America—the voters. —Leonard Poger



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as an instrument to let delegates vent their anger at Nixon's methods. Everything the local delegates said backs up that story. IT'S EASY TO SEE why Nixon was dealing with the south; although that doesn't necessarily justify it. The Reagan forces were trying to swing South Carolina's Sen. J. Strom Thurmond into their camp, and with him most of the southern votes. Had they succeeded, Nixon would have been shot down. Nixon on Tuesday held closed door meetings with groups of delegates by region of the country. The Miami Herald obtained a tape of what he said to the southerners, and Nixon gives the impression that he won't pick anyone unacceptable to the south. That eliminated Oregon's Sen. Mark Hatfield and New York's Mayor John Lindsay. Michigan delegates liked both, Hatfield in particular. Whether there was a "deal" between Nixon and Thurmond is beside the point. Nixon obviously gave prime consideration to the south. HE COULD ILL afford it. Although Nixon got votes from 90 per cent of the states and territories, he did poorly in the big states—nothing in California, nearly nothing in New York, a fraction of Pennsylvania, nothing in Ohio, only anti-Romney tokens out of Michigan. The anti-Agnew revolt was like the anti-Viet war demonstrations. The doves will never change U.S. policy, but they have made certain that no president will ever escalate such a conflict again without a clearer mandate from Congress and the people. In the same way, the anti-Agnew revolt has shown Nixon that he had better pay more attention to the big states and the north. Especially if he gets elected and has a chance to appoint a chief justice of the Supreme Court. —Tim Richard

Clarenceville Voters Care

Voters in the Clarenceville School District are to be congratulated for passing the four mill, eight year issue for operations of the schools. The measure was defeated by a scant 15 votes when first presented to the electors in June and the school administration and school board had visions of being forced to make cutbacks that would have lowered the quality of education in the system. That's why they decided to take the issue back to the voters a second time with the hope that more than the 11 per cent, casting ballots in the first election, would turn out. It was a calculated risk and the Board of Administration won—thanks to the much improved interest by the electorate. The passage means that Clarenceville will be able to maintain its present high standards and will be able to pay a salary schedule competitive with surrounding districts. Compare the feeling of the Board and Administration with the Northville School District where a second vote for additional operating millage was defeated. Officials there are making plans for numerous cutbacks, many they know will bring down the ire of the residents. But that's what happens when the voters do not have faith in the administration and school board and feel the millage isn't needed. Clarenceville is fortunate that the voters do care more for an excellent school system than they do about paying a few more dollars in school taxes.

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