

# Broomfield vows will stick with El Salvador stand

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Despite a protest over U.S. involvement in El Salvador last week in Birmingham, U.S. Rep. William Broomfield will in all likelihood continue to support President Reagan's policies on Central America, according to a spokesman for the congressman.

"He has generally supported the government's policy on Latin America over the past few years," said Jack Sinclair, an administrative assistant who spoke for Broomfield. Broomfield was unavailable for comment due to a busy schedule.

Last Wednesday a group of approximately 60 protesters picketed Broomfield's office at 430 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Picketers said that the protest had been hastily organized in response to reports that President Reagan is considering an increase in the number and role of military advisors in El Salvador as well as an increase in financial aid to the Salvadoran government.

BROOMFIELD'S office was chosen as a target by the group because of the congressman's position as ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Sinclair said that due to Broomfield's position in the prestigious post, he couldn't very well buck the Republican administration's policies. He added that since President Reagan's proposal has not been sent to Congress as yet, there was nothing of an official nature for Broomfield to comment upon.

"He's withholding his judgment until it goes through the process," he said.

"It's not hatched about what's going on down there, obviously, but he has to review the situation."

But while Broomfield is withholding his opinion until the proposal reaches Congress, the marchers on the sidewalk last Wednesday had plenty to say.

"Reagan and company just can't believe that conscientious, religious people are going to stand for his beliefs in Central America," said Maggie Tyson of Bloomfield Township. "It's just rotten."

TYSON HELPED organize the protest along with Birmingham attorney James Lafferty, who's presently de-

fending draft resister Dan Ruff. The march they organized was a coalition of several groups, including the Committee against Military Aid to El Salvador; the Michigan Interchurch Committee; the Michigan American Human Rights and the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador.

Unlike the anti-war protesters of recent decades, the sign-waving members of last week's protest were mostly middle-aged and senior citizens. "Members of the establishment," as one protester said.

Several protesters were in their 80s and one Birmingham woman, Margaret Esery, was 90 years old.

"I've been protesting by letter and telegram for years," she said.

ACCORDING TO Tyson, more than 35,000 non-combatants have been killed in El Salvador, including many who have been the victims of the Salvadoran government. She said that Reagan's policies would increase the conflict.

The day before the Birmingham protest, it was announced that the president was considering increasing the number of military advisors in El Salvador from the 37 who are presently there. He is also reportedly pushing for a \$60-million increase in military aid.

"We're incensed that money which should be going to our poor people is going towards terror and torture tactics in El Salvador," Tyson said.

Attorney Lafferty said that although there have been calls for a cease-fire in El Salvador from throughout Central America, including the rebel forces, the U.S. is keeping the conflict going because of a perceived communist threat.

"It's clear and understood that the Reagan administration wants to involve us in a Vietnam-style intervention in El Salvador," said Lafferty.

LAFFERTY CALLED the Salvadoran government a "brutal regime that violates human rights." His feeling was that the U.S. should pull out of the country entirely.

Irene Murphy, another Birmingham activist who is in her 80s, said that the U.S. was supporting the wrong interests in the conflict.

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Anti-war protesters were out in force last week protesting U.S. involvement in El Salvador. Picketers marched in front of U.S. Rep. William Broomfield's office, targeting him because of his position as ranking Republican on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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# Orchard Lake Road project debated

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The long-delayed widening of Orchard Lake Road, expected to begin this month, has been postponed for three more years.

That's the word from the Oakland County Road Commission (OCRC).

The 1.3-mile West Bloomfield stretch is only two lanes — from Maple to Willoway. It has become such a congested, bottleneck many drivers use Middlebelt as an alternate route.

The newest delay for the widening project stems from a new law (Act 438), which the lame-duck state Legislature passed Dec. 29, West Bloomfield Township supervisor John Doherty said.

"The law says 90 percent of the gas and weight tax money has to be spent on road repair as opposed to new construction," Doherty said. "It is inter-

preted to mean no widening, no new lanes.

"They (OCRC) were supposed to take bids this month," he added, shaking his head in discouragement.

DENNIS PAJOT, OCRC public information officer, said three township improvement projects also are delayed for Maple at Walnut Lake Road, a passing lane at the Orchard Lake Middle School and an overlay on the two existing lanes from Willoway to Maple.

"We can't even start this year," Pajot said. "Under the old rules we had the money budgeted."

Asked the chances of getting the new law changed, Pajot just laughed.

"The law calls for a task force to study changes in 1984. But there's no guarantee as to whether that's going to happen," he said.

"It's safe to say we're always involved," Pajot said.

He indicated, however, that the OCRC is not lobbying for the state Legislature to amend the new law.

"We're having to go to a lot of smaller projects of the overlay and improvement nature. Overlays can now be considered maintenance," he said.

BUT DOHERTY said he is not willing to let the matter rest. He is considering a township effort to get the law modified.

The OCRC's 1981-82 annual report listed tri-party projects to be financed by federal, county and local governments. At the top of that list was the design and right of way for the Orchard Lake widening.

Orchard Lake Road was widened to five lanes — north of 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, to Maple Road in West Bloomfield in 1981. The stretch from Willoway, north to Pontiac Trail, was widened to five lanes earlier.

