



CONGRESSMAN JACK McDONALD (left) was greeted by Mrs. Delores Kory, Republican State Central Committeewoman, Mrs. Ann Dize, vice chairman of the 19th-Wayne GOP Committee, and Chairman David Leahley (standing) at last week's Lincoln Day dinner of Livonia and Redford Republicans. (Observer photo)

Draft Chiefs Laugh Off Coalition's Harassment

By DENNIS PAJOT
Can protesters against the draft disrupt the Selective Service system by sending bogus and repetitious mail to local draft boards?
Can draft boards be duped into processing a female registrant signing only a first initial and last name?
How much will it cost taxpayers to have the Selective Service agencies process fraudulent correspondence from protesters?

SUCH ACTIONS are being promoted by the Livonia New Coalition (formerly New Democratic Coalition) based on plans made by the national Vietnam Moratorium and "New Mobe" groups. The "Coalition Commentary," newsletter of the New Coalition issued Feb. 20, urged such action, in addition to locally-planned activity during an upcoming March 16-20 national draft protest.
They passed along seven suggestions, two of which were:

- "Females can write to draft boards saying, 'I am..... year old and I have never registered for the draft, and don't intend to.' Then sign first initial and last name, giving address. All such letters must be checked out by draft officials."
- "Men can send registered letters to their draft boards, with location changes each time they are in another city, whether for an hour visit or a daily job. Which could mean one or more letters a day. They must be filed also."

Pursell Gets County Job
Wayne County Supervisor Carl D. Pursell (R-Plymouth), has been appointed to the Crime and Public Safety Steering Committee of the National Association of Counties.

C'ville Teachers Lead At Clinic
Two Clarenceville teachers were in charge of a clinic session at a recent meeting of the Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. The meeting was held in Wayne Memorial High School last week.

WHAT WILL IT COST the taxpayers for this type of superfluous material handling?
"Not much. I think generally board personnel can identify that type of correspondence quickly," he said.
Col. Myers explained that most correspondence coming to draft boards is on government forms and contains the writer's selective service number.
Could a protester get the forms?

"Yes, but he'd have to appear at the draft board office in person," said Col. Myers.
Then, still in a jovial mood, he said, "Besides, if a registrant fills out the forms incorrectly, he's subject to be drafted."

IF THAT SOUNDS TOO RISKY, NC readers of the newsletter edited by Jeanneane Havstad of Livonia can turn to the other four suggestions.
Among them are "picket,

picketed, picket." "Groups can be organized to line up at draft boards to see their records, which is a legal privilege," and "Make statements."

The newsletter notes that the Farmington-Pontiac Area New Coalition is beginning to build actions centered around draft repeal, and is looking for workers."
Betty O'Connor, wife of 19th Congressional District NC Chairman Lee O'Connor, is listed as the person to contact.

Vagnozzi Hits HEW Vote Again

School districts weren't the only losers as a result of Congressman Jack McDonald's veto to uphold President Nixon's veto of the health and education appropriations bill.

pointed out that part of the vetoed bill included funds for health research. Vagnozzi recalled that research projects at Wayne State University and other schools will have to be phased out because of the lack of financing.

"It is possible that a breakthrough in curing such major disease as cancer could be made in one of these programs facing cutbacks because their funds were vetoed by the president and that veto was supported by our congressman," Vagnozzi said.
Vagnozzi told the meeting

that in supporting the veto, Republican McDonald also voted to reduce funds for vocational education, special programs for poor children and appropriations for books and equipment.

"Voters in the 19th District are still waiting for an explanation as to why McDonald found the health and education fund bill he supported in December, objectionable in January," Vagnozzi said. "This sudden switch has all the earmarks of a blatant political play with the children and the sick of the nation the victims."

Republicans Shrug AT Romney Coup

By TIM RICHARD

It was like hearing Latin Americans talk with a detached shrug about the latest banana republic revolution.
But the scene was Michigan's 19th Congressional District, and the people were Republican leaders and workers at a party dinner in Wayne County last week.

And they were talking about George W. Romney's unilateral decision that his wife Lenore will be the GOP Senate candidate this year, and the docile way that Gov. William Milliken fell into line to endorse her.

"It could have been handled better," they agreed.
No one wanted to be quoted directly, especially those who had taken part in the previous weekend's "consensus" meeting where Mrs. Romney suffered a clear defeat in her bid to get 75% support for her candidacy.

But as they told of that meeting, the GOP rank-and-file gave versions that were very close to press reports—reports that George Romney, and only George Romney, branded inaccurate.

A NUMBER OF conversations with a cross-section of Republicans produced this consensus:
If Romney intended that his wife should be the candidate, he should have issued his orders prior to last weekend, to save everyone the trouble of attending the "consensus" meeting.

