

# Dems Bring Muskie Here In Quest For Suburban Votes

By DON HOENSCHELL

Democrats will start a national backfire against speculation they have abandoned the suburbs by staging a plant rally for their No. 2 national candidate at Wonderland Center Thursday.

It will be the first visit of U.S. Senator Edmund D. Muskie since his vice-presidential nomination in Chicago.

Livonia Councilman Jerry Raymond, chairman of the Democratic Wayne-19th Congressional District, said there will be a band, a quartet and as many statewide candidates as can be rounded up.

Raymond, heading up Livonia arrangements, said:

"WAYNE-19TH Democrats were honored to have their district chosen as one of the key areas in this important presidential election.

"Senator Muskie has an outstanding record in the United States Senate as the voice of little people and as a states-

man. We are overjoyed to have him visit our area."

Raymond traced the history of area support from Franklin D. Roosevelt, former Gov. G. Mennen Williams, Jerry Truman and John F. Kennedy, he added.

"The latest polls show that Humphrey and Muskie are now neck and neck in Michigan with the opposition. This is Muskie country, and I believe the Livonia-Redford-Northville area will play a major role in carrying Michigan for the Humphrey-Muskie ticket."

National polls show Republicans Richard M. Nixon and Spiro T. Agnew in a comfortable lead and the Republican ticket was limited to Michigan.

MUSKIE CAME to Michigan this afternoon, landing at Detroit and heading for 5:30 p.m. He will go on to a rally at the Taylor Town Shopping Center at 4 p.m., a street rally in Hamtramck at 6 p.m., opening of a Citizens-for-Humphrey-Muskie headquarters at 7 p.m.

Nine Mile and Van Dyke at 7:30 p.m., a rally at Universal City Shopping Center, 12 Mile and Dequindre and a dinner at 12 Mile and Van Dyke at 8:45 p.m.

State Democrats are still uncertain of his Thursday schedule. State Chairman Sander M. Levin and his Detroit office will be making changes could be made at any minute.

Muskie will be introduced at Wonderland by Democratic Congressional Candidate Gary Frink, who is challenging the seat now held by Rep. Jack H. McDonald, a Republican ending his first term.

NATIONAL OBSERVERS following the two conventions speculated that the Nixon-Agnew ticket was aimed at the suburbs, with Humphrey-Muskie ticket apparently a move Democratic route into the major cities.

Muskie's major concentration on the suburbs during his first visit apparently is a move to show that the ticket is scrum-

pling for votes wherever they are.

The 19th District was one of the five which changed from Democratic to Republican two years ago. McDonald defeated Democratic incumbent Billie S. Farnum.

National trends, too, show that political power and economic thrust are swinging toward the suburbs. Livonia alone has grown 63 per cent since 1960 and is one of the largest cities in the state.

It is here, too, where former Governor George Wallace is expected to have the biggest impact in the north.

HUMPHREY SAID after the nominating convention in Chicago:

"He (Muskie) will bridge many a gap and many a gulf here in the party."

Muskie's 22-year career in politics had reached the point where party pillars were considering him for either the top Senate leadership position or candidate for vice president.

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SEN. EDMUND MUSKIE, Democratic Vice Presidential Hopeful.

# McDonald Campaign Theme 'Fresh Outlook'

Slowly but surely, Jack McDonald's campaign for re-election as 19th District congressman is getting started.

The first-term Republican's theme will be "Keep the Fresh Outlook" on billboards and in literature.

The idea, according to supporters, is to tie McDonald to the young group of House Republicans who have been proposing what they consider a constructive set of alternatives to Johnson Administration programs.

They don't like to be pictured with some of the older conservatives as just voting "nay" all the time.

MCDONALD HAS done little in the way of institutional campaigning so far. He had no opposition in the Aug. 6 GOP primary, and there was little need to do much.

He points out that his district office in Farmington tends

only to government business, but he has just opened a campaign headquarters at 30942 Grand River, near Nine Mile Rd., in Farmington.

So the pace of work in the district will step up.

