

# Should We Control Our Population?

## U.S. Senate Candidates Answer '2 Children' Questions

An Observer news roundup

Population control is a national issue that U.S. senators and representatives will have to face after the November elections this year.

Observer Newspapers decided to put the three candidates for senator from Michigan on the spot early. Exclusive interviews were obtained with:

U.S. Sen. Philip Hart, Democrat, two-term incumbent who is expected to seek re-election.

Mrs. Lenore Romney, Republican leadership consensus choice to challenge Hart. She is the wife of former Gov. George Romney, who is now President Nixon's secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

State Sen. Robert Huber, conservative Republican from Troy who seeks to beat both Mrs. Romney in a primary and Sen. Hart in the general election to jump to Washington, after two terms in Lansing.

EACH WAS ASKED questions zeroing in on four specific points raised by advocates of population control as the primary means of stemming environmental genocide.

As background, the candidates were reminded that the state's director of the Department of Natural Resources, Dr. Ralph McMullen, believes population control is paramount in the ecology struggle. His department has gone on record supporting birth control, the concept of two children per family and liberalized abortion laws.

Dr. McMullen told an audience during an Environmental Teach-In at Ann Arbor in March: "I suspect success in balancing the environment lies in convincing women it's morally wrong to bear more than two children and in legalizing abortions."

ONLY SEN. HUBER has been put to the test on this issue. When a proposed abortion reform bill came up for a vote in the Senate, he struck a blow against the idea by voting "no."



SEN. PHILIP HART  
Democrat Incumbent



MRS. LENORE ROMNEY  
GOP Consensus Pick



SEN. ROBERT HUBER  
Seeks Jump In GOP

The proposal failed to gain a majority. Sen. Huber, 47, and his wife have no children. Sen. Hart, 57, and his wife have four sons and four daughters.

Mrs. Romney, 62, and her husband have four children and 13 grandchildren. Hart and Huber are Catholics. The Romneys are Mormons.

With these factors in the background, each of the candidates answered the following questions as you will see:

**QUESTION--** Do you believe in the decade of the '70s it has become morally wrong for a couple to produce more than two children?

**MRS. ROMNEY --** "No."

**SEN. HUBER --** "I do not... Morals have nothing to do with it. The decision to have or not to have children is based on conscience and the ability to have children from a physical standpoint."

**SEN. HART --** "I would not undertake to express

a moral judgment, but I would believe it is in the public interest that a couple limit children to two. Why? We live in a finite system, and we can't continue with a population growing to the point we will consume it."

**QUESTION --** If you were just getting married today, would you try to limit your offspring to two?

**MRS. ROMNEY --** "This is very individual. I don't believe I would. I have four, and I couldn't give up any of them."

**SEN. HUBER --** "The question of what I would do if I were just getting married is a non sequitur (unreasonable to answer)."

**SEN. HART --** "I find it difficult to answer what I would do if I were back at the beginning of married life, because I love eight children. At the same time, the reasons for the current alarm were not as evident when I first married."

"Now nature has put us on warning that we must, at least for the immediate future, restrict the number of children we have. Some scientists suggest two children per family. I haven't any particular quarrel with that, beyond noting that if every family limits itself to two, the national average that will live and grow will be below that."

**QUESTION --** Would you advocate that your teenage or older children sign a pledge not to have more than two children of their own?

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**MRS. ROMNEY --** "No."

**SEN. HUBER --** "Signing of pledges and other such activity is an artificial gesture that does not get to the root of the matter of population control: the decision of parenthood is a personal one, and no amount of public chest beating will change that."

**SEN. HART --** "Not sign a pledge; but set such a goal, yes."

**QUESTION --** Do you believe limiting population should be a matter of national policy? If so, how should it be done? Do you believe there should be sanctions, such as denying income tax exemptions for more than two children?

**MRS. ROMNEY --** "No policy. It can be done through education. President Nixon's program is perfectly in order; he's telling what the situation is and using the prestige of his office to create concern. I don't believe there should be sanctions. The people should just face the facts and know what will happen to our planet."

**SEN. HUBER --** "I do not believe that limiting population should be a part of our national policy, nor do I believe that denying income tax exemptions for more than two children should be a part of our national policy, since it involves limiting the choice of a couple as to whether or not they should have children."

**SEN. HART --** "Yes. Sanctions such as the one you mention would be one possible method."

**HAVING RESPONDED** to the questions, all three added personal notes.

Mrs. Romney, the only one whose answers came by telephone rather than by written replies to the Observer Newspapers letter, said, "I don't believe you can tell people how many children they may or may not have. We can't legislate this type of thing. I believe voluntary limiting will help. I think the people will respond, but I don't know if it will be an adequate response."

Sen. Huber said, "If the advocates of planned parenthood have an effective case, then it is logical to assume that they can accomplish their goals by education."

Sen. Hart said, "From the space program, we know earth is all we have."



