

# McDonald Pleased, Ford Wary On Nixon Talk

By DENNIS PAJOT

Reaction of two Observer-land congressmen to President Richard Nixon's second State of the Union address ran from "pleased" to "I'll wait and see."

The "pleased" comment came from a fellow Republican, 19th District Congressman Jack McDonald, whose district includes Livonia, Redford Township and Farmington.

The less enthusiastic response was that of Democrat

William D. Ford of the 15th District, Garden City, Westland and Canton Township.

Congressman Marvin R. Eash (R-2nd District), whose district covers Plymouth and Northville, deferred comment to later in the week.

PRESIDENT NIXON stressed three domestic issues. The president announced intentions to fight a "full scale war on pollution," proposing a \$10 billion outlay to combat water pollution over five years in the '70s.

He called for a strong fight against organized crime, with a doubling of federal expenditures on this problem next year.

Finally, he promised a continued effort against inflation. He said he would present a

balanced budget to Congress and expected to live within its framework.

DEMOCRAT FORD said, "I'm prepared to wait and see if the broad general state-ments ... will be followed with

legislation his leadership in Congress will support."

Ford said House Republican Leader Gerald Ford fought Nixon's efforts to continue the anti-poverty program.

"If he's serious about pollu-

tion, the president could get behind legislation already pending, such as Sen. Edmund Muskie's (D-Maine) proposal, or get a Republican to introduce similar legislation," said Ford.

"HE'S TALKING \$2 billion a year for the next five years. We had to fight like hell (last year) to raise it from \$218 million to \$600 million."

The 14th District congressman criticized Nixon's federal-state sharing idea of financing the pollution fight, too.

"He should ask Michigan to float bond issues when Illinois and Indiana are polluting Lake Michigan and we can't get their cooperation. The only way is to have federal government standards."

REPUBLICAN McDONALD said he was "very pleased" by Nixon's speech, "especially in three areas" the president emphasized.

He counterattacked the "not specific enough" claims of some Democrats, stating, "It's my feeling the president has been very specific. He has sent some 40 legislative proposals to the Congress dealing with all major problems of the day."

"Congress has not reacted favorably, passing only five."

McDONALD SAID he plans to become involved on two fronts in the battle against pollution. He said he will be "very active and vocal and help to write new programs" as a member of the committees on public works and on merchant marine and fisheries.

"I also plan to be active in non-governmental groups that will help in the fight against pollution," said McDonald.

Social Security Office To Hold Open House

The Detroit-northwest Social security office will have an open house on Friday, Jan. 30, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Sam F. Test, the district manager has announced.

U. S. Rep. Martha W. Griffiths (D-Detroit) and Paul D. Snyder, Social Security regional representative from Cleveland, will be guests.

The public is invited to see the operations of its new Social Security office and to meet our guests and staff. The new and larger quarters at 17500 Lahser, two blocks north of Grand River, will provide better services to the residents of northwest Detroit, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville and vicinity," Test said.

Drug Lecture At Schoolcraft

"Drugs of Social Concern," is the topic of a lecture by Dr. Henry Wormer scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in the Liberal Arts building theater at Schoolcraft College.

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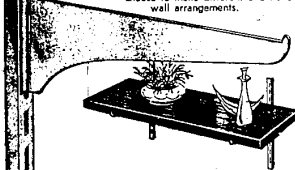
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