Meanwhile, Congress is still in session, so that limits his district visits to weekends.

WHAT HIS CHANCES are for re-election is an open question. His supporters aren't assuming he's a shoo-in.

Working in his favor are his status as an incumbent, popular dissatisfaction with the Johnson Administration and what pollsters are calling a conservative trend in the nation.

In fact, some political prognosticators predict that if the election were held today, Republican Richard Nixon would capture 960 or more electoral votes in a GOP near-landslide.

On the other hand, there may

be a widespread "throw the rascals out" feeling that could hurt any incumbent of any party.

MCDONALD'S opponent, Democrat Gary Frink, is a young (35), attractive and bright man who is working hard at electrifying while McDonald is tied up in Washington as Congress grinds through its business.

Historically, the district could go either way.

When it was first set up in 1964, Democrat Billie S. Farnum carried it during the Johnson landslide.

McDonald took it into the GOP column in 1966 with Gov. Romney at the head of the ticket.

The five young freshmen whom Romney helped elect have established voting records closer to the center of the road than the rest of the party and records of advocacy of their own.

## Removal Rumors Wrong

# Rev. Meyer's Trial Delayed

Rev. James Meyer, the polio-ticking priest from Pontiac, is scheduled to stand trial in Chicago Oct. 21 for his role in the march at the Democratic National Convention.

His trial date was postponed from Sept. 4 in order to allow more time for preparation of a defense.

Father Meyer was among approximately 80 persons arrested when they failed to disperse under orders from Chicago police during the downtown melee during the convention.

MEYER SAID "conservative" elements at his parish,

St. Benedict in suburban Westland Township, have started rumors that he would be removed as assistant pastor.

But the bearded priest told The Observer Newspapers this week that neither his pastor nor the archdiocese office has any plans to remove him.

Meyer has been active in the civil rights and open housing movements in Pontiac. In Democratic politics, he has been a backer of Sen. Eugene McCarthy.

Meyer was defeated at the state convention in his bid for presidential elector from the district.

THE PRIEST himself has little information of his own case, which he is leaving pretty much in the hands of his Chicago attorney, Kenneth Denzel.

The charge seems to be of the "disorderly conduct" nature, he said.

Customarily, when mass arrests are made, few persons in the group ever are convicted of anything.

But Meyer feels that Mayor Richard J. Daley's law enforcement arm may prosecute the case vigorously because of the national publicity the convention arrests did to the mayor's and the city's reputations.



REV. JAMES MEYER (Daley To Be Tough)

## A Political Poodle

MRS. EDMUND S. MUSKIE won't receive the traditional bouquet when she joins her husband at the campaign rally at Wonderland Center.

A student at Madonna College will present her a poodle.

For Livonia Councilman Jerry Raymond, chairman of the Democratic Wayne-19th district and steersman for the Muskie rally here, it posed the question what one does on a campaign with a poodle.

"He'll find out."

# Friedrichs Asks Citizen Group At County Level

Democratic candidate for the Wayne County Board of Supervisors Don Friedrichs has called for the creation of a citizens' advisory committee to the new board, "to keep close contact between county officials and local governments."

Friedrichs, director of secondary education for the Livonia Public Schools, is running in District 26, which includes Livonia, Canton Township, Plymouth and Northville.

In a statement issued from his campaign headquarters, Friedrichs said that he did not "want to see valuable relationships that have been established between local governments and the county administration over the years disrupted by the reorganization of the county board of supervisors from 135 members to 25."

While the re-organization was badly needed, local contacts need to be maintained, Friedrichs said.

"THE ADVISORY committee as I see it would have no legislative power. They would be strictly advisory. All local officials have their finger on local concerns, and the new board just plain can't afford to lose touch with these officials and their experience with county problems," he added.

Friedrichs said the committee could feed new ideas to the board, study all important reports from the county administration as well as all active committees of the new board of supervisors.

He emphasized that he was not calling for the re-establishment of the old county board. But the group could recommend ideas to the new board."

