

Romney, O'Brien Meet For 1st Time at Rally

Republican Con-Con candidate George W. Romney disagreed with his Democratic opponent on the subject of reapportionment when the two men appeared on the same platform for the first time last Wednesday night.

The American Motors Co. president and his opponent, attorney William A. O'Brien, Jr., spoke to a Citizens for Michigan gathering at Birmingham Community House.

The two men first shook hands when they were introduced to each other outside the meeting room, shortly before the session.

Romney and O'Brien are candidates for delegate to the constitutional convention from the senatorial district of Oakland County. Both are unopposed in the July 25 primary election.

portioned the greatest amount of attention by most of the nine Con-Con candidates who spoke at the session.

Besides Romney and O'Brien, they included the six Republican candidates for delegate from the third district: Stanley J. Fiol, Jean Kerr, Ketchum, Martha H. Kohte, Richard H. McMann, Kenneth A. Whitmer and Henry J. Wolfenden. Unopposed third district Democratic candidate Asher N. Tilchin also spoke.

O'Brien devoted almost all of his allotted 10 minutes to calling for a new Michigan constitution that would apportion both its upper and lower houses on the basis of population.

Romney dwelt mainly on the need for "working toward establishing a consensus."

He agreed with O'Brien that reapportionment is "the most fundamental issue."

as heavily-populated counties like Macomb, Romney said "certainly representation in the Senate is not sound and correct at present."

O'Brien, a Clawson city councilman and attorney with a Detroit firm, is a member of the Democratic state central committee.

"The most under-represented people in the State of Michigan are in the constitutional convention," said O'Brien, "are the people of Oakland County. You are a minority because you live in a built-up area of this state and the rural areas are the tail which is wagging the dog."

The rural areas' domination, O'Brien charged, "has plunged this state into fiscal chaos in the recent past."

He said Oakland delegates to a constitutional convention should represent "first Oakland County and then the State of Michigan."

"The only way Oakland can be protected," he said, "is by constitutional safeguards against this upstate minority."

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"HOWEVER," ROMNEY said, "I do not agree with representation on a pure population basis."

The Republican candidate continued, "Two principles should govern. One is population. The other is that citizens in sparsely populated areas should receive representation giving them the right to effective participation in representative government."

Citing inequities where sparsely-populated counties have the same representation in the State Senate

DISAGREEING WITH other candidates who spoke for reapportionment on the basis of geography, population plus area and economic interest, O'Brien said, "I trust people."

Romney said it was timely that the Constitutional Convention was being called when our democratic system faces the problem of whether or not it can survive.

He said apportionment problems could be worked out by delegates working toward establishing a consensus.

"The Constitutional Convention has the responsibility of avoiding excessive influence by factions or groups," Romney said.

"Unless this convention is composed of a sufficient number of delegates who recognize the state's interests rather than special interests or geographical areas, it will be a failure."

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Republican George Romney and Democrat William O'Brien, 12th senatorial district candidates to the Constitutional Convention, shake hands for the first time, at a Citizens for Michigan meeting in Birmingham last week.

a representative, not of any group or of any one party, but as a representative of all of the people.

Ken Ketchum said, "I think women have a contribution to make. Making our constitution simpler and more effective can only be done if you have a broad representation of citizens."

"I think the most under-represented group is going to be women and the most over-represented group is going to be the legal profession."

Reapportionment, she spoke for a lower house chosen on a population basis, and an upper house chosen on the basis of population plus area, plus economic interest "in order to protect minority groups."

MRS. KOHTE cited her participation in the Henry George School of Social Sciences. She spoke against income taxes and taxes on property improvements, saying that they penalize the fruits of labor and the owner who makes improvements on land.

"If I am elected," she said, "I want to get this problem before the convention and see if the constitution will provide land value taxation."

McManus said, "We must at this convention save Michigan from getting into the hands of people who are out with the idea to wreck Michigan. And we must inform the working man."

He cited his 25 years' experience at bargaining tables and said a large group of laboring men might come to the convention making demands.

geographical basis, having much greater power.

Woodford, an attorney and Bloomfield Hills city commissioner, said the job of Con-Con delegate was one for which "governmental experience and legal training is the best qualification."

On reapportionment, he said an upper house chosen on a geographical basis carried out the American system of checks and balances.

"It provides for protection of the minorities as well as adequate representation for majorities," he said.

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Investments and other assets indirectly representing	24,708.04
Bank premises	6,831.63
Other assets	5,134,747.50
TOTAL ASSETS	17,146.99
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,161,239.13
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	690,365.83
Deposits of United States Government	9,251.01
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	590,045.28
Other deposits	71,366.40
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,528,267.75
Other liabilities	17,146.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,545,414.74
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital (Common Stock, total par value)	325,000.00
Surplus	225,000.00
Undivided profits	30,332.76
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	580,332.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	3,134,747.50
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