

GOPoliticians Go Social A Night

By TIM RICHARD

One of the mysteries of Republicanism is the annual Lincoln Day banquet, which the Oakland County GOP held for the 83rd time last week.

It's hardly a money-maker. Chairman Sheldon Smith and the committee charged only \$7.50 a plate, which doesn't do much more than cover the cost of a delicious Raleigh House dinner of mushroom barley soup, roast Maryland turkey roll with Cumberland sauce and baked Alaska.

They might have made a little money off the \$7.50 VIP cocktail party (the ticket gets you in the door; you buy your drinks).

Possibly, a little money was made from advertisements in the program. An assortment of business firms and no less than a dozen banks bought ads.

BASICALLY, IT'S a social gathering, however. Some 780 places were set, the atmosphere was social, and the oratory of Labor Secretary James Hodgson was low-key. Hodgson said his boss, President Richard M. Nixon, prefers "substance" to "style" (the latter being a favorite word of the Kennedys).

Nixon's approach, said

Hodgson, "doesn't make him a TV idol. But that's not the way (being a TV idol) you run a nation. Brains and guts and human understanding—that's the way you run a nation."

In Republican ears, the words were so patently true that no one saw a need to applaud, and Hodgson went on about how Nixon appreciates "professionalism... whether it's by athletes, entertainers, astronauts, bricklayers or businessmen."

Hodgson (the "g" is silent) said Nixon had shifted federal spending from 44 per cent for defense and 32 for "human resources" in 1969 to a projected fiscal 1973 breakdown of 32 per cent for defense and 46 for human resources.

OKLAHOMA REPUBLICANS have developed a nice method of handling a lot of speakers and eliminating a lot of introductions.

First, 19th District Congressman Jack McDonald (R-Farmington) got four minutes to talk and one minute to introduce 18th District Congressman William Broomfield (R-Royal Oak), who got the same and brought on Sen. Robert Griffin, who got the same and introduced Hodgson. Thus, three middlemen were eliminated.

McDonald accused Democrats of "unmitigated gall" in criticizing the Republican administration on the Vietnam war issue after the administration had penned a nuclear non-proliferation treaty and renounced chemical warfare.

Broomfield said Nixon had brought back more than 400,000 troops from Vietnam and predicted his "trip to mainland China and Moscow will be steps to bring about peace."

It was an interesting choice of words on Broomfield's part. Until last year, Republicans nearly always referred to that nation as "Communist China." This year, Broomfield referred to it as "mainland China," a term once used only by Gene McCarthy and William Fulbright, and no one batted an eyelash.

Barry Grant, a former Southfield school board member, awarded prizes for a high school essay contest on drugs and youth crime to David Chase, a Ferndale senior, 4100 bond; Sharon Stoner, Royal Oak Dondoro, 550; and Cary McBride, Hazel Park, 25.

There were no pickets or protesters, either indoors or out, and the assemblage appeared to have a good time.



SOUTHFIELD REPUBLICANS met with 18th District Congressman William Broomfield following the recent Oakland County Lincoln Day banquet in Raleigh House. From left: Larry

and Olga Kingery, Broomfield, Ginger and Clement Detloff, and Barry Grant, who presented the GOP's essay awards to high school students. (Observer photo)

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LABOR SECRETARY James Hodgson chats with Farmington Republican leader Mrs. Isabel Haynes after the Oakland County Republican club banquet in Raleigh House. (Observer photo by Kathy Moran)

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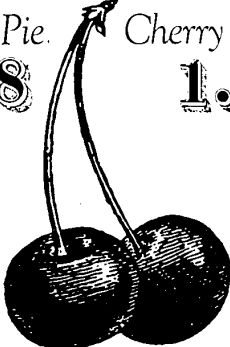
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