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Sweeney Seeks Post as Attorney General

Robert E. Sweeney, former assistant Cleveland law director, has filed petitions with the secretary of state as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for attorney general.

Son of the late Congressman Martin L. Sweeney, Sweeney said his petition had 5,000 signatures. Sweeney lives at 26839 Bruce Road, Bay Village. The attorney has offices in the Engineer's Building.

Sweeney Sticks in Atty. Gen. Race

Robert E. Sweeney said last night he intended to stay in the Democratic primary race for Ohio attorney general.

The Cuyahoga County Democratic organization has endorsed Lakewood Mayor Frank P. Celeste for the nomination.

Sweeney said he met with his committee to discuss the "significance of this and I was encouraged to remain in the race."

Sweeney, who is an assistant attorney general, said he appointed S. Lee Kohnman, an attorney, as his Cuyahoga

Sweeney Talks to 150 at Rally

Robert E. Sweeney, candidate for the Democratic nomination for attorney general, told some 150 persons at a rally in Lake County last night that it was necessary to elect an attorney general who could develop a harmonious relationship with the governor's office.

Sweeney, a Cleveland lawyer, said he was sure he could work well with either Gov. Michael V. DiSalle or Atty. Gen. Mark McElroy, each seeking the Democratic nomination for governor.

The rally, held in the auditorium of Wickliffe High School, was sponsored by Wickliffe Mayor Keith V. Webster and E. V. Mastrangelo, treasurer of the Lake County Democratic party organization.

Sweeney Backs Mayor Locher

Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic nominee for Ohio attorney general, pledged his support to Mayor Ralph S. Locher last night.

"Cleveland's Democratic primary election struggle with all of its political cross currents," Sweeney said in a statement, "is a matter of history."

"The results clearly show that the spirit of Tom Johnson is very much alive in our community. Ralph S. Locher is deserving of everyone's congratulations and endorsement."

Sweeney Endorsed

Robert E. Sweeney, Bay Village Democrat who is his party's nominee for Ohio attorney general, received the endorsement of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, it was announced yesterday.

'Intern' Plan Sweeney Offers

Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic candidate for state attorney general, yesterday proposed a program of "internships" for students interested in government.

Sweeney suggested that college and law school students be encouraged to spend their vacations working in state government offices as many already do under a federal government program.

If he is elected, Sweeney continued, he will appoint a board composed of the deans of Ohio law schools to select interns to work in the summer in the attorney general's office.

The winners would be selected on the basis of "scholarship and merit" and paid enough to cover their living expenses for 10 weeks, the candidate said.

Sweeney will open his local campaign for election Friday night at St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church Hall, 3256 Warren Road N.W. The three Democratic candidates for mayor will be among the speakers, he said.

Sweeney to Run for Attorney General

By Press Ohio Bureau

COLUMBUS — Robert E. Sweeney, 37, of 26821 Bruce Rd., Bay Village, today filed petitions with the secretary of state to run for the Democratic nomination for attorney general at the May primary election.

The candidate is a son of Martin L. Sweeney who was congressman 1931-43.

Sees Bob Kennedy

Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village, Democratic candidate for Ohio attorney general, conferred yesterday at the Department of Justice in Washington with U.S. Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Following their sessions, Sweeney said:

"We draw upon the office of the attorney general of the United States for inspiration and leadership in this national campaign against crime and frauds."

"The federal program of President Kennedy in this regard needs to be implemented on the state level. My promise to Ohio is that I will be as vigorous against the racketeer, the gyp artist and the con man as Bob Kennedy has been nationally."

ROBERT E. SWEENEY, v. General
Candidate Attorney (Cleveland)

Age: 37
EDUCATION: St. Ignatius High. Cleveland.

Ohio. Georgetown University. Washington, D.C., Baldwin-Wallace College. Berea, Ohio. Cleveland-Marshall Law School, Cleveland, Ohio. LL.B Degree. League of Women Voters 5-8-82

OCCUPATION: Practicing Attorney. Active in the trial practice in all State and Federal Courts. Specializes in Labor-Management relations, negligence, and Probate matters.

EXPERIENCE: Formerly served as Assistant to the Director of Law of the City of Cleveland 1947-1951. During the past 3 1/2 years I have served as Special Counsel for the Attorney General of Ohio. I have first hand experience in dealing with the Attorney General's Office, and representing it before all Ohio courts.

Bay Man First State Candidate

Robert E. Sweeney, Bay Village attorney, says he has won his race to be Ohio's first certified candidate for state office this year.

Secretary of State Ted W. Brown marked his petitions valid, and Sweeney now can run for congressman at large in the May 5 Democratic primary.

Sweeney has been carrying on an around-the-state campaign for the nomination while others still mulled over the idea.

Sweeney Has Plan

Robert E. Sweeney, of Bay Village, Democratic candidate for attorney general, urged establishment of a state agency to protect Ohioans from

Sweeney Takes Family on Tour

Robert Sweeney, Democratic nominee for Ohio attorney general, took his "ten good reasons for voting for Sweeney" on a week of extensive campaigning starting yesterday.

The "ten good reasons" are his wife and nine children—seven boys and two girls, the oldest 12 years and the youngest 10 months.

Traveling in an air-conditioned bus, with sleeping quarters, shower and kitchen range, the Sweeney family stopped at the Ashtabula County Fair in Jefferson and at a Democratic workers' picnic at Pleasure Park in Twinsburg.

Today they will visit the Cleveland city employe's picnic at Euclid Beach Park and then the Summit County Women's Democratic picnic in Akron. The rest of the week they will hit county fairs around the state and some Democratic meetings.

Robert E. Sweeney (D), candidate for attorney general, pledged to work for laws to require all charity drives to be licensed, to eliminate gyp solicitations.

He also offered a program to compel all new-formed corporations to disclose their true principals, and to start paying corporate franchise taxes immediately.

As things stand now, corporations can operate 18 months in Ohio without paying that tax. Names listed as incorporators are often only lawyers' secretaries, chance visitors and others screening actual owners, some of whom are bankrupts, swindlers or tax evaders, he said.

