

'No Forced Integration,' Vows Romney

"There is not now and will not be any HUD policy mandating forced integration in suburbs," George Romney, secretary of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), told assembled suburban officials Monday night.

While television lights glared down on him relentlessly in a packed, stuffy, hot and emotion-filled Warren school auditorium, he repeated the essence of that statement no less than eight times.

Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara and Livonia City Council President Robert Nash came away convinced that, indeed, there has been no new requirements added to the HUD criteria for urban renewal assistance.

McNAMARA AND NASH, Mayor Norman Feder of Southfield and Mayor Tim Murphy of Garden City were among those attending. None of these took part in a question and answer session following Romney's prepared remarks.

The Warren mayor and each of the city council-

men did, as they zeroed in on Warren's difficulties gaining a HUD grant.

Romney attempted to short circuit implications of a recent series of Detroit News copyrighted articles based on Warren dealings with HUD.

One article had implied that a HUD staffer's memo on file in Washington established that Warren would be an early target of HUD policy to force racial integration of the nation's suburbs.

ROMNEY SAID of the memo, "I didn't know about it ... until I read it in the newspaper." He said it was a memo from a Chicago regional office staff member to his superior and one of many such on file in Washington and not necessarily read by him.

"It has no relationship to the department's policies and it's a mistake to indicate that it does set department policy," said Romney.

After quoting the Detroit News excerpt from the memo, Romney pointed out that the reporter had stated in the following paragraph that: "HUD in-

tends to use its funds to force integration of white suburbs."

Romney looked up from his reading and pronounced, "If repeated publicly and privately after what I've just said, (that statement) becomes deliberately false, inflammatory and irresponsible."

Romney said he, as secretary of the department under President Richard Nixon, is responsible for setting policy and that the only new policy since the Nixon administration took office is one which was decided by Congress previously.

IT IS THAT as of Dec. 31, 1969, the federal Civil Rights Act of 1968 requires that fair housing criteria be followed in single-family housing as well as multiple housing.

Romney said, "The department does encourage integration through voluntary action, and we have a statutory mandate to enforce a national policy of fair housing."

"But our role is not to prescribe quotas or nu-

merical standards which a community must meet. Instead, our duty is to see that fair housing opportunities exist, and that communities seeking federal assistance are acting affirmatively to prevent discrimination."

REFERRING TO the Warren application for funds, Romney said, "We're not going to bring anybody in and we're not asking you to provide housing for people who want to come into Warren."

He said what the department is doing to discharge its responsibility to guarantee that funds go to communities abiding by the 1968 civil rights act is to ascertain that the community has provided "adequate means of preventing discrimination."

Warren, having met all other criteria, can have the funds by simply appointing a human council of citizens who can be recognized as responsible for taking action if a discriminating situation arises, he said.

Regional Commission Boosts U.P. With \$14 Million In Aid

LANSING Gov. Milliken said recently that economic development projects totaling nearly \$14 million have been launched in the Upper Peninsula during the last year with the help of grants from the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission (UGLRC).

Alfred France of Washington, D.C., the federal co-chairman, said the UGLRC has approved grants totaling \$1.7 million for 25 Upper Peninsula projects. The UGLRC grants triggered the release of more than \$12 million in other federal funds as well as state and local funds.

"The Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission's grant program has made a significant contribution to the economic growth of Michigan's part of the Upper Great Lakes region, which includes all of the Upper Peninsula," Milliken said.

"All of the projects funded by UGLRC are helping to accomplish the commission's objectives of improving economic opportunities and the quality of life in the region through specific expenditures designed to stimulate private investments."

Milliken said the commission has attempted to strike a balance between the two major areas of concern - business and industrial development and tourist and recreation resources.

