

'Law-N-Order' Crowd Gets Unruly

By TIM RICHARD

PONTIAC "I'm shocked at the tactics of the law - and - order crowd," said a weary Aldo Vagnozzi after chairing a four - hour 19th District - Oakland Democratic convention Saturday.

By the "law - and - order crowd," Vagnozzi meant the supporters of Alabama Gov. George Wallace, who constantly tried to shout down the chairman and opposition speakers as Democrats met to pick delegates to the June 10-11 Democratic state convention in Detroit.

At least two Wallaceites - neither an elected precinct delegate - stood in the back of the Oakland County commissioners auditorium and used portable bullhorns to shout at Vagnozzi.

By using non - delegates and non - residents, the Wallace

supporters made their vocal strength seem larger than the actual number of votes they had. The test came when Vagnozzi was elected convention chairman with 135 votes to 16 for John Hawkins, a Wallaceite who wasn't even a resident of the 19th District.

VAGNOZZI, of Farmington Township, is the regular party chairman in the 19th District and in "private" life editor of the AFL-CIO News. With an expert knowledge of Robert's "Rules of Order," he could easily have crossed up the Wallaceites at every turn.

Instead, Vagnozzi took time to explain parliamentary procedure, helping the Wallaceites work their impulses into formal motions, advising them of the proper times to make their wishes known, and even allowing non - residents and non - delegates to speak.

During debate on a welfare resolution, a Wallaceite woman from the 18th District screamed into the microphone at Vagnozzi: "This (the resolutions committee) is a stacked deck - right now!"

Vagnozzi kept cool: "I had no such indication (of interest) from the Wallace people when I appointed the committee. One of the things you've got to learn is the procedure and the rules. You have no spokesman. You all pop off at once."

MORE THAN ONCE the convention appeared on the verge of breaking up or turning into a fistfight. But Vagnozzi, without the aid of sergeants at arms or uniformed officers, managed to restore order.

His chairmanship earned him plaudits from many veteran partisans, more than one of whom declared

Vagnozzi had "the patience of Job" for his coolness with, and aid to, the Wallaceites. The convention itself even passed a resolution praising his work. There were about 16 "nay" votes.

What bothered the Wallaceites was that their man had captured 54 per cent of the Oakland County vote on May 16, and yet the Wallaceite precinct delegates were outnumbered 9 to 1 and had virtually no leverage.

Explained Vagnozzi: "The same voters who voted for president also elected these precinct delegates." He invited the Wallaceites to take part in future pre-convention committee work.

THE 19TH Congressional District will have seven national convention delegates - four for Wallace, two pledged to Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota and one for Sen. Hubert

Humphrey of Minnesota. This was dictated by the voters preference May 16.

The Oakland County portion of the 19th (including Farmington) will get two Wallace delegates, one McGovern and the lone Humphrey seat. The Wayne portion (Livonia and Redford) will get two Wallace seats and one McGovern.

FARMINGTON's state delegation will include: City precinct delegates: John Campbell (U), William S. Harisock (McG), Raymond Lundsten (U), Stephen McGregor (U) and Fred W. Kingston (W).

Township precinct delegates: Joyce Hungerford (U), Robert Dennis (McG), Paul Livingston (U), Beverly Musselman (U), Marilyn Yvon (U), Leona Zuborski (U), James Crawford (U), Robert Kipper (McG), Michael Zeglen (U).

And: Eugene Su (McG), D.M. Colman Jr. (U), Annette Sipher (McG), Shirley Stoka (W), Elizabeth O'Connor (McG), Patrick Mulrooney (U), Aldo Vagnozzi (U), Richard Stewart (U), Clarence Dawson (U), Joanne Smith (McG), F.P. Iltac (U), Lucille Gordon (U), Steven Silverman (McG), Rodney Landsman (Chisholm) and Brian Olmsted (U).

Party members (not broken down by residence and with no preference list available): William B. Smith Jr., Carol Freedman, Allen J. Sipher, Harold Julian, Gerald Freedman, Lois Vagnozzi, Michael Shipiece, Suzanne Pell, Donald Kudushin, Charles Wisinger, Gerald Grace, Jonathan Landsman and Colin Hungerford.



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