

THE CANDIDATES

THERE IS A Grant on the march again, this time not to take Richmond but rather, in an attempt to take a seat in the Michigan State House of Representatives from the 35th District, which encompasses the greater part of Livonia, Northville and Northville Township. At a coffee held on Tuesday, July 9th at the Mr. & Mrs. John Murphy home in Livonia, Ernest R. Grant, candidate from the 35th District explained to a group of voters from his District that in his campaign travels he has found the people are concerned with 3 major issues, crime, bussing and the cost of living. Grant pointed out that he wished to provide legislation on a 7 point basis to fight the crime situation. He talked about initiation of a program to clean up backlogs in the courtrooms, increase the jurisdiction of district courts, establish out-county Circuit Courts in areas where needed, set up a judicial committee to monitor the local court systems, recodify the criminal code strictly enforce the existing gun control law and establish mandatory accredited drug courses in schools throughout the State.

Grant also explained that he has been a staunch anti-bussing advocate from the onset and explained how he believed that cross district bussing could not solve any problems in this area. "Where will we receive the money to maintain this costly program; what will happen to our future millage proposals if we take the right away from the people to have their children enrolled in their own community; how will we prevent a loss of control of the child in the community if we force cross district bussing upon him; how will this help solve our gasoline crisis", were some of the questions Grant posed to an acknowledging audience.

JUDGE RICHARD D. DUNN of Michigan's 20th Judicial District (Dearborn Heights) called for the establishment of an out-county Wayne Circuit Court branch before the Northville Rotary, Tuesday, June 9. Judge Dunn offered his comments in a speech presented to over 50 people attending the Rotary luncheon.

Judge Dunn claimed that the establishment of a Circuit Court satellite branch "would result in substantial tax savings to suburbanites, especially those in Western Wayne County." In addition, Dunn argued that "great savings in time to witnesses and litigants who have to drive 30-40 miles to Detroit could be made if a Circuit Court branch were established in Plymouth or Livonia."

Judge Dunn, who has spoke extensively throughout the county in favor of an out-county Circuit Court branch also noted that the proposal would save considerable amounts of police man-hours. "This is particularly true in Northville, where there are only two police officers," Dunn said. Judge Dunn explained that many police man-hours are wasted driving to the City-County Building in Detroit, and then waiting for proceedings to begin.

Judge Dunn, who leads a coalition of suburban legal groups in support of an out-county Circuit Court, recently was asked to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the Michigan Legislature on behalf of the coalition.

Judge Dunn, who is currently seeking election to one of five new seats on the Wayne County Circuit Court concluded that "we must not forget that courts are for the people, and not for the lawyers. This is why they must be accessible to all areas of the county."

THE CAMPAIGN of Dr. Ed Pierce, Democratic candidate for Congress, received another boost Thursday with the announcement that the Mayor of Plymouth, Beverly McAninch, is endorsing Pierce's candidacy.

Pierce, an Ann Arbor physician who operates the Summit Medical Center, a low-cost medical facility for low-income people, is seeking the Democratic nomination for the Congressional seat for Michigan's Second District.

Mrs. McAninch said that she had evaluated the Republican incumbent, as well as the four other Democratic challengers, and concluded that Pierce was best able to represent the wishes of the people of the district.

"Ed Pierce is more impressive to me than any other candidate for office I have ever met," she declared. "He is a doctor of medicine who is more interested in helping people than in making money. I can describe him in no better words than to say that he has integrity."

"One quality that I think is most important for any candidate is that of judgement. In personal experience I have found that one cannot judge a candidate simply by his or her stand on one or two issues. Instead, we must be assured of the candidate's wisdom, integrity, and judgement in making decisions for us. In this area, Ed Pierce is outstanding."

Mrs. McAninch added that as a member of local government herself, she was impressed that Dr. Pierce was the only one of the candidates in the Democratic primary who had ever been elected to local office in the district, serving on the Ann Arbor City Council from 1964 to 1966.

PHILIP S. CARROLL, candidate for U.S. Representative in the Second Congressional district made the following statement on his Party's philosophy: "The Human Rights Party is entering congressional candidates this year for the first time. Our purpose is to reach out to larger groups of people, and to demonstrate the need for a radical third party movement in America. Our candidacies will provide an alternative for those who can no longer support the capitalist parties, and who wish instead to join the struggle for fundamental social change."

"The Human Rights Party is a democratic socialist peoples' party. HRP is a democratic party because we believe everyone should have an equal voice in the decisions of society which affect our lives—starting with families, communities, schools, and workplaces—and always ensuring that political power flows upward from the people instead of downward from a centralized bureaucracy. HRP is a socialist party because we believe in economic equality whereby the resources of the world are shared by all according to their collective needs, rather than control by a powerful few who profit from exploitation of workers, corporate monopoly, and ownership of land. HRP is a people's party because we believe in full human rights for all people regardless

of race, sex, age, sexual preference, or any other form of discrimination.

