

Resignations Spark Battle in GOP

(Editor's Note: As the election campaign warms up between now and next summer's Congressional primaries, The Observer will feature regular in-depth reports from behind the political scenes. In this exclusive story, staff writer Jerry Wendt analyzes the current battle for control within the 19th District Republican Party. Her story is based on coverage of last Thursday's organizational meeting of the Wayne County members of the district organization.)

By JERRY WENDT

Certain facts should be glaringly apparent to even the most casual observer after the Thursday, Oct. 28 meeting of the 19th Congressional District of the Republican party in which tempers flared, as two elements

vied for control of the 19th Congressional District. First and foremost, it would appear that the Executive Committee of the 19th District intends to function as a separate body rather than a part of the Oakland County Republican committee. Secondly, Dick Kuhn is its unofficial leader.

A growing tension mounted when the appointment of an Organizational Director came up on the agenda. When the names of the nominees, Dolores Kory and John Cartwright were put before the members, someone suggested that there was opposition to Dolores (vice chairman of the district) because she was believed to be backing a candidate (other than Kuhn) for US representative. Mrs. Kory resigned immediately in favor of Cartwright and he became organizational director by default.

The battle came into the open when Weldon Yeager announced his resignation as president of the 19th District. This left a vacancy on the Executive Committee. On the heels of his resignation came the nomination of candidates to fill the vacancy.

The proposed candidates were Hank Sladek and John Timson of Livonia.

Mayor Dumas recommended the election of Hank Sladek but then Dick Kuhn sprang to his feet and endorsed the election of John Timson who was seated with Kuhn and his supporters.

It was obvious that there was dissension among the group and a suggestion was made to table the election until a future date. This was emphatically voted down. Following this there was a roll call vote and Timson was selected with a vote of 9 to 8.

Dolores Kory made a plea for public unity (this is generally to be standard practice at all Republican meetings).

Ruth Davenport, GOP stalwart from Farmington claimed the floor and denounced Kuhn for publicly endorsing one party worker over another while, at the same time seeking a Congressional seat. "This is the most flagrant breach of procedure I have ever witnessed," she began when Chairman Cristian Powell, (Kuhn supporter) declared her out of order. Another member of the Kuhn entourage moved to adjourn, and was recognized.

Both camps then adjourned into separate groups for complete unity among themselves.

The Kuhn group resent the apparent resistance of the more liberal Republicans to their candidate. The anti-Kuhn group (although without a declared candidate) resent the "take-over" of Richard Kuhn and supporters.

Who is right?

Kuhn supporters say he ran well and is a good candidate. Anti-Kuhn people, all strong supporters of Governor George Romney, say he is anti-Romney — and on occasion the congressional candidate has been extremely critical of the Governor. This is probably one of the basic reasons for tension between the two groups.

Suspense was added to the evening by the late arrival of several V.I.P.'s of the Republican Party. Entering as if in response to a secret summons were Oakland County Chairman Dale Feist; Farmingtonite Bruce Duke and Redford Township Supervisor Jack McDonald.

McDonald is an unannounced candidate for the congressional candidacy himself.

Chairman Cristian Powell announced the opening next month of a new 19th District Headquarters at 333 Ellanbeth Lake Road in Waterford Township, Pontiac, near Dick Kuhn's residence.

Kuhn supporter Neal Hall is looking for a similar headquarters in Redford Township or Livonia, however, has been unable to find one "at the right price."

The important factor here is when the primary is over will Republican party workers support the victor in the final election? There are Republicans like Mrs. Davenport, Mr. Hall, Mr. Timson who know their opposition are Democrats. But, as the last election proved, some Kuhn supporters worked against GOP candidates by pushing a sticker candidate, just another way to help the opposition.

It is loyalty to the party, rather than the candidate that really separates the bushel of apples. We'll see.

A bluff never holds out long unless it has good backing.

HOLIDAY VALUES IN DINING ROOMS

We have many fine dining room sets in Danish Modern, Early American and Italian Provincial styling priced to suit your pocketbook. Easy terms of course.

Sets Start at **\$99⁹⁵**

Remember!

If you want Christmas delivery on special orders, NOW is the time to make your selection and you still save with Berry's low discount prices.

