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A FISH-EYE VIEW
180° wide-angle lens captures Convention Hall, Atlantic City

This and That

by George R. Averill

Reuther's 'Dignity Of Man' Is Idea Of a Collectivist

Have you ever heard or read all or parts of a speech by Walter Reuther, president of the UAW-CIO? If you have, then you probably recall that one of his favorite cliches concerns "the dignity of man."

It occurs to many that his apparent Socialistic-Welfare state of mind would demand that he constantly use this platitude to sway the notions of others . . . yet, to many of the more thoughtful observers, his union acts suggest that he ought to preface the words "collective" in conjunction with "man."

Certainly, it appears that many of the modern union men and women have allowed themselves to be made "captives" of the "collectivistic philosophy." This especially is true when a union is led by disciples of the "collectivist creed" . . . in other words, "socialism."

The union-Socialist, you see, everlastingly labors to gain his objectives through "political action," which, in a government such as in the United States, is the rather easy way of accomplishment.

Essay, yes, when the federal government engages in redistricting the nation's wealth by way of the variety of taxing schemes in use.

However, the history of mankind again and again proves that only in the environment of a free competitive enterprise system can "the dignity of man" really be achieved—and sustained!

Now that both major U.S. political parties have nominated their candidates for President and vice president, the U.S. taxpayers are about to witness quite a campaign. Some say "it will be dirtiest in this Century." I hope only that it will be one of the most realistic—meaning that the real issues confronting the American people will be presented for open discussion. For the first time in decades the basic issues will be debated: one, increased centralization of power in Washington, D.C.; two, the rapid drift into the apparent Socialistic-Welfare State. Johnson and Humphrey will defend both, while Goldwater and Miller certainly will oppose both. **GO TO IT, GENTLEMEN! YOUR REAL JOB IS TO DEFEND U.S. LIBERTY AND FREEDOM!**

"Now tell me," said the reporter to the man who was celebrating his ninetieth birthday, "what would you do if you could live your life all over again?"

There was a long silence, during which the nonagenarian appeared to be deep in thought. "Well," he said finally, "I think I would part my hair in the middle."

Neil Staebler is an Ann Arbor

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Staebler Insists He's State Democrats' Leader

BY DOUGLAS G. ASHLEY
Special Writer

Michigan Democrats, after undergoing the rigors of the Democratic National Convention as well as the state primary election in a period of less than two weeks, are pausing briefly and bracing for the 1964 election campaign.

Leadership of the Michigan Democrats seems to be firmly in the hands of their candidate for governor, Cong. Neil Staebler.

Never-the-less, the delegates are still nursing bruises from intra-party strife as a result of the "Mississippi compromise" although still outwardly pledged to total victory in November.

Staebler told party officials and key party members, in what has been termed by some as a party "unity conference," that he, and only he, will lead the state party organization in the coming campaign.

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SEVERAL OAKLAND delegates thought that by this declaration Staebler was seeking to bring together the dissident forces which seem to have split the party over the issue of seating the Mississipp delegation.

Whether or not he will succeed remains a question, but as Michigan Democrats left Atlantic City Friday there were varying opinions as to the degree of the split.

"We have had our arguments and divisions," Staebler said, "but now we see eye to eye. We have left our differences in Atlantic City."

He continued by saying the entire Democratic Party was now united behind the national ticket of President Johnson and Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

"In Michigan," he said further "the Democratic leadership is united behind me."

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STAEBLER PREDICTED that Michigan would vote overwhelmingly in favor of the Johnson-Humphrey ticket. Other party officials, besides predicting a victory for Staeber in the fall campaign, foresaw the Democrats winning at least a majority in the House while perhaps breaking even with Republicans in the Senate.

State Chairman Zolton Ferency felt that the intra-delegation rift had been magnified by the fact that it developed at the national convention.

"Had this happened in Michigan," he said, "it might not have taken on such enormous proportions."