"One of the main issues in this campaign will be ending U.S. militarism and imperialism, as a prerequisite to world peace. Eventually, we will need a world government which can guarantee peace by ensuring self-determination of all peoples of the world. Meanwhile, we need to cut our defense budget drastically, freeing billions of dollars for real human needs. Our troops should be brought home, and our interference in places like Chile, Indochina, Africa, the Philippines, and the Middle East should cease. HRP supports unconditional amnesty for all resisters of the Vietnam war."

CHARLES B. ROSENBERG, Republican candidate for trustee in Northville township noted this week that "Since 1970, Northville Township's population has increased from 7500 to approximately 15,000. Our growth is projected to continue past 30,000 by 1980. Today we are seeing some of the problems which result from rapid growth; police and fire protection is inadequate, construction quality in some of our newer developments is less than satisfactory, some zoning restrictions either are not being enforced or are not enforceable, and the township government is having problems maintaining a "bare-bones" budget.

"If Northville Township is going to be a community that we can be proud of, our officials must start working together to face these problems. This will require a positive and co-operative effort to deal with the problems we have today and to plan for the future.

"This is an issue in the upcoming elections because I believe the present township officials are not all working together, which results in little or nothing happening."

In a move unprecedented in Oakland County politics, Louie C. Campbell, Novi Councilman and candidate for 24th District State Representative on the Republican ticket, filed with Lynn D. Allen, Oakland County Clerk, a copy of his 1973 Federal income tax return and a statement of his current personal net worth.

Campbell then issued this statement: "One of the chief issues in this primary campaign is openness in government. Voters in the 24th District have a right to know exactly who is going to represent them in the state legislature. Erosion of voter confidence in elected officials at all levels has taken place as a result of the Watergate affair, the ITT case and the Milk Fund matter. It is high time for all candidates to come clean with the public by fully disclosing their personal finances.

"I hope my own personal disclosure will spark other candidates in this primary race likewise to make their personal finances a matter of public record. Any candidate seeking the public confidence at the ballot box on August 6th must be willing first to take the electorate into his or her confidence.

"Let's face it. The era of secrecy in government is ending. Public business must be conducted in public. The personal finances of those conducting the public business are now quite properly part of the public business."

Three Williams, Democratic congressional candidate, spoke in Bedford Township Hall, near Lambertville last week. Williams noted the possibility of saving up to some \$4 billions in the Arms Hardware Budget, with a possible saving of 26 billions by proper and intelligent methods for new weapons procurement, as well as some eight billions by proper achieving a truly UNIFIED tactical air force, the latter figure being advocated by no less a person than Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

Williams noted that an enormous amount of good could be done regarding unemployment, flood control, sewers and water, that could be done with only a half of what the Pentagon wastes...at least 17 billions.

The Haren Valley Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, has voted to back labor lawyer Ronald W. Egnor for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Congress from Michigan's Second Congressional District, according to council President Fred Veigel.

The AFL-CIO endorsement is the fourth nod for Egnor from organized labor. He has already been endorsed by the Greater Detroit Building Trades Council, Branch 434 of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the Southeast Michigan Building Trades Council.

AFL-CIO Council member Bernis Bradley, Jr., president of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 252, explained the endorsement, saying "Ron Egnor feels he can improve our representation in Congress, and we believe him. More than once has he gone to court to fight labor's battles.

"More than once has he taken the time to listen and find out just what people are thinking. More than once he has given up his time to join us in our causes," Bradley continued.

"Only once in a great while does a man like Ron Egnor come along. We will support him."

Democratic congressional candidate John Reuther was endorsed by acclamation Thursday, by the Bedford Township Democratic club. Reuther is a Democratic candidate for the congressional seat of incumbent Marvin Eash, (Rep. - Ann Arbor).

Bedford, the largest township in Monroe County, has over 26,000 residents. This is the first time that the Bedford Democrats have endorsed a primary candidate in their history. Over a week ago, the entire Monroe County Democratic Party also endorsed a primary candidate for the first time, when they endorsed Reuther.

"John Reuther has won both the endorsement and the respect of Democrats in Bedford Township," commented Dave Bernstein, Chairperson of the club.

"His credentials are excellent. His family has an impressive record of service to the country. John Reuther has worked in Washington for a number of years, and has the experience necessary to get things done," continued Bernstein.

Marjorie Lansing, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 2nd District, was unanimously endorsed by Michigan Council 7, American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, Local 1105 Wednesday night, President Melvin Goodloe, announced today.

Local 1105, which represents workers at Ypsilanti State Hospital, is the second AFSCME local to endorse Mrs. Lansing. Last week, Local 1086 representing Eastern Michigan University selected her first choice by a unanimous vote.

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