

New Precinct Delegates

Parties Set Local Conventions

August Congressional District conventions have been called by both parties to nominate delegates for fall state conventions planned for later this month. All Republican conventions will be held Wednesday (tonight) beginning at 8 p.m. The state meeting of the party is Aug. 23-24 in Grand Rapids. All Democratic conventions will be held Friday night Aug. 16 at 8 p.m. Grand Rapids will also host the Democrats, beginning Aug. 30.

THE FALL STATE conventions will nominate one candidate for the State Supreme Court and two positions each on the State Board of Education, the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, the Wayne State Board of Governors and the University of Michigan Board of Regents. In addition, Democrats will pick 21 presidential electors. Republicans did this at their spring convention. Attending the district conventions this week will be new batches of delegates who were elected in the Aug. 6 primary.

THE PRECINCT delegate and convention structure is provided by state statute, and this is where the control of party power rests. For instance, delegates to the Democratic convention in Chicago in August were elected by a caucus of the local delegates at the June state convention in Detroit. Thus, presidential hopefuls seeking to establish a power base in Michigan politics must begin at least two years in advance, when local delegates are elected.

Right Wing Folds Up

A conservative Republican group has gone out of business in the Oakland County portion of the 19th Congressional District. Headed by Christian Powell and Arnold Jones, the group had set up its own organization parallel to the regular party structure after Powell's forces were ousted in a 1967 district convention. It had regularly lost attempts to be seated at state and national GOP conventions.

THE POWELL-JONES group voted formally to discontinue, according to an announcement from David Bradbury, its publicity chairman. The announcement quoted co-chairman Jones as saying: "Such a move on our part would be a positive indication of our desire to get behind the entire Republican ticket, both national, state and local, and work for their election in November." In general, the regular Oakland County Republican organization had lined up behind Gov. Romney while the Powell-Jones had been associated with 14th District arch-conservative Richard Durant.

Attends Platform Hearing

Democratic leader Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington will travel to Columbus, Ohio this week to attend the second of his party's regional platform committee hearings. Vagnozzi is one of Michigan's two members on the Democratic National Convention platform and resolutions committee. Also attending the Columbus meeting will be State Democratic Chairman Sander Levin of Brighton and Mrs. Mabel Stoltz of Owosso, the other Michigan committee member. The hearings involve three states—Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. The first hearing was held in Detroit on Aug. 3 when 22 speakers appeared during the full day session. Vagnozzi said the hearings were initiated by the Michigan Democrats as part of the party's continuing policy of seeking out all viewpoints in helping to shape platforms and resolutions.



NOMINEE RICHARD NIXON acknowledges ovation from crowd at Republican National Convention.

Agnew's Appeals Are Ethnic And Suburban

MIAMI BEACH—Spiro T. Agnew has become Richard Nixon's Republican running mate under something of a cloud, but he will also bring two interesting appeals into his vice presidential campaign. One is ethnic; the other is suburban. Agnew is reportedly the first person of Greek ancestry to become governor of a state. THIS IMPRESSES Sal Lauricella, one of Michigan's alternate delegates-at-large by virtue of his post as head of the Republican Nationalities Council. "I think his appeal will carry over to other ethnic groups," Lauricella said. Ethnic minorities haven't been a Republican strong point since before the Depression. The nationalities councils have been a major GOP effort to break down that wall. Lauricella said Michigan Republican efforts in that field are among the most advanced in the nation. AGNEW IS ALSO a suburbanite. He was chief executive of Baltimore County, which surrounds the City of Baltimore.



GOV. ROMNEY converses intently with Oregon Sen. Mark Hatfield as they plot strategy during the floor fight over the nomination of Maryland Gov. Spiro T. Agnew as vice-president. This shot was taken just minutes before Romney's name was placed in nomination.

THE county has made some long steps toward regional government that southeastern Michigan can study. His official biography says he was active in moves to obtain open space legislation in the county and also in the successful drive for charter 'home rule' government which replaced the Board of County Commissioners in 1957 with a full-time County Executive and Council. Baltimore County has a reputation in the field of regional planning, and its department has been rated by some Michigan units for regional planners. If Agnew is, as some political observers contend, a conservative, then he's not the kind of conservative who will be popular with the enemies of metro government, regional planning and county reorganization.

AS GOVERNOR of Maryland, Agnew set up a Federal Relations Office in Washington to assure his state full participation in federal programs. This is the sort of thing that interests small suburban local governments, which can't keep track of all the federal aid available. Of late, Agnew's stock with the law-and-order breed of southern conservatives has risen because of some remarks. Yet his official biography gives a different impression on the civil rights issue: "The Agnew Administration sponsored the first statewide Fair Housing bill enacted south of the Mason-Dixon line. "The century-old Anti-Miscegenation Law was repealed, and Maryland's Public Accommodations statutes were amended to conform with federal measures. "Agnew was the first Maryland governor to appoint a Negro to his personal staff and to promulgate a Governor's Code of Fair Employment Practices outlawing discrimination in state service and in any firm doing business with the state." This year's GOP platform repeatedly calls for strengthening local and state governments, relying more on local and state activity, providing big grants to local and state units. Agnew seems to be in line with the platform.

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How Michigan Dems See GOP Strategy

By DON HOENSCHELL accept them as gifts, but they adopted a nonproliferation policy on payoffs. The major housekeeping problem was voter passes to the bleachers. Nationally, there are 1,500 tickets and Michigan will get about 50 a day. The formula will give one-eighth of the tickets to officers of the delegation, one-eighth for officers of the Democratic State Central Committee with the rest distributed among the 19 districts. "What it is is distribution of a headache," said Plymouth's Robert Dwyer, Secretary of State branch manager. "There won't be enough, of course." Delegates recommended that the Democratic convention avoid the dreaded nominations of favorite sons whose only interest is national publicity. Republicans have been criticized nationally and locally for permitting non-candidates to monopolize prime television time which resulted in Nixon's nomination being held back until 3 a.m. Friday. MICHIGAN'S DELEGATION is clearly in the hands of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. The count for Senator Eugene F. McCarthy hasn't changed since the state convention in Detroit. "We've still got 12 or 13 votes for McCarthy with the rest going to Humphrey," said State Senator Roger Craig, of Dearborn, a McCarthy man from the start. There was little reaction at the time to the new candidacy of North Dakota Senator George S. McGovern, a Kennedy man in the spring and early summer before the murder in Los Angeles. Some Democrats speculated that McGovern got into the running with Humphrey's encouragement to relieve the pressure from President Johnson on behalf of fellow-Texan John Con-

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