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SOME OAKLAND delegates privately disputed Staeblers claim

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THE HAPPY MOMENT
The Johnsons (from left): Luci, Lady Bird, Lyndon and Lynda

B'ham to Buy Repair Roller

Birmingham city commissioners last week authorized the purchase of a small roller for use in repair work by the DPW.

The cost of the vehicle will be $1,391. The low bidder was the Cyril J. Burke Co.

DPW Supt. T. C. Brien said the roller will be used for small repair work where hot mix or a coldpatch material is placed on sidewalks, driveway and street trenches.

In the past Brien said the City rented equipment for such work.

B'ham Awards Sewer Contract

A $21,806 contract was awarded by city commissioners last week for Birmingham's 1964 water main and sewer construction project.

The contract was let to the lower bidder, the Troelsen Excavating Co. of Troy.

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CITY ENGINEER William T. Killeen said the project calls for construction of sewer and water mains to serve the new section of Fairway Drive between Arden Lane and Pleasant.

Killeen said the bids were "quite" competitive and the low bid was about 18 per cent under his department's estimate.

The contractor told Killeen he expected to finish the work in advance of the Dec. 1 completion date.

Hearing Delayed On Newell Zoning

By LARRY EVOE

A hearing on the zoning of a 20,000-square-foot parcel of property on N. Adams near the Grand Trunk tracks was adjourned for three weeks by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

The delay was granted to allow City Planner William R. Brownfield time to discuss with Bloomfield Township officials the possibility of zoning a portion of the land in the township to a business classification.

The parcel in Birmingham is adjacent to a parcel in the township that is presently zoned multiple-family. Because of a recent court decision, the Birmingham portion has no zoning at all.

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THE PROPERTY owner, Frank Newell, is seeking a business classification on the Birmingham portion.

He told the commission Monday night that if the property were zoned anything but business it would become "dead land" because of its size.

Commissioner William E. Roberts said he could not vote for a business classification until the matter had been disussed with the townhsip and the City of Troy.

"We can't zone it business and throw it into the face of our neighbors when we've been trying to keep property from becoming commercial," Roberts said.

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COMMISSIONER Carl F. Ingraham said he didn't feel the land could be developed in a multiple-family classification.

"If we zone it multiple it will be just as confiscatory as the old single-family classification," Ingraham said.

Circuit Judge Frederick C. Ziem ruled in July that the single-family classification was unconstitutional and void. Several days later he upheld a multiple classification by the township on its portion of the land.

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THE BIRMINGHAM Plan Board has recommended that the commission zone the land multiple because it most closely resembles the township classification.

George W. Talburtt, plan board chairman, said his group did not believe that a business use would be beneficial to the health, safety and welfare of the general area.

"This is due to the location of the parcel with respect to the railroad bridge, traffic on Adams Road and the sight problem of traffic moving from south to north on Adams," Talburtt said.

He said the bridge blocks the view of drivers moving north on Adams as they approach and cross the bridge.

State's First Lady to Greet Oakland County GOP Parley

Charles L. Lyle, GOP county chairman, announced this week that Michigan's First Lady, Mrs. George Romney, will keynote the Oakland County Republican Convention on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The county convention will be held at Southfield High School at Lahser and Ten Mile, beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Lyle stated that the primary purpose of the convention is to elect delegates and alternates to the Sept. 19 state convention and to elect 19 members to the county Republican Executive Committee.

Lyle also announced the locations of the 10 legislative district caucuses. These caucuses will be held Tuesday in each legislative district. Purpose is to give all Republicans an opportunity to share in the development of the list of state convention delegates and alternates.

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THE CAUCUSES will also give Republicans their first opportunity to hear their legislative nominee for the state legislature.

Locations for the district caucuses for the Birmingham-Bloomfield area are as follows:

64th DISTRICT — Farmington Savings & Loan, Orchard Lake and Grand River, Farmington; caucus arrangements chairman: Andrew Campbell.