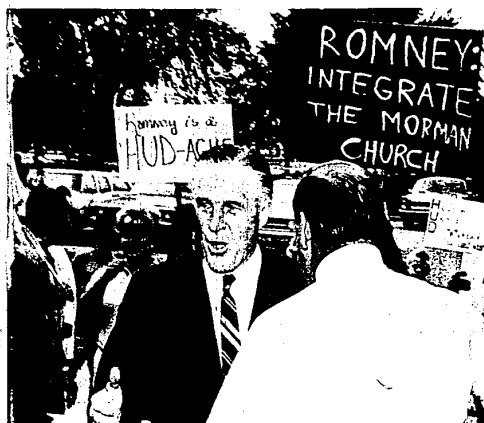


MINOR SPAT--Although the agenda was light and the July Schoolcraft Community College Trustees' meeting unusually free of open dissent, Board Chairman Mrs. Jane Mashie lost her temper once during a discussion of who would draft a letter for the board. She pointedly

asked College President Dr. Eric Brodner if the administration would "please" do it as they usually have done. Brodner and his secretary agreed. (Observer photo by Dennis L. Pajot)



SKEPTICAL BUT SATISFIED -- Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara (left) and Livonia Council President Robert Nash heard HUD Secretary George Romney say his department would not force integration of the suburbs. They also heard him say the department would not force change of local zoning to accomplish creation of low and moderate income housing. (Observer Photo by Harry Mauthe)



TAKING IT COOL -- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary George Romney enters a meeting of suburban mayors after shaking hands with citizen pickets. Inside, he indicated that he doesn't blame people for being inflamed by what he called inaccurate news reports. (Observer Photo by Harry Mauthe)

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Area Motel Manager Retires

Burt Woodward, manager of the Hines Park Quality Motel, Plymouth at Ann Arbor Roads in Livonia, since it opened 10 years ago, recently retired due to ill health. The announcement was made by Samuel N. Gershenson, president of the Gold Key Inn-Quality Courts motel chain.

A former Livonia city official, Woodward has served as president as well as a member of the Livonia Industrial Commission, and was vice president and a member of the board of directors of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Woodward also was active in LVI and the YMCA and the Newburg Methodist Church, Livonia.

CIRCULATION DATA

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NEWSPAPER	Current Week	CAC Apts. Sept. 1970
LIVONIA OBSERVER	28,500	28,520
REDFORD OBSERVER	20,800	19,956
WESTLAND OBSERVER	18,000	17,376
SOUTHFIELD OBSERVER	17,000	116,000
FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE & OBSERVER	15,400	14,501
GARDEN CITY OBSERVER	11,400	10,824
PLYMOUTH MAIL & OBSERVER	10,200	9,600
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Total Wednesday Weekday	122,000	118,777
Weekend	92,800	88,772

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4 Items Slow S'craft Talks

Kenneth Lindner, Schoolcraft Community College trustees' chief bargainer, sees four key issues yet to be resolved in negotiations with the faculty.

But he disagrees with the Faculty Forum bargaining team's assessment that talks have stalled.

Lindner said in a press release the trustees' team agreed to submit differences to a state mediator Aug. 3 "not because we consider negotiations stalemated, but rather because we recognize a number of key areas must yet be covered and we favor any steps which might speed the process and help effect an early settlement."

Bargaining recessed July 18 and will resume Aug. 3 with the mediator.

THE FACULTY team listed eight unresolved issues when it announced that it had requested a mediator for the final three weeks before Aug. 24 resumption of school.

Substitution of administrators for faculty members as department heads, hours, loads, salaries, academic freedom and length of contract.

Waterman Remodeling Bid Taken

A bid of \$79,126 to do remodeling of the Waterman Campus Center lower level was accepted by the Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees at its latest meeting.

Successful low bidder was Shiller Construction Co. The board, less its habitually absent Livonia School District representative, James Boswell, voted unanimously to accept the bid.

Total project cost was estimated at \$88,000 with architectural and administrative expenses.

ALSO ACCEPTED was the low bid of Jennite Products, Inc., of \$9,532 for asphalt paving repairs - unanimously.

The board also granted authority to the administration to accept the new physical education building Aug. 3 or "such other date as the administration feels the building is substantially complete" by unanimous motion.

The building is scheduled to be completed Aug. 3, but labor difficulties have imperiled "completion" and the board has been advised by its attorney to not accept it until "complete."

Richards Named U-M Dean

ANN ARBOR Prof. James W. Richards of the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy has been named assistant dean in the college.

The appointment, approved by the Regents, becomes effective Aug. 26. He also will continue to teach.

For several years Richards has been performing the duties of assistant dean without the title, according to U-M Vice President Allan F. Smith.