Ted W. Brown (R), running again for secretary of state, has racked up endorsements from railway, building trade and other labor groups as well as dozens of newspapers, his office announced.

Mayor candidate Willard W. Brown and Governor candidate James A. Rhodes are due at an 8 p.m. rally today at Cory Methodist Church, E. 105th Street and Grantwood Avenue N. E.

19 Suburban Mayors Get Behind Sweeney

Nineteen Democratic mayors of Cuyahoga County suburbs joined yesterday to back Robert E. Sweeney for attorney general. Among them is Lakewood Mayor Frank P. Celeste, one of those Sweeney beat in the Democratic primary.

Spokesman John M. Coyne, mayor of Brooklyn, called Sweeney "brisk and energetic." Sweeney's main campaign theme has been a promise to pass laws to protect the shopper from misleading labels and flimflams.

Angelo J. Gagliardo, running for juvenile court judge, announced a 100-plus committee of citizens including such

persons as Peter Bellamy, Plain Dealer dramatic critic; Dean Nathan Cohen of Western Reserve University's school of social work; Ralph W. Findley, city commissioner of institutions; Walter S. Sparling, president of Ohio Bell Telephone Co., other businessmen, educators, welfare workers and clergymen.

Ralph J. Perk, candidate for county auditor, will be honored at a card party tomorrow at 9 p.m. at Polish Hall, 7526 Broadway S. E., where reservations hint of a crowd of 2,000.

Maple Heights Democratic Club will hold a rally at 8

p.m. tomorrow, Ward Leader Russell J. Folise announced. It will be at Maple Heights City Hall, Lee Road and Maple Heights Boulevard.

Bishop E. C. Hatcher of the Third Episcopal District, A. M. E. Church, announced he will support Willard W.

Brown for mayor of Cleveland.

Ohio support for education has dwindled from 48% in 1935 to about 30% now. George E. Mastics, Republican candidate for state representative, said yesterday, and pledged effort to reverse that trend.

Sweeney Urges Ban on 12-Point Offenders

In response to a request for suggestions on means of implementing the Greater Cleveland Safety Council's "Blueprint for Life" program, Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village, Democratic nominee for Ohio attorney general, released a program he would support as attorney general.

Noting the traffic crash claiming three teenagers Sunday night in Strongsville, Sweeney said:

"All Ohioans, and particularly parents, support the suggestion that the next legislature should amend the li-

involved in fatal accidents are still behind the wheels of automobiles after having been charged with point system violations in excess of 12 points.

"I suggest the law be amended to take from the courts any discretionary authority to permit 12-point offenders to continue to drive on Ohio roads."

Bay Attorney to Toss Hat in State Ring

Robert E. Sweeney, Bay Village attorney, is expected to be the next Ohioan to hold a press conference and formally initiate a state candidacy. Sweeney, 39, already has petitions circulated and completed and ready to file from more than 75 Ohio counties for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. congressman at-large.

The seat is being vacated by Rep. Robert Taft Jr., who last Friday announced he would seek a U.S. Senate seat.

Sweeney received almost 1½ million votes for Ohio attorney general in Nov. 1962, in the face of a GOP landslide.

Married, and the father of eight sons and two daughters, he lives at 26839 Bruce Road, Bay Village.

ROBERT E. SWEENEY of Bay Village, Democratic candidate for congressman at large, charged yesterday that Sen. Goldwater had failed to convince the public that the Kennedy-Johnson administration did not effectively deal with communism.

"The foreign policy of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson has instilled hope in the minds and hearts of lovers of freedom everywhere in the world," Sweeney said.

He charged that communism in Cuba "obtained its first firm beachhead under a Republican administration."

ROBERT E. SWEENEY, Bay Village lawyer seeking the Democratic nomination for Ohio congressman-at-large, yesterday labeled the Co-ordinating Committee for Fundamental Freedoms, Inc. a segregationist group.

He urged newspaper editors

to deny advertising space to the committee. Sweeney said the group is led by John Satterfield, a registered lobbyist.

The committee is trying to battle proposed civil rights legislation by capitalizing on fear of his government

NEGLECT CHARGE

Rep. Bolton by Rival S

Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic candidate for congressman-at-large, yesterday took some swats at U.S. Rep. Oliver P. Bolton, R-11, for neglecting his district's hunger for jobs and an economic lift.

"Nero fiddled while Rome burned," Sweeney said. Oliver pettifogs while Conneaut decays and port development lags in Ashtabula and Fairport."

"Boys and girls graduating from high school in Ashtabula County have to leave home to find work in Erie, Pa., or Cleveland," said Sweeney.

Sweeney Urges Slap at Reds

Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic nominee for Ohio Congressman at large, has called upon U.N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson to offer a resolution of protest in the United Nations condemning Russia's "persistent intervention in the Near East."

Sweeney, a Bay Village attorney, asked why the United States has not condemned the

recent statements of Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev that he would continue to provide offensive arms to the United Arab Republic.

The United Nations and the United States, Sweeney said, "should go on record against such aggressive acts which fortify Nasser and affect the security of Israel and her neighbors."

R. E. Sweeney Picks Aides

Robert E. Sweeney, a Bay Village man seeking the Democratic nomination for state attorney general, announced ap-

pointment of S. Lee Kohrman as general chairman and John C. Pekarek as secretary of his Cuyahoga County campaign committee.

He announced also that a Cleveland attorneys' committee for Sweeney would be headed by Kent H. Meyers, Richard D. Young and Harvey Johnson; that Guido Geronimo would head the Sweeney businessmen's committee and Thurlow Smoot the labor committee.

In the Painesville-Willoughby area the Sweeney drive will be

Jackson Urges Sweeney Debate

Councilman Jackson, D-24, yesterday challenged the attorney for Plumbers Union Local 55 to a public debate over the Mall situation.

