

No Candidate Has All The Answers--Muskie

By TIM RICHARD

A gentle Edmund Muskie didn't offer solutions to all the domestic and international problems of America, and he didn't offer panaceas to his Livonia audience Thursday evening.

He hardly even blustered the opposition Republicans.

Rather, the Democratic vice presidential nominee told anecdotes from his home state of Maine aimed at making two points:

- It does make a difference to each of us what happens to the rest, and that patient political work, even for a minority party, is the way to go about it.
- No one really claims to have all the answers in these times.

I NEVER FELT I was specially delivered by Providence to do a thing, but I did have special opportunities," the 41-year-old son who rose through the Maine House of Representatives (1947-51) to the governor's chair (1955-58) to the U.S. Senate (since 1959) told the crowd.

Muskie arrived in Livonia in a black Lincoln -- appropriately, because there is a Ford plant across the street from Wonderland and Henry Ford II is a Humphrey supporter.

He told of his own college days during the depression and the magnetism of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"I GO INTO this in large part because there are a lot of young people here tonight," he said, referring to the college boys carrying McCarthyite signs and high school students backing Nixon.

"And I know there's great restlessness among our young people. And I know they're looking for a way to get into this great institution of government ...to make their own impact for reasons that are important to them.

"I'm telling this story because I hope that I've told



MUSKIE HUSKY — Sen. Edmund Muskie, Democratic vice presidential candidate, holds a husky puppy given him by Madonna College Young Democrats. At right is 19th District Congressional Candidate Gary Frink, who introduced Muskie at his Wonderland Shopping Center appearance.



LOYAL DEMOCRATS raised their signs in front of demonstrators at Wonderland Shopping Center. Note the Livonia policeman on roof.

Livonia Crowd Small, Kind

There were collegiate McCarthyites and high school Nixonites in the crowd, but no one gave Democratic vice presidential nominee Edmund S. Muskie a bad time in Livonia as they had at Oakland University and a Taylor shopping center.

But, then, it wasn't an emotional gathering, either for or against the lively, soft-spoken senator from Maine.

"Only about 400 persons were on hand as Muskie started a 10-minute talk in the parking lot at Wonderland Shopping Center at Plymouth and Middle Belt Roads Thursday at the dinner hour."

"Flipper drew a bigger crowd," scoffed a local merchant, referring to the promotional visit of the video star.

WHETHER MUSKIE out-drew the dolphins or not, an animal got into the picture quite another way.

A husky puppy was presented to Muskie by Charlene Fox on behalf of the Young Democrats of Madonna College, a Catholic girls' school in Livonia.

Cheered heartily by nuns and fellow students, Miss Fox called the bright-eyed husky a symbol of the vigorous campaign Muskie is conducting.

THE MCCARTHYITES in the crowd numbered about a dozen students, mostly from Schoolcraft College with a few reportedly from Madonna and Henry Ford Community colleges.

The majority proudly were long-haired, sloppily dressed and often unshaven. They carried home-made signs that described the vice presidential nominee as "Our Next No. 2 Criminal," and urged voters to "Dump the Hump." "Make the World Safe for Vested Interests" (intended sarcastically), and vote for "McCarthy for a Sane Government."

THE NIXON backers were a dozen members of a Teen-Age Republican Club (TARS) at -- ironically -- Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Livonia.

They paraded around the edge of the crowd, singing a Nixon campaign song, and were met in return with good-natured joshing from the loyal Democrats.

THE TARS, under the chairmanship of Steve Kuhlman, were never disruptive and, once Muskie began speaking, listened more attentively than the McCarthyites.

IF MUSKIE noticed either group it didn't bother him. Indeed, it's doubtful that he even saw much of the McCarthyite signs, thanks to the backers of 19th District Democratic congressional candidate Gary Frink.

Later, when the press contingent following Sen. Muskie arrived, Mauthe joined them and was able to shoot pictures without further trouble.

CHAIRING THE program was Jerry Raymond, head of the Wayne County -- 19th District Democratic organization.

Observer Newspapers photographer Harry Mauthe was the first to take up a position on a trailer provided for cameramen, but was ordered off by a blue-uniformed security officer, even though he (Mauthe) displayed proper credentials.

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