

## Petition campaign planned

# Nixon impeachment drive to 'go public' here

By LEONARD POGOR

WESTLAND — A state-wide campaign to impeach President Richard Nixon will "go public" this week in Westland.

Local leaders of the Michigan Citizens for Impeachment will hold a petition drive and informational campaign Saturday, April 13, and Sunday, April 21.

The directors revealed they will ask the Westland City Council soon to put an impeachment proposal on the August ballot.

Outlining the group's plans were Henry Johnson, 22, of 32317 Ogemaw, and Mrs. Catherine Shivers, 25, of 7829 August, both of Westland.

They are 15th Congressional District leaders for the state committee.

Until now, the committee has been

circulating petitions among Democrat Club members.

The petition and information drive at Westland Center will be from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 21.

The district leaders already have 1,700 signatures on petitions and hope for another 3,500. There is no set deadline for the conclusion of the drive, Johnson said.

They hope to collect 3,500 signatures on petitions which will be sent to Rep. Felix Rodino, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee holding hearings on impeachment.

The state committee is halfway toward its goal of 200,000 signatures on petitions, Johnson said.

In kick-off of the Westland petition campaign, Johnson and Mrs. Shivers announced that local officials will be at Westland Center's mall at 1 p.m. Saturday, to launch the drive.

These officials include Congressman William Ford, City Councilman Justice Barnes, 15th District Democratic Chairman Vincent Pettipren, Wayne-Westland Democratic Club President Fred Klus, and Mrs. Anne Miller, Democratic member of the State Board of Education.

Besides the petitions, Johnson and Mrs. Shivers will pass out buttons, bumper stickers and literature on why they feel Nixon should be impeached.

The state committee has issued 21 reasons it feels Mr. Nixon should have charges brought against him by the House of Representatives for a trial in the Senate.

The committee said the president and his subordinates have "fostered, tolerated, and attempted to conceal the worst political scandals in this nation's history."

It claimed that Nixon has repeatedly kept information about the Watergate issue from the public despite public promises of cooperation.

The committee cited his "interference with freedom of the press" through wiretaps of reporters and Federal Bureau of Investigation probes; impounding of funds approved by Congress; alleged unethical and illegal tax deductions; and his alleged coverup of the Watergate issue.

Johnson said the 15th District impeachment petitions aren't just a Democratic Party effort to get Nixon out of office or a partisan effort.

He and Mrs. Shivers said much of their support has come from Republicans and former Nixon supporters.

Although the Democratic Party has gone on record as endorsing the petition drive, the party has yet to finan-

cially support the campaign.

Even organized labor has yet to help the state committee.

Johnson said the United Auto Workers has donated \$50 while the AFL-CIO has donated office space in Detroit for the state group.

Johnson said that many Democrats feel that the problem is just a Republican issue for that party to resolve.

But many Republicans feel the issue is hurting their party and working for Nixon's impeachment.

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In deciding the feasibility of a single agency to coordinate all youth services in Wayne County, a committee of public officials and experts established to study the question will concentrate on problems of planning and funding.

The head of the committee, County Commissioner Mary E. Dumas (R-Livonia) said, "The planning for youth services and the allocation of dollars is a fragmented operation among several agencies under jurisdiction of county government."

Mrs. Dumas commented after an April 1 meeting with representatives of various county agencies and departments, including the courts system, the Community Mental Health Services Board, the Intermediate School District, the County Referral Center, Juvenile Facilities Network and the Board of Health, among others.

She said the group examined the services that each agency provides to youth clients, and their need to refer to other agencies for additional services.

Mrs. Dumas was named head of the study committee by County Board Chairman Robert E. FitzPatrick, who also appointed Commissioners Brian G. Arrowsmith (R - Plymouth) and Edward K. Michalski (D - Detroit) to serve on the committee.

Mrs. Dumas and Commissioner Tom F. Taylor (D - Westland) are sponsors of the resolution adopted by the Board which authorized the study.

Both Mrs. Dumas and Taylor are members of the Board's Human Resources Committee, which acts as liaison between youth agencies and the board.

Mrs. Dumas said the group concluded there is some overlap of duplication of services.

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