In an open letter in which Robert E. Sweeney chided the Negro councilman for allegedly injecting racial extremism into the dispute, Jackson told The Plain Dealer:

of open letters, Mr. Sweeney would agree to a public debate—with me, or preferably with representatives of the UFM—it can easily be arranged."

IN AN OPEN LETTER replying to Sweeney's earlier statement, Jackson charged that the Plumbers' union was using a seldom-enforced rule "as a guise to keep itself a private club."

Jackson charged that in the past the union had accepted as journeymen white plumbers who carried a city permit. He charged the union had refused journeyman status to the two Negro plumbers although Local 55 representatives had promised acceptance of the men.

"MR. SWEENEY," Jackson's letter continued, "you may be a skilled negotiator, but when I pledge my word to an agreement, I keep it, and I don't hide behind a subterfuge such as a union rule, which you know is seldom enforced."

The Negro of today will no longer be submissive to arbitrary rules invoked by a union as a guise to keep it a private club."

Says Ohio Laws Don't Aid Buyer

Plain Dealer Bureau

AKRON, O. — Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic candidate for Ohio attorney general, last night said Ohio had been on the sucker list of fraudulent business operations.

"Ohio has been backward and lax in adopting legislation to protect the consumer against these leeches," he said. "We need stringent laws to provide buyer protection."

Sweeney said that his republican opponent, former Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe, failed to promote passage of anti-racketeering and anti-gambling laws passed by the state legislature in its last session.

He tided Saxbe's administration, which held office from 1956-58, as being a "do-nothing regime."

Sweeney told a rally at the Akron Tower Motor Inn that he would continue "a program to police and stop organized racketeering and vice in Ohio."

FAMILY GROWS — Mrs. Robert E. Sweeney, wife of the Democratic congressman-at-large, gave birth yesterday to the couple's 11th child—a girl. Both are doing well at Lakewood Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney are parents of eight boys and three girls.

Bay Weighs \$3.5 Million Apartments

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The first major apartment project for Bay Village was proposed at a meeting of the municipal planning commission last night.

The project, which would consist of 25 garden type apartment buildings with a total of 316 dwelling units, carries a price tag of \$3.5-million.

The developer would be Bay Village Development Corp. made up of five Bay Village stockholders. One of the stockholders, Robert E. Sweeney, spoke at the planning commission meeting.

SWEENEY SAID the apartments would be built on a 16-acre tract north of the Nickel Plate Road tracks opposite Sutcliffe and Forest Drives.

The railroad tracks at that point serve as the city's southern boundary. Directly north of the proposed site is one of the city's better residential developments where homes are valued at between \$25,000 and \$30,000-plus.

Sweeney Backs Plan to Purge 2 Dixie Rebels

Congressman-elect Robert Sweeney said yesterday he supports proposals of the Democratic Study Group (DSG) to purge two Deep South Goldwater Democrats from Democratic seniority rolls.

Sweeney said he would support a move to liberalize House rules to prevent bills from being pigeonholed. "I feel it is the duty of all members of the Democratic party and candidates seeking election on the Democratic ticket to give full support to the Johnson and Humphrey mandate, further, to support the principles of our party as set forth in the platform adopted at the national convention," Sweeney said.

The DSG, headed by Reps. Frank Thompson Jr. of New Jersey and John Blatnik of Minnesota, is composed of about 75 liberal Democrats in the House.

Sweeney Exes Maids

Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic candidate for state attorney general, called yesterday for measures to protect Ohioans against fraudulent out-of-state real estate schemes. As attorney general, he said, he would cooperate with other states to fight interstate consumer frauds.

He made his views known in a letter — released to the public — which he had sent to Atty. Gen. Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota, chairman of the consumer and investor protection committee of the National Association of Attorneys General.

Opponents of Boltons Say They Mislead

Their Democratic opponents yesterday accused Rep. Frances P. Bolton, R-22, and her son, Rep. Oliver P. Bolton, R-11, of misrepresenting their voting records.

Chat Paterson, Mrs. Bolton's opponent in the 22d District, asserted that the veteran Lyndhurst Republican had reported in her monthly letter to voters that she had

supported a law to expand dental, nursing and medical school facilities and provide \$30.7 million for student loans.

PATERSON in the Congressional Record shows that Mrs. Bolton first voted to commit the bill in an effort to eliminate the student loans, and that she later voted against the bill.

of "Ohio Schools" that he supported the medical education bill, as well as a bill that granted federal aid for vocational and retraining programs. Bolton's voting record contradicts these claims. Sweeney charged.

Reached at her Lyndhurst home last night, Mrs. Bolton said:

Sweeneys Have 9th Child

Mrs. Robert E. Sweeney, wife of the announced candidate for the Democratic nomination for Ohio attorney general, gave birth to a girl baby yesterday afternoon at Lakewood Hospital. The child is the Sweeney's ninth. They live at 26839 Bruce Road, Bay Village.

A similar accusation against Bolton was voiced by his opponent, Robert E. Sweeney, in the race for congressman-at-large.

According to Sweeney, Bolton reported in the October issue of "Ohio Schools" that he supported the medical education bill, as well as a bill that granted federal aid for vocational and retraining programs. Bolton's voting record contradicts these claims. Sweeney charged.

Reached at her Lyndhurst home last night, Mrs. Bolton said:

"MY VOTING RECORD is checked by my office for my reports to the voters," she explained.

She said she did not recall her vote, but added: "I should think I voted for it. I can't imagine voting against this



Robert E. Sweeney, in foreground, speaks while Oliver P. Bolton, his opponent for Ohio congressman at large, waits his turn and listens.

Plain Dealer Photo (Richard T. Conway)

Oliver Bolton Vows Support for Barry

Oliver P. Bolton, Republican candidate for congressman at large in Ohio, vowed support for Sen. Barry M. Goldwater at the City Club Forum yesterday.

But Rep. Bolton, who now represents the 11th District said he differed with the Republican presidential nominee on several issues.

Robert E. Sweeney, a lawyer and Democratic candidate for the at-large seat, debated Bolton before a large crowd.

THEY CLASHED on many issues, but especially on the question of support of Goldwater.