Last September, Doherty estimated

the township's widening share would cost \$37,000 of federal revenue sharing township funds. The county was set to match with \$37,000, and the federal share was to be \$74,000.

THIS LATEST DELAY is only one more of several in the past decade. Local officials tried — but failed — to have the entire project completed when the southern leg was under construction.

Now, when they finally thought it was scheduled, the new state law caught them by surprise.

Last October, West Bloomfield could not participate in a Maple Road resurfacing because of the \$175,000 it would have cost the township, Doherty said.

All township road money already was committed to the Orchard Lake Road project at that time.

Orchard Lake took priority over Maple because it attracts more traffic than Maple, Doherty said.

## INSIDE ANGLES

**JAMES MITCHELL** and Candice Early, the most popular stars of the daytime soap "All My Children" will be visiting in Farmington Hills Saturday. Sometimes answering to their TV names, Palmer and Donna Cortland, the two will be part of Gaynors Discount Health and Beauty Aids grand opening in Orchard Place Mall, on Orchard Lake Road, south of 14 Mile. Their appearances will be made at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** have pledged a minimum of 5 cents for every pin members of St. Francis Council knock down when they participate in Bowl for Breath this month. "This is the first time they've bowled with us and that is a very generous pledge to make," said Lynn Pearce, who with her husband, Randy, heads up the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's fund-raiser for Farmington, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield bowlers. Bowl for Breath, which asks a penny a pin in pledges, began last Saturday. The fund-raiser continues in this area Sunday, March 13, in Belaire Lanes and Norwest Lanes.

**CATHOLICS COMMUNICATING**, a new archdiocesan radio show, can be heard 4:45-5 p.m. every Sunday over WOMC. The show will provide a forum to have questions about the Catholic Church answered over the radio. Questions for the show should be addressed to: Roman Catholics Communicating, 305 Michigan Ave., Detroit 48226.

**KUDOS** go to Bev Cornell, who swam in the Windsor Classic Indoor Games for the Physically Disabled. She came in first in all of the three events she entered: 400-meter free style, 100-meter free style and the 100-meter back stroke. Way to go Bev.

**KAY BRIGGS** has done it again. On a trip to New Zealand with the North American Lily Society, she left the group and joined another on a 33-mile Milford Track hike, that is said to be the most beautiful walk in the world. "Exhausting and rugged, but very rewarding," Kay said.

**VICTOR VICINI**, of Farmington Hills is one of 43 artists with work accepted for exhibition in the second annual Alma College Statewide Print Competition. He has an etching and engraving, "Sunday Morning Fights," in the exhibition. The prints are scheduled for exhibition in Alpena, Detroit, Escanaba, Kalamazoo, Muskegon and Port Huron from May 8 through Dec. 23. They will be on exhibition at Wayne State University Dec. 4-23.

**TYPEWRITERS:** portable, electric, manual, any kind as long as it works, are needed by Farmington Community Center. The center's staff also is looking for a wooden bookcase, wicker plant stands or fern stands. Persons who have any of these items they wish to contribute may drop them off in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile or call 477-8404 to arrange for a pickup.

**WELCOME HOME**, Kent McKenzie! After a rapid recovery from severe injuries sustained in an explosion, the 15-year-old son of Farmington Hills police officer Jerry McKenzie has been released from St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. McKenzie was listed in critical condition with a "dime-size" hole in his chest after a Feb. 15 accident. He and Livonia's Robert Tywjak were mixing the ingredients for a homemade "pipe bomb" in a electric mixer when the experiment went awry. The youth got quite a send off from the hospital, as Detroit Red Wing goalie Gilles Gilbert presented him with an autographed hockey puck. McKenzie plays goalie for the Livonia Hockey Association Travel Midget Team. His dad doubles as a jazz drummer at functions throughout metro Detroit.

**IN AN EFFORT** to stimulate public interest and personal safety, the governor has designated the week of March 20-26, as "Michigan Tornado Safety Week." As part of Oakland County's effort to make people aware of tornado safety, the tornado warning siren system will be activated at 1:30 p.m. March 24. Police and fire agencies, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and large businesses within Oakland County have been advised of the date and time of the test. These organizations are encouraged to utilize this time to test and evaluate their respective internal disaster programs.

**TRAVELING TO EUROPE** this summer? Anxious to find ways to keep costs down? You're in luck. American Youth Hostels is sponsoring two European Travel Workshops this year geared especially to the first-time traveler who wants to "do Europe cheap." The first workshop will be held at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Berkeley Community Center, 2400 Robina. There will be rerun on Sunday, April 17, at the same time and place. The workshop fee is \$3 and also will include refreshments and a generous supply of handout information. After the workshop, participants will be able to purchase helpful items such as hostel memberships, International Student ID cards, budget travel guidebooks, backpacks and more. With 5,000 hostels worldwide costing only \$3-7 per night, they are an important part of any low-cost European trip.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jeff Dwyer, 1980 graduate of North Farmington High School, who has been named to the dean's list in the College of Business at Western Michigan University. Jeff is also a member of the Bronco's gymnastic team which competed in Germany last summer.



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