VISITING HAWAII -- Musically at least, these women are set for a trip to Hawaii. Members of the Suburban Chorale, they are, left to right, Kathy Tituskin, Kathy Siupik, Judy DeNoyer, Barbara Donaldson and Joan O'Brien. You'll be able to join this tour of the U.S.

in song and dance by going to Bentley High School, Livonia, at 8 p.m. Friday or Saturday, May 22 and 23. Theme of the show is "This Is My Country." (Observer photo by Craig Gaffield)

## Pursell, Kadish Blast Kuhn's Abortion Vote

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**HE SAID HE** have preferred that the father's consent be required and that an amendment be added to call for a vote of the people before final adoption.

Further, he said, "The whole thing was an exercise in futility in my opinion. I felt it wasn't going to pass and that the Senate should proceed onto other important matters."

Kadish lashed this statement, saying, "Anybody who

says it's a waste of a senator's time is using a strictly political move."

Pursell, who is Wayne County commissioner of the 26th District (Livonia, Plymouth and Northville), said, "I wasn't surprised that Sen. Kuhn switched his vote at the last minute, or that he straddled an issue."

He added, "I believe every woman should have the right, morally and legally, to be captain of her own soul."

## Take Boys Fishing Best Places Kuhn Crime Bill Passes Senate

Bluegill and perch fishing is reported good to fair on most Oakland County lakes, which should attract as many fathers as from Oakland.

Wayne County lakes have been stocked with all types of gamefish, from panfish through the lordly trout, but it is a little optimistic to expect the few there are to assure a boy's joy.

Lake Oakland, Woodhull, Pontiac Lake, Proud Lake, Kent Lake, Maceday Lake, any one of the hundreds of lakes just across Eight Mile road are better targets.

Try the gravel and sand shallows where tall grass and lily pads are above the surface for best luck at this time of year. Fish in progressively deeper but still well-weeded areas as the summer heat increases.

Maceday Lake has been producing "some nice trout" also, according to Department of Natural Resources surveys.

For campers, parks in the tri-county area are starting to get busy. Campgrounds are being built at a rapid pace, but never fast enough to satisfy the demand. Best bet is to get there early.

Photographers and hikers should be out now to take advantage of wild spring flowers, with Jack-In-The-Pulpit, Trillium, wild violets and Adonis Tongue just about at their best now.

**LANSING** A bill (S.B. 1207), sponsored by State Sen. George W. Kuhn (R-West Bloomfield), to fight organized crime connections in controlling legitimate business, passed the Senate by a vote of 30-4.

"This new concept of fighting organized crime through civil actions to close businesses infiltrated by criminal elements is similar to legislation passed by Florida last year," said Sen. Kuhn.

"Under this bill, the attorney general is authorized to begin civil proceedings to forfeit the charter of any domestic or foreign corporation whose officers or directors are engaged in criminal activities that might include a persistent course of violent revolutionary or unlawful activity aimed at the overthrow of the government of the state or any of its political subdivisions, crimes against nature, intimidation and coercion, bribery, prostitution, gambling, extortion, embezzlement, unlawful sale of narcotics or other such illegal conduct."

**KUHN SAID**, "It is widely known that organized crime and vice are increasing in affluence and power, and such power naturally flows from the investment of vast sums of wealth procured illegally."

"Such organized crime and vice under the authority of law can create in Michigan legal entities fully clothed with respectability, capable of holding

legal title to property and exercising other privileges."

Kuhn said the bill, if passed also by the House, would give the attorney general an additional valuable tool with which to fight the serious terrors of organized crime.

The bill also had the strong support of the attorney general department. Vincent Pierzante, chief of the organized crime division of that office, said, "I believe there is a vital need for this type of legislation insofar as an attack on organized crime is concerned, as it strikes at the very heart of this criminal empire -- the movement of money in and out of legitimate business to the detriment of the economy and the society in which it operates."

## Bloodmobile Sets Date

A Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the northwest office, 31228 Five Mile Rd at Meridian, Livonia, on Thursday, May 21, from 2 to 8 p.m. For an appointment to donate, call 422-2767.

The Red Cross reminds you that when you donate blood you are helping save lives. When someone needs blood, he needs it at once.

Unfortunately, there is no substitute for blood. The Red Cross relies on you, the donor, to insure that there is enough blood on hand to meet the needs of you and your neighbors.

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### Garden City Community Cultural Art Show

Saturday, May 23 - 1 to 10 p.m.

Sunday, May 24 - 1 to 4 p.m.

Concert - 7:30 p.m.

O'Leary Auditorium

Donation: Free

### RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, May 23 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

15138 Beech Daly Road

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Livonia

### CLEAN-UP AND MEETING

Saturday, May 23 - 10 a.m.

Union Chapel Cemetery

Michigan Avenue

(East of Inkster Road)

### GERANIUM SALE

Saturday, May 23

Livonia Garden Club

Information:

Call 427-6095 or 261-4424

Donation: 65c each or \$8.50 per flat

## Faculty OKs Anderson And Loper

Two candidates for election as trustees of Oakland County Community College June 8 have been endorsed by the OCC Faculty Association Council.

They will support Earl Anderson and Donald Loper. "We are happy to support people for the board who believe in quality instruction and who place student welfare first on their list of priorities," said the OCCFAC newsletter published under the auspices of OCCFAC President J. S. Homelster.

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