Sweeney's closing remark in his main presentation was:

"I am proud to campaign under the banner of Lyndon Baines Johnson. I note the absence of comment on the part of my opponent that he is proud to campaign under the banner of the senator from Arizona."

Immediately thereafter, Bolton said:

"I THOUGHT THIS debate was supposed to be about the congressman-at-large race."

Later, in the question period, Bolton was asked whether he endorsed Goldwater. He said:

"In 1948, I fought for (Robert A.) Taft, and supported (Thomas E.) Dewey. In 1952, I fought for Taft and supported (Dwight D.) Eisenhower. I did not attend the convention this year, but I support the Republican candi-

date because of my belief in the basic difference between the two political parties."

HE DIFFERED with Goldwater specifically on the issue of civil rights, Bolton said.

Sweeney said: "THE DESTINY of the United States lies as the maker of peace. Hostility today, while a fact, need not be a law."

"America should and shall remain strong, but foreign policy should never depend on force alone."

A Family Affair

The contest for Ohio attorney general this year is truly a family affair.

The Democratic nominee, Robert E. Sweeney, of Bay Village, has been campaigning accompanied by what he calls his "10 good reasons to vote for Sweeney."

They consist of his wife and nine children, seven boys and two girls, the oldest 12 years, the youngest 10 months.

The Republican nominee, William Saxbe of Mechanicsburg, cannot compete with Sweeney in respect to the number of children. But Saxbe has the advantage of having a son and a daughter old enough to conduct their own campaigns for their father.

Saxbe's headquarters reports that Bart, 21, "spoke up" for his dad at a number of meetings, including ones at Akron, Chillicothe, Lancaster and Athens. Daughter Juli, 18, has filled in for her dad at some of the county fairs. A

younger son, Rockie, 15, has been putting up signs and handing out campaign literature.

Barry's Medicare Vote Called Inhuman

Robert E. Sweeney, Democrat running for congressman at large, called U.S. Sen. Barry M. Goldwater's vote against Medicare yesterday an inhuman legislative under.

"There are 18 million Americans over 65. Of those, 55% have less than \$1,000 cash income a year, and 54% have no provision for medical or hospital care," said Sweeney.

IT IS INHUMAN on Sen. Goldwater's part," said Sweeney, "to be unconcerned about the welfare of one 10th of our people."

Mayor Ralph S. Locher and U.S. Rep. Charles A. Vanik

went stumping for Sen. Young in 1958.

Said Mayor Locher: "Steve Young has a consistent record, well known by all, of working for progress of all the people."

"YOU ALWAYS know where he stands on an issue, and why."

Rep. Vanik said: "We need Steve Young's continuing support of programs for progress, under the leadership of President Johnson and Hubert Humphrey. We cannot afford to have Steve replaced by the extremist, set-back-the-clock philosophy of a Goldwater Republican."

Picnic Bigwigs Snub Sweeney

BARBERTON PD Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village, Democratic candidate for congressman at large, was snubbed yesterday at an affair at which Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey spoke. But Humphrey made a point later of letting everyone know he had nothing to do with it. Sweeney, who has been feuding with William Coleman, the state Democratic chairman, sat on the platform but was not introduced when Humphrey spoke at a Labor Day picnic.

Humphrey apologized later in a talk to party leaders in an Akron hotel. He said he was sorry for not recognizing Sweeney and said Sweeney would have his support.

Sweeney Sees LBJ Landslide

Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic candidate for congressman-at-large, yesterday called Sen. Barry M. Goldwater the "granddaddy of all the right-to-workers" at a Labor Day rally attended by 500 persons in Toledo.

Sweeney, 40-year-old attorney from Bay Village, predicted that President Johnson will carry Ohio and the nation by a landslide not enjoyed by the Democrats since President Roosevelt overwhelmed Alf Landon in 1936.

Sweeney praised the labor movement in the U.S., but warned that labor's challenge in this generation "is to provide jobs for over 4.5 million unemployed persons."

Bay Lawyer Certified to Run for Ohio Post

Robert E. Sweeney, Bay Village attorney who has filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Ohio attorney general, said he received word yesterday that his name would definitely appear on the May primary ballot.

He said he received a letter from Secretary of State Ted W. Brown that signatures on his nominating petitions had been found by county boards of election to be valid and in sufficient numbers.

Sweeney added that he believed his candidacy was the first on the state tickets to be confirmed.

DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK, national authority on raising babies, and Robert E. Sweeney, Democrat running for congressman-at-large, will speak at a Johnson-for-President rally at 7:30 p. m. Friday at Hotel DuRoi Hilton. Sponsors are Young Citizens for Johnson and the County Young Democrats. The rally is open to the public.

No Tickets; Coleman Cut by Sweeney

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Convention Bureau

ATLANTIC CITY—Congressional candidate Robert E. Sweeney announced here last night he had severed his relations with Democratic state Chairman William L. Coleman because Coleman cut off his supply of tickets to the convention.

"This is the latest in a long series of humiliations I have suffered at the hands of Coleman, who happens to be the most effective weapon the Republican party has," Sweeney asserted.

"I will conduct my campaign for congressman-at-large by working directly with the county chairmen," Sweeney added. "I'm going to win without Coleman, and I don't want him basking in my glory."

The candidate said Coleman was withholding tickets from him because he had criticized the state chairman's handling of convention arrangements. He had called for Coleman's resignation.

Coleman told The Plain Dealer in reply: "I'm not interested in fight with Democrats. I'm not retaliating against him; I didn't know he had criticized me publicly. Our ticket supply for everyone was cut 50% by convention headquarters for tonight."

Bolton Claims Sweeney Used False Data

U.S. Rep. Oliver P. Bolton, R-11, yesterday charged his political opponent with using "factual research material provided by the Democratic National Committee" as the basis for attacking Bolton's congressional voting record.

His opponent, Democrat Robert E. Sweeney, seeking election as congressman-at-large Nov. 3, charged Monday night that Bolton had misrepresented his record to Ohio voters.

