

Bobby Calls for Decentralization

Stresses Need for Change

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Senator Robert F. Kennedy called for a decentralization of government Friday night in the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner scheduled by the Michigan State Democrat organization.

In his speech the Junior Senator from New York asserted that:

"We as Democrats have tended to look toward Washington for solutions to our perplexities—and for the most part this has been correct. But now it is our responsibility as believers in the human spirit to afford our citizens the opportunity for personal participation and achievement on the great stage of public affairs; with levers of power and decision in places citizens can reach—in their statehouses, their city hall, indeed in their own neighborhood community."

"To do this requires long effort to decentralize the structure of government. We must make local government again a proud and lively career."

Approximately 3,000 of the party faithful filled the Cobo Hall Arena to hear the speech. He heard Kennedy outline a four-point program for reconstructing the Democratic Party in the nation.

"First, we must find ways to liberate and enhance the importance of individual lives and actions to protect ourselves against the giant organizations—sprawling government bureaucracies, huge impersonal corporations, and universities as big as states—which threaten to overwhelm and obliterate the importance and value of individual man," he asserted.

"Second, we must understand the new meaning of justice—ending the dependence on government, which is the antithesis of democracy. "Third, we must begin to rebuild our sense of community, of human dialogue, of the thousand invisible strands of common experience and purpose, affection and respect, which tie men to their fellows."

"Fourth and most important, must be our quest for world peace; not the quiet of desolation nor the stability of tyranny; but a world of diversity and progress, in which armaments and violence give way to the forces of reason and compromise, which are man's only hope for survival on earth."

He called the rebuilding of community "an unprecedented task for a political party" and noted that "a sense of community begins with service—with our willing contribution to those with whom we share a neighborhood, a city or a nation."

"All of us cannot join the Peace Corps, or VISTA; but all of us, as individuals and in our party organizations, can make that same kind of effort," Kennedy observed.

Congressman William Ford (D-15th District) told The Observer that Kennedy hadn't said anything he has not said before and that he was aware that the Democratic Party was not doing as well in bringing the young people into the party as it had and that the Republicans were doing better."

Former 18th District Congressman Billie S. Farnum noted that Kennedy has been giving the same basic speech throughout the country. Farnum, who is now Deputy Chairman for Registration and Organization for the Democratic National Committee, noted that "people throughout the country are interested in what affects them locally or on the national level in consumer legislation."

Aldo Vagnotti, chairman of the 18th District Organization, termed the speech as the type one "might give to a college audience. He said things that should be said," Vagnotti commented, "we should look ahead and not just to the next election."



TWO WESTLAND GIRLS, victims of a double slaying on April 28, had services held Tuesday, May 2, at the Lane Funeral Home, Garden City. The girls were Deborah Crowther, 8, and her sister Kimberly, 6, of 1604 N. Wayne Road. Survivors include maternal grandparents in Plymouth; paternal grand parents in Livonia, and a great-grandmother in Garden City.

Juvenile Court To Try Youth, 14

A Juvenile Court trial will be held in Wayne County Juvenile Court within three weeks for a 14-year-old Westland boy charged with the April 28 double-murder of two small Westland sisters.

The action toward the hearing before Juvenile Judge James Lincoln came Wednesday after a preliminary hearing was held before Juvenile Court authorities.

At that time, the court agreed that the Westland police department had enough evidence to indicate that there was probable cause to believe that the boy, John Turner, of 244 N. Byfield, committed the crime.

Victims of the rape-strangling were Deborah Crowther, 8, and her sister, Kimberly, 6, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crowther, who have moved out of their home at 1604 N. Wayne Road to live with relatives in a field just north of Marquette Street.

The Turner boy is being held in the County Youth Home until his Juvenile Court trial begins.

Defense attorney for the boy is Francis J. Prebenda, who was appointed by the court.

Since the defendant is under 15, he is prohibited by state law from being tried as an adult. If convicted, Turner will be given a complete psychiatric examination. If judged mentally incompetent, he would be sent to a state hospital where he would remain until he is officially certified as being cured.

If he is not found to be mentally ill, he will face a sentence by Judge Lincoln. The choices include probation, a private boarding school, or commitment to a state institution, such as the Boys Training School in Lansing.

He can stay at the state institution only until he is 19 years old at which time the Juvenile Court loses its jurisdiction over him.

If the boy is found to be sane during his confinement at the state institution or at the time of his 19th birthday, the court has no alternative but to release the youth.

The defendant had run away from home about two weeks before the double-murder and was staying with a teenage boy and his stepbrother at 35181 Marquette, across the road from the scene of the murders.

Turner was said to have taken part in a glue-sniffing party shortly before the slayings were found in the field. There was also numerous containers of airplane glue found near the scene.

Police Training Council Receives Federal Grant

The Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council has received a federal grant of \$34,637 to improve the new state program for training police officers. Col. Fredrick E. Davison, State Police director and council chairman, reported.

The grant is to be matched by staff services to the value of \$39,114.

The nine-member council established under a 1965 law represents local police departments, sheriffs' departments and the State Police.

It has the responsibility of establishing police training standards and setting

up training schools for city, township and village police and deputy sheriffs.

Although assigned to the Michigan State Police, it operates independently.

Half of the cost of the training schools is reimbursed up to 50 per cent to the police agencies. This money is derived by an assessment of 10 per cent of every fine and forfeiture imposed by the courts for criminal offenses other than fines for violation of the Michigan vehicle code or local ordinances relating to vehicle operation or for a violation of the conservation laws.

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250 Attend Meeting Of Governmental Heads

More than 250 representatives of cities, villages, counties, school districts and townships in Southeast Michigan gathered in the new Municipal Hall in Southfield for the first meeting of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

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GEORGE B. BEDNAR (left), 9149 Harrison, Livonia, has become the top money winner in Ex-Cell-O Corporation's Suggestion and Award Program. Mr. Bednar, a machine operator at the Company's Martin Avenue, Detroit plant, was awarded \$6,000 for his suggestion on a better manufacturing process of seals in jet aircraft spray bar assemblies. He happily accepts his "big check" from J. L. Mustard, Ex-Cell-O vice-president.

McDonald Seeks Applications For U.S. Service Schools

WASHINGTON. — Congressman Jack McDonald, R-Michigan, announced that he is accepting applications for the competitive Civil Service Examination for appointments to the United States

Naval and Air Force Academies for the class beginning in July 1968.

The examination is open to all young men aged 17-21 who are residents of the 19th Congressional District. One appointment is open at each of the two academies.

All who are interested in taking the exam may apply by writing Congressman McDonald, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. The deadline for applying is May 26.

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