

Kennedy Unveils Massive Plans For 'New Cities'



DEMOCRATIC CHIEFS hold a private confab in Lansing to go over campaign plans for Robert F. Kennedy in his bid for the presidential nomination. Getting together are: (from left) State Chairman Sandy Levin, Kennedy and Ex-Governor G. Mennen Williams.

Soapy Emerges In RFK Tour

By DWIGHT JARRELL

LANSING -- Former Gov. G. Mennen Williams re-emerged as a Democratic political hero in the entourage of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and started tongues wagging about his future.

Williams, the first six-term governor for Michigan, was defeated in 1966 in his bid for the United States Senate by Senator Robert P. Griffin, a Republican.

Democrats recalled that Williams, who with his flamboyant green and white polka dot bow tie and his search-and-hand-

shake technique rewrote political history, was one of the first John F. Kennedy boosters in 1960.

IN LANSING to greet Robert F. Kennedy, Williams was his old self.

As Kennedy prepared to fly off to Grand Rapids for another Michigan appearance, Williams and Democratic Vice Chairman Patil Knox talked briefly with reporters at the airport.

Williams said he was not taking a position just now on a Democratic candidate for pres-

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LANSING -- Senator Robert F. Kennedy stalked Democratic national convention delegates in Indiana today, after a swing into Michigan to unveil a massive program to save the cities from ghetto rebellions.

He called for an early end to the war in Vietnam and a private and public attack on idleness and poverty in the cities.

Kennedy, cheered wildly by youngsters and second-rate strategic audience with Michigan Democratic leaders, left Michigan without commitments of support but apparently happy at the reception.

DEMOCRATS huddling secretly with Kennedy following the first major policy speech of his campaign in the Jack Tar Hotel included former Gov. G. Mennen Williams, National Councilman Neil Stuebler, Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley, Secretary of State James M. Nare and others.

Kennedy said the money now draining out the treasury to finance the war in Vietnam should be used to rebuild the economy at home, reducing welfare and other costs by training the poor for jobs. He said:

"We have before us a historic opportunity. Out of the tension and trouble, out of our difficulties and danger, we can -- and I believe we will -- forge a new nation.

"We can build new cities and new communities among men.

"First, the most immediate need is for a national impact project: To put men to work, to restore possibility to the young and to give the president of the ghetto some sense that the nation is committed to the fulfillment of his hope."

THE NATION, he said, could cutback some of its programs which have less immediate needs and re-direct some of the existing projects to activate his proposals.

"We can slow down the race to the moon if it means the salvation of our nation here on

earth. We can postpone work on the supersonic transport if it means that we can safely sit in our cities.

"We can adjust our research and development programs, now running into billions of dollars, if it allows us to search for purpose and human dignity within our own communities."

THE CROWD was receptive but unimpressed as Kennedy started harping on the nation's move toward peace in Vietnam. He was interrupted continuously with applause as he said:

"We can press our efforts for an early end to the war in Vietnam. This week's announcement from Hanoi and Washington seems to offer new hope that conflicts perhaps leading to full-scale negotiations will soon begin.

"Meanwhile, we must encourage and accelerate efforts to return the major burden of the war to the South Vietnamese--where it should have been all along--and to lessen the cost of American lives and money, for so long as the fighting continues."

Kennedy said the people of the "other America" understand that rebuilding the cities and placing all the jobs at work cannot be done immediately but planning must start now.

"They want, not promises which cannot be met, but genuine commitment to achievable goals," he said. "We must make that commitment and plan seriously for its fulfillment with them."

"That is a place to begin."

HE URGED THAT Americans stop thinking of welfare clients, the poverty stricken and the ghetto dwellers as liabilities.

"Let us see them for what they are: Valuable resources as people whose work can be directed in all these tasks to be done within our cities and within the nation," Kennedy said.

"If we begin to meet these pressing needs, there will be jobs for all our people. In our present difficulties is the opportunity to match need for need--to put men to work on vital tasks--and thus, save our own lives and enrich the life of the nation."

KENNEDY spelled out a seven-point program for domestic enrichment:

• Projects which will provide jobs, especially in the poverty areas. He called it the "best antidote to the debilitating welfare system."

• Government training programs concentrating their money power on the job-training and finding projects.

• A formula of tax credits, tax deductions and depreciation benefits "to make it profitable for private industry to bring jobs and housing into the ghetto."

• Gearing the educational system to the anti-poverty projects and reconstruction work, similar to the GI Bill of Rights by which war veterans achieved

O'Brien Joins RFK Campaign

WASHINGTON -- Lawrence O'Brien has resigned as Postmaster General and President Johnson named Marvin Watson, presidential appointments secretary, to succeed him.

O'Brien will join the presidential campaign staff of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

The resignation was effective immediately but a spokesman for O'Brien said no date had been set for Watson to take over.

The President said two other White House assistants, James Jones and Larry Temple, would take over Watson's duties there.

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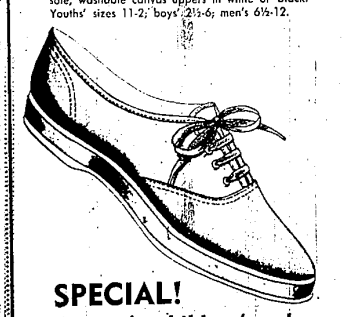
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