"My opponent said that I voted against the Vocational Education Act of 1963," Bolton said. "The fact of the matter is, I voted for this act on two separate occasions: on Aug. 6 and Dec. 12, 1963."

Bolton said he voted against a program of federal loans to medical students because of private loan programs already available.

He said in the past two years he had voted for bills to provide college classroom construction, an extension of the National Defense Education Act, the Hill-Burton Hospital Construction Act and the Mental Retardation Facilities and Mental Health Centers Act.

Campaign Aides Named

Robert E. Sweeney, Democrat running for congressman at large, yesterday named Vic Donahey and Joseph T. Ferguson as his Franklin County Columbus campaign chairman. Donahey is an insurance man and son of the late governor and U. S. senator of the same name.



Sweeney (and Family) for Attorney General

Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic nominee for attorney general of Ohio, poses for victory picture with that he calls his campaign team. Boys standing are (from left) John, Martin, Daniel, Robert, William, James and Thomas. Mrs. Sweeney holds Alice, and the candidate holds Mary. All but the youngest helped distribute handbills, posters and other campaign literature.

Plain Dealer Photo (Norbert J. Yassany)

'It's Like Christmas' for Election Winner

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(Another Photo on Picture Page)

By JAN MELLOW

"It's just like Christmas—and wait till the county fairs start!" said the exuberant Democratic nominee for the office of attorney general.

All that was missing at the Ray Village home of Robert E. Sweeney was a tin-elf-covered tree with bright lights.

And had there been a tree, the nine Sweeney children would have decorated it with handbills, posters and other literature of their father's successful campaign.

THE ATMOSPHERE was as noisy but not as excited at Gallagher's Steak House, 3230 Euclid Avenue, last night, where another Greater Cleveland nominee to state office was back "at work."

John J. Gallagher's triumph was subtler.

"I am intrigued," he said, "by the difference in the number of votes I received a

compared to those for Gov. (Michael V.) DiSalle."

Gallagher, who will represent his party in the lieutenant governor race in November, has been a state candidate before. In 1954 he was the Democratic nominee as treasurer. And he tried for the nomination as lieutenant governor in 1958.

MEANWHILE, back at 2821 Bruce Road, Bay Village, Sweeney and his wife and youngsters were celebrating his entrance into Ohio-wide competition.

"The kids are really enjoying it," said Sweeney. "They were very much a part of the effort. We call them the youngest team of campaigners in the country."

Sweeney's children, from Robert P., 12, down to Alice, 3 months, had attended many a campaign rally. The older ones had posted handbills, stuffed envelopes and handed out literature.

They include Robert, Daniel, 10; William, 9; Martin, 7, and John, 6.

YOUNGER-THAN-6 team members, Sweeney admitted, did not have too much of an idea what they were doing, but even 5-year-old James, 4-year-old Thomas, 2-year-old Mary and perhaps even Alice caught the contagion of excitement.

Sweeney and Gallagher share the distinction of representing this area in statewide contests, and in a way they share the concept of the large family.

Gallagher has no children to match Sweeney's nine, but Gallagher's mother had 11, which he figures puts him ahead of Sweeney in the grand sweepstakes.

"YOU KNOW," Gallagher told The Plain Dealer from his restaurant, "I beat DiSalle by 12,000 votes in Cuyahoga County. That interests me. It seems from that I should be a strong addition to the ticket in November."

The place was crowded. Gallagher was asked whether this was an unusually large group, gathered to congratulate him.

Still a businessman, despite his triumph over four other



John J. Gallagher

candidates, Gallagher said his restaurant was "always crowded." A party would come later, he said.

Gallagher, who served two terms as state representative from Cuyahoga County, then was elected to the State Board of Education, now is a member of the Cleveland Board of Education.

HE SEES NO CONFLICT, at least so far, between running as lieutenant governor and appearing on the board.

Perhaps he will feel differently in November, the 56-year-old candidate said, "but that's a long time off."

Sweeney, 37, said he intended to keep his winning team in action. As soon as school ended, his children would be enjoying themselves at "a lot of county fairs," he promised, in full hearing of the youngsters.

They applauded, obviously having enjoyed their early entrance into politics.

Union Hits Jackson's Statement

Plumbers Local 55's lawyer yesterday accused Councilman Leo A. Jackson of injecting racial extremism into the Mall conflict.

Answering Jackson's statement, published in The Plain Dealer yesterday, Attorney Robert E. Sweeney penned the following open letter to the councilman:

"Dear Leo: You have seen fit to point out to the membership of Local 55 that if they did not capitulate to the demands of the United Freedom Movement regarding assignment of journeyman plumbers at the Mall site, that this would serve to encourage the Black Muslims and others in this city.

"Leo, this is sheer rubbish. This city or any other in the land would and should never take a back seat to, or be afraid of, such a Fascist operation as the Black Muslims. We feel sure that Cleveland is well equipped to defeat such un-American radicals who would destroy all decent values.

"Leo, the Negro leadership should not be misled to construct the issue on the Mall as a racial one. Simply stated, it is 'Equality — yes, Preference — no.'

"Mr. Jackson, I am sure that you would never vote to waive the procedures and rules of the Civil Service Commission and give preference on a religious or racial basis. I find it difficult to understand why you make that suggestion now to Local 55. You have merited my respect. However, I suggest that all of us leave the selection of the Negro leadership of this city to men such as yourself and that you, in turn, leave the matter of this difficult problem to men experienced in such negotiations, remembering that this is a time for cool intelligent heads."

Democrats in Ohio Hit for Disunity

A Democratic candidate for Ohio congressman-at-large in 1964, Robert E. Sweeney, opened his campaign last night in Geneva by urging Democrats in the state to firm up their organization to win next year's election.

"The Democrats at this point seem disorganized, leaderless and certainly unable to project the Kennedy program," he said. "It's high time the Colemans, the DiSalles, the Youngs and the Hayses, and the 88 county Democratic chairmen, sat down and struck a more harmonious note."