FRIEDRICHS spent an active week campaigning last week. Monday, he attended a meeting of the County Board of Supervisors -- the current version

-- as the guest of Livonia Mayor Harvey Moeke.

Wednesday, he met with Detroit countymen and farmmen County Board Chairman Mel Ravitz on county problems. In addition, he talked with County Auditor Richard Austin and Bernard Hamis, clerk to the current board.

"Austin feels he can work with the new board, and supporters moves toward a more effective executive branch of county government," Friedrichs said.

THURSDAY, he kicked off his campaign with a rally at the Roseale Gardens Civic Association Club House on Hubbard Rd., in Livonia.

Supporters from Plymouth, Northville and Livonia turned out to map campaign plans. Among those attending were Democratic state representative candidate Marvin Stempson of the 19th Congressional District and Gary Frink.

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## Frink's Bus Goes Off Road

Democratic congressional candidate Gary Frink and his family have switched transportation after two right rear wheels of a leased bus flew off on the I-75 access ramp near Lapeer Rd. Sunday.

There were no injuries.

Frink was driving the bus, relieving his regular driver, when the accident occurred. The bus tipped to a 45-degree angle but did not overturn.

The 19th District challenger earlier had carried his campaign to a carnival at Oxford sponsored by the Dominican Sisters.

Ten miles before the accident, Frink lost a tire in a service station while workmen fixed a flat tire on another wheel.

William Zandi, an Observer Newspapers, Inc., artist, drove Mrs. Frink and her two sons, Jeff, 9, and Chris, 7, to Pontiac.

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## MCCD Backing Vivian, Friedrichs

The 2nd District chapter of the Michigan Conference of Concerned Democrats, operating out of Ann Arbor, has endorsed two Democratic candidates in political races affecting observers.

Waxton E. Vivian, Democratic nominee for Congress against Republican incumbent Marvin Eash, was endorsed by the MCCD.

So was Dr. Donald Friedrichs, the 19th Congressional District supervisor from the 26th District, which includes Livonia, and Plymouth.

Vivian had previously been roundly criticized by MCCD members for his stand on the Vietnam war, which MCCD had considered too hawkish.

## \$91,000 Forest Fire Claim Paid

LANSING -- The largest forest fire claim in Michigan history -- \$91,284.16 -- was paid to the Conservation Department this week for damages on a 4,822-acre plot of public forest that burned last May 8.

The fire was started by a welding crew working on a trans-Michigan gas pipeline. It burned jackpine plantations in parts of Kalkaska and Crawford counties.

The fire claim was paid by the U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. of Baltimore, insurer of Curran & Co., a Montana-based construction firm, whose welder started the fire. The money will be used for forest plantings, general forestry work, and for emergency fire protection services.

"This payment covers both the cost of fire suppression work and of timber values that were lost," said M.M. Bergman, chief of the Conservation Department's Forest Fire Division.

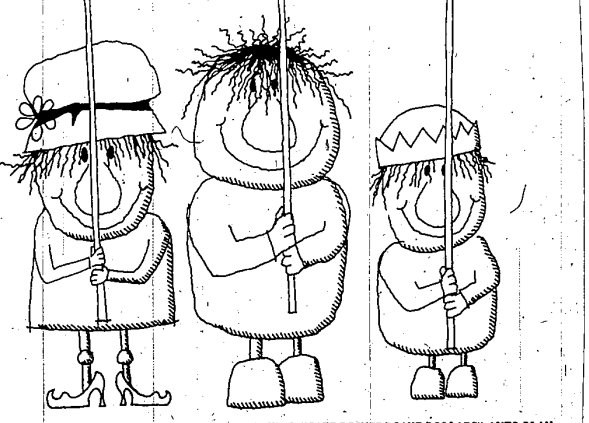
## TV Questions To Nixon

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Republican nominee for president will appear on a one-hour, live television program to be broadcast from Detroit, at 7:30 p.m., Monday, September 30, on WJBK-TV.

The program will feature Nixon in answering questions from a panel of Republicans, Democrats and independents and also will focus upon audience participation in the questioning.

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