Only a few persons are really hepped-up about Lenore as a candidate, but most think she will be at least good. If she loses to two-term Democrat Philip Hart, she will at least make a strong enough showing that it won't damage Milliken's

chances of being re-elected governor.
Milliken has lost a lot of face as a party leader, despite his denial that he was pressured into supporting Mrs. Romney.

There was little enthusiasm for Mrs. Romney's chief opponent, Rep. Donald Riegle, the brash young man from Flint.

IN THE SAME way the 1960s were the decade of the black uprising, the 1970s could be the decade of the female uprising. In that case, Mrs. Romney might be an even

stronger candidate than expected, some felt.
No one wore campaign buttons of any sort—either for Lenore Romney or Robert Huber, the conservative state senator from Troy who says he's in the U.S. Senate race for keeps.

The conversations tended to be about local races and local politicians.

The consensus meeting in Lansing, George Romney's take-over of the party, Lenore Romney's candidacy for the Senate—these seemed to be remote from life in the suburbs, remote and not quite real.

O'Neil Gives Up On Senate Run

James F. O'Neil has backed away from running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate and says he is supporting Mrs. Lenore Romney.

O'Neil, of Livonia, is a member of the State Board of Education. He ran unsuccessfully for the Senate nomination in 1964.

In recent weeks he had been billing himself as a potential candidate but was never taken seriously by party leaders, who left his name off the list when taking a survey of how various candidates might run against Democratic incumbent Philip Hart.

O'Neil blamed "certain segments of the press" without naming them, for making it "impossible" for him to run.
O'Neil was recently strongly criticized by State Sen. Robert Huber (R-Troy), a conservative and declared

for the Senate nomination, for trying to run because of (O'Neil) was appealing to Huber's constituency.

Gym Program At C'ville Will Open March 21

Registration for the spring session of the instructional gymnastic program at Clarenceville School District will be held in the high school gymnasium on Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Classes will be held in beginning tumbling, advanced beginning tumbling, intermediate tumbling, advanced tumbling, boys apparatus, girls apparatus and trampoline.



HOWARD R. TRENKLE of Livonia has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve at the Center Center in Livonia. Since December 1968, he has been commander of the 3rd Battalion 29th Regiment, a unit of the 70th Division (Training), in private life. Col. Trenkle teaches government at Bentley High School.

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McDonald Calls Nixon 'Reformer'

In an era of revolution, Richard Nixon will go down in history as a reform president, says U.S. Rep. Jack McDonald.

"This will be known as the time when the country took a change in direction," McDonald told a Lincoln Day dinner gathering of 19th District-Wayne Republicans last week.
McDonald cited Nixon's proposals for reforms in welfare, the post office, the draft, tax sharing and environmental quality.

"I would appreciate your consensus vote for my reelection to Congress," he said, in effect announcing he would seek a third term this year.
The applause told the 38-year-old Farmington Republican he could expect it.

PLACES WERE SET for some 500 in the Thunderbird Inn, Plymouth, and ticket taker Mrs. Delores Kory said additional places had to be set up to accommodate the turnout.

At 7:50 a dinner for a smorgasbord began, the affair wasn't a money-maker and wasn't intended to be a just a social gathering. It was significant that 19th-Wayne Chairman David Leahley topped

the local congressman, rather than an outside speaker such as Gov. Milliken, Sen. Griffin or a congressional bigwig, as Donald.

In fact, there were few telegrams from party leaders not attending—just former State Rep. Lou Spillini, Griffin, and Rep. William Hampton of Birmingham, who wants to be Milliken's running mate for lieutenant governor.
More notices were candidates for non-partisan offices in Livonia's April election—Councilman Robert McCann; council hopefuls Mary Dumas, Robert Bennett and Jerry Brown; mayoral candidate Edward McNamara (who left before the speech); Treasurer Carl Wagnushita, and treasurer candidate Roy Martindale.

Wagnushita got the most applause. Martindale is chairman of the 19th-Wayne Demo-

cratic organization but cheerfully bought two tickets for the Republican dinner.

IN HIS SHORT speech, McDonald revealed that he and a handful of other congressmen had been tapped by the White House to be prime sponsors for a program of federal aid to build water treatment plants.

Some \$4 billion in federal money would have to be matched by \$6 billion in state funds, said McDonald, a member of the House Public Works Committee.

He praised Nixon's proposal to abolish the draft and establish an all-volunteer army. He also predicted "partial" enactment of a tax-sharing system this year in which the federal government would split part of its revenues with state-local units, no strings attached.

Grandview Fair Earns \$900

Grandview Elementary School PTA realized \$900 from its recent fun fair. Mrs. Robert McKillop, chairman, reported that 172 workers assisted her.
Among fun features was the presence of Detroit Lion Bob Kowalkowski and two clowns

whose services were secured by Janet Schremser, Grandview fourth grader.
Use for the proceeds of the fair will be determined at the March PTA meeting, date of which has not been set as yet.

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