Speaking to Ashtabula County Democrats, Sweeney supported President Kennedy's foreign and domestic programs.

Conservatism, he said, is increasing in southern and central Ohio.

"The Clarence Browns, the Robert Tafts, the Oliver Boltons, the John Ashbrooks, the Mr. Welches and the Dr. Schwarzes are having a field day," he said.

"Right-wing conservatism is nothing more than 1939 isolationism with a new and shiny label," he argued.

The struggles in Viet Nam, Cuba and Berlin all have the same objective — to stop the rush of international communism," he said. "Isolationism of our world is no longer noble or sensible. We are either internationalists or this one should abdicate its position of leadership."

ESTIMATE CHALLENGED

Appeal of Westlake Sewer Levy Planned

By JOHN NUSSBAUM

Robert E. Sweeney, a lawyer, yesterday notified Cuyahoga County Commissioners he would appeal the proposed Westlake sewer assessments on behalf of a group of property owners.

Sweeney called the assessments "an outrageous confiscation of private property." He also questioned the engineering cost estimates of the sewerage project and charged that consultants had been given incentive to come up with a high estimate.

County Auditor Ralph J. Perk also announced he was "vehemently opposed" to the assessments.

rent farm land values, he would get about \$177,500.

The buyer, after paying the assessment and subdividing the property into 15,000-square-foot lots could resell the land piecemeal at a profit as high as \$376,500, Perk said.

"He would make this profit without turning a shovel, just by plotting the ground and selling the lots," Perk said. "Just by driving stakes into the ground, you might say."

Westlake's \$16-million sewer project is being carried out by the county because of the suburb's low credit rating. The state has demanded that the suburb get rid of its septic tanks.

Sweeney in Race for Congress

Ohio voters should retire to private life any congressman, Republican or Democrat, unwilling to commit himself to an all-out defense of the Free World, Robert E. Sweeney, Cleveland attorney, declared today.

Sweeney made his assertion as he announced, at a press conference at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, that he will file petitions today for the Democratic nomination for congressman-at-large.

The young lawyer, son of the late Cong. Martin L. Sweeney, just a year ago came within 100,000 votes of becoming the state's attorney general while the head of his ticket, Michael V. DiSalle, was losing by 555,000 votes.

"THE STRUGGLE with

the menace of world-wide communism is not an engagement which the smaller, lesser nations of our world can bear without the aid of the Free World," said Sweeney.

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Because, he said, Ohio's congressional delegation is "severely overloaded with those who have a restricted outlook far to the right," he has decided to seek the at-large nomination.

Sweeney blasted congressmen who voted to trim \$160,-

000,000 from the Development Loan Fund, \$150,000,000 from the Alliance of Progress funds and \$225,000,000 from military assistance programs.

Sweeney will seek the post being vacated by Robert Taft Jr., who will run for the Senate.

In the Democratic primary, Sweeney may face State Sen. Charles Carney, Youngstown, and Richard D. Kennedy, West Side real estate man, who won the nomination in 1962.

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Sweeney Bids for Seat in Congress

By SANFORD WATZMAN
Plain Dealer Bureau

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Urges Tax Break for Parents of College Students

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A proposal to amend federal tax laws to give a break to parents of children in college was made today by Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic nominee for congressman-at-large.

Sweeney said he will sponsor legislation, if elected, to permit parents of college students under 21 to deduct the cost of tuition.

"It is both foolhardy and unrealistic for the Federal Government to ignore the tremendous cost involved in providing higher education for our American youth," said Sweeney, the father of 10 children, none yet in college.

"Today we are moving heaven and earth to encourage youths to remain in high school and to pursue the academic life. I believe the dropout rate reflects the discouragement of youth as they know that their parents cannot afford the financial cost of providing a higher education."

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Bolton Challenged

Now that his Republican opponent, Oliver C. Bolton, has come out in support of Barry M. Goldwater, Robert E. Sweeney is asking whether Bolton agrees with the Arizonan's stand on key issues.

Sweeney, running for congressman at large, yesterday called Bolton "a Goldwater fan," and said Bolton should tell Ohioans if he agrees with Goldwater's:

- "Repudiation of the nuclear test ban treaty."
- "Making social security voluntary."
- "His wanting to put nuclear weapons in the hands of military leaders."
- "Encouraging more states to pass 'right-to-work' laws."
- "NO vote on civil rights."

False Colors Laid to GOP by Sweeney

If the fiscal year just ended, the federal government poured \$442.5 million into Ohio, Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic nominee for congressman at large, said yesterday.

He warned Ohioans "not to be misled to believe that the network of roadway improvements is a product of the Rhodes administration." U.S. funds for no highways were the biggest item in federal payments: \$171.8 million.

"It is distressing to watch conservative, austerity-minded Republicans taking bows in the Buckeye state for achievements programmed under the Democratic administration of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson," said Sweeney.

OTHER BIG ITEMS in the federal payments into Ohio were: \$63.7 million for Old Age assistance; \$38.4 million for Aid to Dependent Children; \$14.9 for urban renewal; \$12 million for unemployment compensation; \$10 million for aid to disabled; \$8 million for donated surplus commodities; \$7.6 million for unemployed federal employees and veterans; \$6.9 million for agricultural conservation; \$6.8 million under the Sugar Act; \$6.8 million for school milk program; \$6.9 million for hospital activities; \$7.4 million for school lunch program; \$4.8 million for research grants; also aid to blind, low rent housing, farm extension work, airports, defense education, mental and physical health and manpower development.

Celebrezze Hit on Polluted Lake

Anthony J. Celebrezze, U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare, has the duty to crack down on industries polluting Lake Erie's waters, a Democratic candidate said here yesterday.

"We are losing the battle of Lake Erie," said Robert E. Sweeney, Bay Village attorney who is running for congressman-at-large.

"The Water Pollution Control Act of 1961 provides grants to assist communities to build sewage treatment plants," he said.

"It is senseless, when the same act gives Secretary Celebrezze powers to stop industries or municipalities from polluting our waters, not to go to the federal courts to get relief by injunction."

