

Kuhn Asks Banking Law Study

A study of Michigan's financial institutions is being sought by Sen. George W. Kuhn, R-West Bloomfield, chairman of the Senate Corporations Committee.

Sen. Kuhn has introduced a concurrent resolution asking for a "comprehensive study of the existing structures of various Michigan financial institutions, including banks, savings and loan institutions, small business investment companies, credit unions, mortgage banking companies and finance companies."

The committee would investigate "corporate ownership of bank stock, formation of bank holding companies, the concept of state-wide branch banking, use of uniform limited partnerships in the banking and financial institutions' businesses, and extension of credit and free flow of money, various methods of financing or refinancing loans, and day-to-day purchases of the consumer."

The committee would comprise five senators and five representatives. Its findings and recommendations would be made to the 1969 Legislature.

McDonald Backs Travel Bars To Red Nations

Congressman Jack McDonald, R-19th District, says he favors a bill that would give the secretary of state clear authority to restrict travel of Americans to such Communist nations as Cuba, Red China, North Korea and North Vietnam.

"Until last month," McDonald said in a newsletter this week, "the State Department had declared these countries 'off limits' to U.S. citizens as active enemy states."

"BUT ON MARCH 28, reacting to a Dec. 22 Supreme Court ruling, the State Department announced it would no longer try to punish those traveling to these four countries. Punishment actually amounted to no more than a slap on the wrist—passport revocation."

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NEW AMBASSADOR — Ambassador-designate to the Philippines, and Mrs. G. Mennen

Williams held their first reception for Filipinos at a Finnish-American club banquet in Detroit

public affairs
New Job Revives Zip For Williams

By TIM RICHARD

A lot of the spark was gone from the six-foot-four frame that election night two years ago when, for the first time, he was beaten by a Republican.

But it was back last week as G. Mennen Williams and his wife Nancy got ready to go the Republic of the Philippines where the former governor will be U.S. ambassador.

The new and the old career were, by a neat coincidence, placed side by side when Filipinos and Finns honored him at a VFW hall in Detroit's factory district.

THE WAYNE County Finnish-American Democratic Women's Club had long before lined up Williams as a dinner speaker. When President Johnson announced last week he would name Williams to the embassy post, a Filipino-American society asked the chance to be the first to greet Williams on behalf of their Pacific native land. The Finns invited the Filipinos.

As a television camera crew headed people by the Williamses, Michigan's greatest elector of modern times was his old self, and the people were charmed.

Before the mad rush started, Williams was interviewed in a parking lot, and he talked about this state's past connections with the Philippines.

"FRANK MURPHY was the last governor general and first high commissioner or ambassador. He took some of our University of Michigan people there, and they've had a very close association ever since," Williams recalled.

Murphy was governor general from mid-1933 to late 1935 when the Philippines, which the U.S. had owned as dependency since 1898, attained commonwealth status. Murphy had been a strong advocate of total independence, which the 7,100-island area attained after World War II, on July 4, 1946.

One of the Filipino-Americans explained the U. of M. Vice President Wilbur Sirtun

set up many of the contacts, and today Michigan is probably the best known university in the Philippines.

THE FILIPINOS themselves set up a system of college scholarships, "with many students coming to this state, and the Filipino literacy rate of 65 per cent is the highest in southeast Asia."

Williams recalled that Murphy kept up his contacts with the Philippines after he was elected governor of Michigan in 1938 and later, as Franklin Roosevelt's attorney general, Williams himself was aware of it in his work as a young depression-era Justice Department lawyer.

Another prominent Michigan politician, Homer Ferguson, U.S. senator until 1954, later served as ambassador in the Eisenhower Administration. Williams, however, doesn't mention Republican Ferguson unless asked, and then says a

bit icily: "Yes, he was there also."

WILLIAMS WON'T be part of the politicking that will be going on this election. "I'll be in Manila at the time of the Democratic national convention," he said.

His favorite presidential candidate?

"I'm sitting with most of the Michigan Democrats, watching what's going on. We'll make a decision on the basis of what's proved," he said.

Assuming a Democrat is elected to succeed Lyndon Johnson, does Williams expect to keep his job?

"Well, I don't know. That's a matter of protocol. With there's a new administration, ambassadors all submit their resignations. For example, when President Kennedy was assassinated, everybody submitted their resignations," he recalled. (He was assistant secretary of state for African affairs from 1961 until 1966, when he left to run unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate against incumbent Republican Robert Griffin.)

"I'd hate to speculate or bind the successor president," Williams said.

