

Dems Shrug Over McNamara, See Balance On Parochiaid

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GRAND RAPIDS
Most Democrats shrugged when it became official that Democratic gubernatorial candidate Sander Levin had tapped Livonia's Mayor Ed-

ward McNamara to run for lieutenant governor.

"I'm not very enthusiastic," said one 19th District Democrat. "May we quote you?" he was asked. "Yes," said Gerald Freedman, an attorney from Farmington. "A Plymouth Township Dem-

ocrat, sitting in a bar at the Pontiac Hotel, was at first unbelieving. Then he pronounced: "They nominated a loser."

"I don't know the man," said Annetta Miller, an Oakland County liberal who had run for the congressional nomination in the 18th District and won nomination to the state board of education by the convention.

"That's great!" squealed Maxine Brodsky, vice chairman of the 19th District Wayne organization and herself a Livonia resident.

"I'll work! I've never worked for a winner, and I want a winner," said Mrs. Brodsky, a loyalist of the New Democratic Coalition whose candidates have been generally unsuccessful.

Aldo Vagnozzi, chairman of the full 19th District organization, declared that "Ed will add to the ticket going into the suburbs."

Then Vagnozzi asked for more time to think of additional comments.

A muttered consensus was that McNamara, who as mayor doesn't face re-election until 1972 and then on a non-parochial ticket, has nothing to lose by running for lieutenant

governor and is able to spare the time.

It's common for the No. 2 man to be picked from the Legislature, since the lieutenant governor presides over the Senate. But no legislator with a chance of getting re-elected expressed any interest in the job.

RON MARDIRO, chairman of the 19th-Wayne Democratic organization and recently appointed by McNamara to be Livonia city assessor, was exultant.

"And he did it without a bumper sticker—without a sign—without a booze room!" Mardiro laughed.

One 19th District veteran politician who asked not to be identified said: "He's for parochiaid and Sandy's against it, and McNamara will draw Irish Catholics who won't vote for that damn Jew who's against parochiaid."

Livonia City Councilman Jerry Raymond made this analysis: "Levin won in the Irish Catholic precincts, but not by the margin he should have won by in those precincts."

"Sandy said that Austin, a black was going to get the secretary of state nomination, so he moved to balance the ticket. In France they put a coalition together after the election. Here we put it together before the election."

Another excellent possibility, said Raymond, was State Rep. Marvin Stempelen (D-Livonia) because "he'd bring in the Polish Catholics." But Raymond said Stempelen would stand to give up a rising career in the House—a career that will grow even more now that Rep. George F. Montgomery is out of the picture.

Montgomery ran unsuccessfully for the gubernatorial nomination in the Aug. 4 primary and was bypassed for lieutenant governor.

NATE BANKS, chairman of a labor faction of Redford Township Democrats said, "He's not too well known, but he's well qualified, and I would support him wholeheartedly. If he's acceptable to Levin, he's acceptable to me."

Robert Rowilson, head of a



'ED McNAMARA' will be a name known statewide by the Nov. 3 election. Here he accepts the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor. (Observer photo by Dennis L. Pajot)

Only 1 District Out On A Limb For Ferency

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Most Observersland delegations voted with the majority last weekend as the Democratic state convention nominated the rest of its state slate and adopted resolutions.

Only the 2nd District—which includes Plymouth—went out on a limb. The 2nd, with full support from the Plymouth delegation, backed Zoltan Ferency in his weak challenge to Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara, gubernatorial nominee Sander Levin's choice for lieutenant governor.

The 2nd gave 50.06 votes to McNamara, 55.44 to Ferency and had 2.5 abstentions. Of the districts that got to vote before the roll call was stopped, only the 2nd failed to back McNamara.

The 15th District (including Garden City and Westland) backed McNamara 114 to 13 with six abstentions.

The 19th NEVER got to cast an official vote. Its first vote of 83.5 to 43.4, with two abstentions, was challenged by a delegate who asked for a poll of the delegation.

The poll was still going on when, convention chairman Lucien Nedzi, Detroit congressman, saw that McNamara had received 1,370, or 200 more than a majority, and stopped the roll call.

The unofficial, final 19th District vote was 85.5 to 41 in

favor of McNamara.

The 15th voted 112 for Lesinski and 24 for Evans. The strong Lesinski support probably reflected organized labor's view, which backed Williams and Lesinski.

The 19th gave 99 to Williams, 80 to Swainson, 48 to Evans and 31 to Lesinski.

DEMOCRATS dumped incumbent State Board of Education President Peter Oppewall, largely for his strong interest in parochiaid, but kept incumbent Thomas J. Brennan, also a parochiaid backer, in a compromise move.

Mrs. Annetta Miller, an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic congressional nomination in the 18th District, got Oppewall's ballot spot. A "peace" candidate and flaming liberal, Mrs. Miller lives in Huntington Woods.

The 2nd District gave 78 to Mrs. Miller, 53 to Brennan and 49 to Oppewall.

The 15th Voted 81 each for Mrs. Miller and Brennan and 73 for Oppewall.

The 19th voted 129 for Mrs. Miller, 60 for Brennan and 49 for Oppewall. Each delegate was allowed to cast two votes, and the 129 for Mrs. Miller indicated unanimous support from the 19th District. The remaining votes were scattered for lesser candidates.

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