COPE Still for Sweeney, Lambros

COLUMBUS — Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic candidate for congressman-at-large, and C. D. Lambros, Democratic candidate for Congress from the 11th District, have the official endorsement of the Ohio AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE). Ohio AFL-CIO President Frank W. King emphasized yesterday.

King said he wanted to restate the AFL-CIO endorsement of Sweeney and Lambros because endorsement of their opponents by the Lake County United Labor Committee had raised some misunderstanding.

AFL-CIO unions which are part of the Lake County United Labor Committee are not bound by the committee's endorsements since Ohio AFL-CIO COPE bylaws provide that only Ohio AFL-CIO COPE has the authority to make official endorsements in Congressional and statewide contests, King said.

Sweeney Jobs at Goldwater

Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic nominee for Ohio congressman at large, called U.S. Sen. Barry M. Goldwater "a caustic-tongued wise guy" and a demagogue, in a statement issued here yesterday.

"Goldwater is about to be de-spurred by the American public," said Sweeney. "Thank God, Americans find it easy to see through such demagogues and sooner or later catch up with them."

"After Nov. 3, Mr. Goldwater will pass from the scene, as did Huey Long, Gerald L. K. Smith and all of that type, who expect a racial backlash to put them into political orbit."

"America is hardly served by those who resort to fascist techniques to undermine confidence in our system of government."

Sweeney Calls for Redistricting

"Unequal representation is tyranny," Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic nominee for congressman at large, said yesterday in urging Gov. James A. Rhodes to call the Ohio Legislature to reapportion the House of Representatives fairly.

Immediate action to give all Ohioans equal voice in state affairs, said Sweeney, would prove Ohio's belief that equality is fundamental to all republican institutions.

June 18, 1964
Cleveland, Ohio

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SWEENEY CALLS FOR CUTBACK IN GOVERNMENT
RED TAPE AND PAPER WORK

Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic nominee for the office of Congressman-at-Large, today called for a thorough overhauling and Congressional investigation designed to eliminate unnecessary Government reporting and record keeping which has become dishearteningly burdensome to American small business.

Sweeney pointed out that there can be sensible regulation insofar as Government requirements pertaining to reports on Social Security, Income Tax, Census Reports and Records, and Labor Reports. The needless Government Reports exact penalties upon business and effects our economy in terms of production, sales, services, profits and jobs. Small business maintains employees at their cost whose time and salary have to be absorbed by the employers involved.

"I commend the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission which last year, through revision of forms, relieved American truckers of over 500,000 forms that this industry had earlier been required to fill in and submit.

The Olsen Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives will submit recommendations to the next Congress. As a representative of the people of Ohio I shall encourage probing of the waste in Government operations required by all of the paper work in Federal operations.

It seems to me that Government leadership should engage in fact-finding surveys to gain a broader and deeper knowledge of the problems of independent enterprise. American small business accounts for approximately forty percent (40%) of all of our employment and streamlining in our bookkeeping and statistical methods in operating the Federal Government seems long overdue."

They'll Sample Brotherly Love

By BEATRICE VINCENT

When the mayor of Philadelphia sent letters to the Cleveland delegates to the Democratic National Convention, offering the hospitality of his city en route, he couldn't have known about the Sweeneys of Bay Village.

Delegate Robert E. Sweeney, head of the Clan Sweeney, however, seized upon the kind offer.

He answered the mayor's letter immediately, said he and his family would love to linger a while in historical Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love—if only the mayor could find a hotel that would accommodate seven young Sweeney sons!

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To the delight of the Sweeney children, all under 15, the mayor's answer to the answer was equally prompt.

His city, said the letter, would be delighted to welcome ALL the Sweeneys. In fact, he had already reserved a room for the parents and, nearby, a sample room with seven beds for seven sons! "So, come right along," wrote Mayor James H. J. Tate.

And along they will go today, all in the family station wagon.

Three younger sons will stay with family friends

After sight-seeing in Philadelphia, the Sweeneys will go to Ocean City, six miles from Atlantic City, where they have a house for the week.

The older boys and Mrs. Sweeney will take turns using the two passes issued to the family for the convention.

"We think the boys should see as much of the convention as possible," says Mrs. Sweeney. "It's part of their education."

Robert E. Sweeney is the Democratic nominee for the office of congressman-at-large this year.

OFF TO PHILADELPHIA — and eventually Atlantic City — is the Robert E. Sweeney family of Bay Village — Tommy, 6 (left), Jim, 7, John, 8, Danny, 13, Bob, 14, Marty, 10, Billy, 11 and Mrs. Sweeney.



Sweeney Will Talk Fast and Often

WASHINGTON—Cleveland's pretty Mrs. Robert E. (Pat) Sweeney was in the nation's capital this week.

So was her husband. But that's not important.

He only defeated Rep. Oliver P. Bolton, R-Mentor, for Ohio congressman at large.

She's a mother of 10.

And while that's not a record for a congressman and his wife, it's right up there. Rep. and Mrs. Hugh Casey of New York have 13.

DESPITE THINGS you read in the newspapers, the Sweeneys were not here house-hunting. They, as a family, are going to stay living in Cleveland. They like it there.

Moreover, Rep. Elect Sweeney, a personable Irishman (did you ever see one who wasn't?) knows that his new job is only good for two years because reapportionment will knock out the "at-large" seat.

What does he have in mind then? Sweeney isn't saying. But he talks pretty much like a guy who wouldn't be afraid to take on Gov. Jim Rhodes, the Republican whose term also ends in 1966.

The new Ohio congressman is angling for a berth on either the armed services or the House labor and education committee. He's almost sure to get one or the other because backing him are such Democratic stalwarts as Rep. Michael J. Kirwan of Youngs-

town and Sen. Stephen M. Young of Cleveland.

BOTH WERE GOOD FRIENDS of Sweeney's father, the late Martin L. Sweeney, who some 20 years ago kept things hopping on the House floor, including fisticuffs.