Berry's Discount Furniture

Division of Berry's Home Supply

25950 W. Six Mile Nr. Beech Road KE 2-5933

for sink or swim

with an electric water heater you get all the hot water you need [or you get your money back]

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

DETROIT EDISON

We'll even refund any installation cost. And it doesn't matter where you buy your electric water heater; if it's Edison-approved, the Edison guarantee applies. What size heater will you need? Call us. We'll send out a specialist who can point out the proper heater size and the best location for it. He can also tell you the low operating cost—as little as \$3.82 a month for a 50-gallon heater. Get all the hot water you need—guaranteed. Call your Edison Office or see the retailer who displays the Edison Satisfaction Guaranteed sign.

EDISON

VISIT OUR NEW WESTLAND BRANCH OFFICE

Enter From Parking Lot Number 5

PANELING DISCOUNTS

JUST ARRIVED!

4x7 1/4 Jones Clear Grade
GENUINE WALNUT WOOD PANELING \$9⁹⁹ Sheet
All pre-packed V-Grooved

GENERAL PLYWOOD SSS*
• BIRCH (Dark) • WALNUT
• HICKORY • BUTTERNUT
All Packaged, Slip Sheeted *Super Satin Surface

NEW HANDI PANEL \$1⁶⁶ ea.
Mahogany Paneling, V-Groove. Ready to finish 32" x 84"

MASONITE ROYALCOTE PANELING
All Perfect All Prefinished 48 x 36
All "A Grades" Choice of seven beautiful wood grains. Also 4x4's in stock.

2x4x7 2x4x8
44' 56'
FURRING STRIPS
1x2 2c lined foot
1x3 3c lined foot

BE COZY ALL YEAR AND SAVE UP TO 40% ON WINTER FUEL

CARLOAD SALE
of **Armstrong CEILINGS**
Largest selection in town... fine, decorative and practical. Select your favorite from our large display. Washable • Easy to install. Perfect for any room. Buy your new ceilings and more during this special sale!

PLAIN TILE
as low **10 1/2** c. sq. ft.

ACoustical TILE
as low **13 1/2** c. sq. ft.

LIVONIA'S LARGEST STOCKING ARMSTRONG CEILING TILE DEALER!

INSULATION YOUR CHOICE!
1 1/2" Thick—100' Roll
2 1/4" Thick—75' Roll
3 7/8" Thick—50' Roll
Your Choice **\$3⁶⁹**

NEW! PANELAIRE HARDBOARD GRILLEWORK PANELS
VARIETY OF SIZES—PERFECT FOR ROOM DIVIDERS SCREENS—RADIATOR COVERS HUNDREDS OF OTHER USES
24"x48" Panels Only 3.36
24"x72" Panels Only 5.04

build them yourself with **Luscha** quality shelf hardware
Choice of 5 Decorator Finishes
SOLID MAHOGANY SHELVING

1x6 33c lin. ft.
1x8 43c lin. ft.
1x10 54c lin. ft.
1x12 69c lin. ft.

POWDER ROOM SET \$28⁸⁸
Lux fittings White only
Free Installation Instructions

4' Wood STEP LADDER \$2⁹⁹
Aluminum Extension Ladders 24' \$19.88

K-LUX DECORATOR PANELS
The do-it-yourself plastic that's better than glass! Beautiful K-Lux panels look just like expensive decorative glass—but cost only a fraction as much! Easy to cut and install in shutters, dividers, screen cabinet doors, dozens of other places. 24" x 48" (or 48" x 24") panels of impact resistant, lifetime plastic—in lovely colors and patterns. See them today!

SALEM LUMBER CENTER
DO IT YOURSELF HEADQUARTERS
Home of "Old Fashioned" Service
Mon. thru Thurs. 9 to 7
FRI. 9-9, Sat. 9-6
HOURS Open Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

MAHOGANY FLUSH DOOR \$4⁴⁴
1st Quality 24x80"x1 3/4"

DOOR LOCKS \$2¹⁹
Quality Brass Passage Set

BI-FOLD DOORS
Popular 24" Size Mahogany Flush Door \$11⁵⁰
White pine Louvered Door \$17⁵⁰
all other sizes and styles available

Thick Clear White FINE LOUVER DOOR \$4⁹⁹
12"x80"x1 3/4"
Other Sizes In Stock

30650 Plymouth Rd.
2 Blocks W. of Middlebelt
GA. 2-1000