AS MICHIGAN'S only six-term (1949-69) governor, Williams learned a lot of phrases and sentences in the native tongues of this state's melting-pot population, but he admitted he hadn't yet picked up any Tagalog, the most widely used language of the Philippines.

Nevertheless, he's looking forward to the job in the young nation of 36 million people which has been a strong ally of the U.S. since gaining its independence.

He expects to leave in "six or eight weeks."

"Our history goes back to the Spanish-American War, and I think there are many things in which we can take satisfaction in the development."

"I don't think anyone could last very long being a ceremonial ambassador. Being an ambassador is a top profession."

"These days there's a lot to do."

State GOP To Pick National Delegates

Michigan Republicans will meet this weekend to pick delegates to the national convention.

They will also nominate 21 faithful partisans for the largely ceremonial role of serving in the Electoral College in December should Michigan voters back the GOP presidential nominee in November.

The convention will begin Saturday at 11 a.m. in Detroit's Cobo Hall. The 19th Congressional District will caucus at 11 that morning in room 3184 Cobo Hall.

Headquarters for the GOP State Central Committee and the credentials committee will be in the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel, and the 19th District hospitality suite will be in the Statler Hilton.

EACH OF THE 19 congressional district caucuses will nominate two delegates and two alternates for the national convention.

NEW YORK—The American Insurance Association said that the 1967 summer riots in Newark and Detroit resulted in \$80 million property loss. The association, which said it surveyed the two cities at federal government request, estimated losses in Newark at \$15.9 million and in Detroit at \$64.1 million.

The full convention is expected to give routine approval to these choices and to add 10 at-large delegates.

The Michigan GOP delegation is expected to back Gov. George Romney as a favorite son, for the presidency at least until the political situation jells enough to indicate which way it should lean.

Moderates will be looking for Romney to make some sort of deal with someone of the political stripe of New York's Nelson Rockefeller; some conservatives are openly supporting California's Ronald Reagan.

THERE'S LIKELY to be a routine protest by a conservative group in the Oakland County portion of the 19th District, challenging the credentials of a moderate group headed by John Cartwright and recognized by the GOP State Central Committee.

The conservatives expect to

lose at the state level, however, but they say they intend to carry their fight to the national convention.

The conservative group, loyal to Chairman Christian Powell and often helped by 14th District conservative Richard Durant, contends it was robbed of Oakland-19th offices when the 1967 state convention seated the Cartwright group.

OTHERWISE, the state convention this weekend is likely to be routine. There is little in the way of political battles compared to the late summer conventions when candidates for state offices are nominated.

The Republican national convention is scheduled to begin Aug. 6 in Miami Beach. Michigan Democrats will hold their county and district conventions May 17 and their state convention about a month later. The Democratic national convention will open Aug. 26 in Chicago.

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Hart said that time has shown the shrill critics of the President to be "clabby and cheap... You're diverted when harshness becomes so shrill," the Senator said.

"I've had reservations about Vietnam, and I've voiced them. But it never was rational to believe that President Johnson enjoyed presiding over... the Vietnam war."

"History is going to note that the Vietnam war was not the only event of the 1960's. I suggest that those who heartily disapprove of the President will not find history on their side."

Hart further praised Johnson's decision not to seek re-election as one which "put unity ahead of his own advancement and own self interest."

Hart referred to each of the Democratic party's presidential contenders — Vice President Humphrey, Senator Kennedy and Senator McCarthy — as "a hearty endorser of almost every building block in the achievements of the Kennedy-Johnson administrations."

HE LISTED these achievements as including the war on poverty, Medicare, Social Security increases, nuclear test ban treaty, elementary and secondary education act, and Peace Corps.

"It's a mistake to forget that the greatest of the achievements came to pass during the administration of Lyndon

Johnson," Hart reminded his audience.

Hart was introduced by Oakland County Democratic Chairman George Googastan who hailed the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision calling for "one man, one vote" makeup of county boards of supervisors.

"Once again the courts have found the Romney constitution to be unconstitutional," Googastan said.

Googastan called the ruling "the most significant development in the history of Oakland County. For the first time the board of supervisors will have meaning as a representative body."

Sheriff Woods will discuss the control of riotous situations he was confronted with last summer. He will also discuss the recent increases and what can be expected this summer in the cities.

Ruber said the sheriff will talk at the Republican Citizens Committee's annual meeting on Monday, May 13 at 8 p.m. in the Oakland County Service Center Auditorium in Pontiac.

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