65th DISTRICT — Bloomfield Hills High School, 4200 Andover, Bloomfield Hills (across from Devon Gables); caucus arrangements chairman: Mrs. Samuel Vettraino.

66th DISTRICT — Troy National Bank, 1613 Livernois, Troy (corner of 15 Mile Road); caucus arrangements chairman: Richard Sanderson.

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ELLY PETERSON, former top woman in the GOP, will be the featured guest when the Republicans hold a special kick-off meeting of the Neighbor to Neighbor Finance Drive.

The meeting will be held at Bloomfield Hills Junior High School, 4200 Quarton Road, at 8 p.m. next Thursday.

Some 300 finance volunteers from all over Orkland County are expected to gather at the meeting to hear Mrs. Peterson. She has served as assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee and as state vice chairman for two terms.

Mrs. Allen Strom, chairman of the GOP Neighbor to Neighbor Drive, indicated that the Republican Party of Oakland County intends to break the record of individual contributions set in 1963. During that drive more than 9,500 individuals contributed.

Mrs. Strom explained that the Neighbor to Neighbor campaign is a broad-based yearly drive aimed at "grass roots."

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THE NEIGHBOR to Neighbor Drive will be held Sept. 16 through 18 and according to Mrs. Strom will operate in all of the cities and townships within the county.

James E. Defebaugh, 1386 Stanley, Birmingham, has been named Neighbor to Neighbor chairman for Birmingham. Mrs. Donald Burch, 5671 Westwood Court, will head up the drive in Bloomfield Township.

Chairman for Southfield Township is Mrs. Robert Browning, 22535 Metamora.

Detroit Woman Bound Over on Homicide Charge

A 54-year-old Detroit woman has been bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court on a charge of negligent homicide in the death of a 19-year-old Lake Orion youth Aug. 16 on the I-75 freeway in Troy.

Mrs. Ruth Forney stood mute Monday before Municipal Judge Charles Losey and court date was set for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14. She was released and her $500 bond continued.

Troy police charge that Mrs. Forney was driving south in the northbound lanes of I-75 near the Big Beaver overpass when her car collided with a vehicle driven by Gary D. Stirch of Lake Orion.

The youth died of injuries sustained in the accident.

Mrs. Forney, who was treated at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, for minor injuries, told police she "was confused" at the time she entered the freeway.

'Under Here, Governor'

"Duck under here" is the invitation to Gov. George W. Romney by eight-year-old Lori Strom of Birmingham during rain-drenched opening ceremonies at the 115th Michigan State Fair last week. Lori is the daughter of Mrs. Allen Strom, 1130 Wakefield, member of the Michigan State Fair Authority, who also participated in the opening activities.

County GOP Chairman Heads State Convention

Charles L. Lyle, chairman of the GOP Oakland County organization, has been appointed general chairman of the Michigan Republican fall convention by Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., the state party chief.

Elliott said the Oakland County official will be in charge of all convention activities— from program planning to serving as chairman of sessions in the convention hall.

Republicans will meet Sept. 18-19 in Detroit to adopt a state party platform, nominate candidates to the state ticket and give delegates a final shot of "inspiration" to spark a winning campaign.

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SEPT. 18 sessions will be held at the Sheraton-Cadillac hotel, and the formal Sept. 19 session will go on in the River Room of Detroit's rambling Cobo Hall.

Lyle, a manufacturer's agent, has been head of the Oakland County Republican organization since 1961. In 1962 his county delivered 155,219 votes for Governor Romney, giving the current chief executive a substantial margin of victory over his Democrat opponent.

In 1963 Oakland Republicans favored New Con passage by a 35,000-vote margin, thus becoming the key county in winning passage for Michigan's new document.

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THE 42-YEAR-old Lyle has been active in Oakland County and statewide Republican Party organization work since 1959, serving as a precinct captain, a regional campaign director and county chairman.

He was a delegate to the 1964 Republican National Convention.

A University of Michigan graduate, Lyle is married and the father of four children; Norman, 12; Mary and Martha, 10; Robin 5.

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