Almost the first telephone call the Sweeneys received after his victory Nov. 3 was from a Washington realtor. He had "just the place" for them in near-by Warrenton, in the Virginia horse country. The price was \$350,000.

"We're giving that some thought," said the pert Mrs. Sweeney with a sly grin.

As the D. C. real estate people kept calling by the score, the Sweeneys were offered, in case of a pinch, a place for \$89,550.

"That, of course, is a little below our scale," was Mrs. Sweeney's observation.

SWEENEY EXPRESSED a hope that his elders in the House would relax a bit on the unwritten rule that freshmen congressmen are to be seen and not heard.

"There's a lot to be done for Ohio," he said. "I intend to represent every acre of it. I'm going to talk. After all, I've only got 24 months."

Despite her 10 children, Pat Sweeney still reminds you of Betty Co-ed. She's not only pretty and peppy, but she is politically astute.

Oh yes, I almost forgot. She's expecting again.

No kidding.

—Edward Kernan, Washington Bureau



Robert E. Sweeney

(Democrat)
 AGE: 39.
 HOME: Bay Village, Ohio
 RUNNING FOR: Nomination, Ohio congressman at-large.
 ELECTED BY: Entire state, 88 counties.
 BACKGROUND: Graduate Cleveland-Marshall Law School attorney since 1951; military service includes three years in the Judge Advocate General's department; formerly served in Cuyahoga County Welfare Department, Cleveland law department and as a special counsel for the Ohio attorney general.
 POLITICAL CAREER: Unsuccessful candidate for Ohio attorney general two years ago.
 FAMILY: Married, nine children.

Sweeney Says Bolton Opposed School Aid Bills

Robert E. Sweeney, Democrat, yesterday accused U. S. Rep. Oliver P. Bolton, Republican, of trying to fool school-teachers by saying he supported federal education bills which he had not.

The two are pitted against each other for congressman-at-large. Bolton now represents the 11th district.

Bolton says in the October issue of "Ohio Schools" that he supported a bill that made funds available for medical, dental and nursing schools. But he voted "no" on that bill, the record of roll calls shows, Sweeney asserted.

Bolton also said he supported federal help for vocational and retraining programs. Sweeney asserted. Again the Congressional Record shows that Bolton voted to recommit the Vocational Education Act to committee, Sweeney said.

"Congressman Bolton also voted against the Library Services and Construction Act," said Sweeney. "But he sends in an article to the magazine of the Ohio Education Association in which he says he supported these measures."

Bolton for Congressman-at-Large

U. S. Rep. Oliver P. Bolton, now in his fourth term in the House of Representatives, is better qualified than his opponent to become Ohio's congressman-at-large.

Experience the Republican nominee has gained representing Ohio's 11th District will be an asset of considerable value to him and to the state if he is elected to the state-wide post he is seeking.

Service in Congress is a Bolton family tradition. His father, Chester C. Bolton, represented the 22d District five terms until his death in 1939. The widow, Mrs. Frances P. Bolton, succeeded her husband and has been the congressman from the 22d for 25 years. She and her son constitute the only mother-son team in U. S. congressional history.

Bolton's Democratic opponent, Robert E.

Sweeney is also the son of a congressman, the late Martin L. Sweeney, but never has been elected to political office himself.

Sweeney has run unsuccessfully for mayor of Cleveland and for Ohio attorney-general. He won the nomination for attorney-general in 1962 but was defeated in the November runoff.

Both Bolton and Sweeney have been putting on lively campaigns.

The Plain Dealer's judgment is that Bolton is the better equipped, both by experience and temperament, to serve the interests of Ohio and its citizens. We endorse Bolton and recommend his election.



A double birthday party was held last night in the Bay Village home of Robert E. Sweeney, the Democratic candidate for congressman-at-large. Sweeney was 41 yesterday and his son, John, was 9 last Monday. The family, from left is Jimmy, 7; Marty, 10; Dan, 13; Bob, 14; Bill, 11; John, 9; Tommy, 6; Mary, 4; and Alice, 2. Mr. Sweeney holds Edward, 1. Plain Dealer Photo - George Heuz.

BIRTHDAY PRESENT

Voters Give Sweeney New Life

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Bob Sweeney was in vester day and the voters gave him by giving him a new life to begin.

Robert E. Sweeney is the new congressman-at-large. He beat U.S. Rep. Oliver P. Bolton for the job. It was a splendid birthday anniversary present. It was a present not only for Sweeney himself but for his wife, Patricia, and their 10 children. Imagine the scope of the celebration in the Sweeney mansion.

THE CHILDREN line up this way: Robert P., 14; Daniel E., 13; William A., 11; Martin L., 10; John B., 9; James M., 8; Thomas F., 7; Mary Brigid, 4; Alice Marie, 2; and Edward D., 1.

"And the next one's going to be George," said Sweeney, as Patricia was preparing ham sandwiches last night in their home at 26821 Bruce Road, Bay Village.

Sweeney is going to Washington, he said, dedicated to matters of public health and

education. He spoke of the plight of parents to meet the high cost of education these days." He mentioned "some tax credits" to such parents. "I view education as a vital national necessity, not as a luxury," Sweeney said. Sweeney spoke also of the need for public works projects for Ohio.

BOB SWEENEY AND his wife have eight boys and two girls. The new congressman-at-large was old yesterday.

He had some of the elder boys at it but they had to be in school. He has managed, however, to introduce them to the rigors of campaigning.

"They have been hustling for me," said Sweeney, who is the son of the late U.S. Rep. Martin L. Sweeney, who long was an active figure in the political life of Cleveland and Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney were talking last night about how

the children helped with the political mailings every candidate has to do. And how they have posted handbills and handed out literature for their father.

"What especially was fun," Sweeney said, "was taking some of them now and then out on the campaign trail. We'd go out on the road, attending rallies and meetings, and they were happy with the excitement of it all."

So was Sweeney. HE ALWAYS THRIVES on political excitement as any true politician should.

Sweeney first entered the political arena when he ran for the Democratic nomination for mayor of Cleveland.

But the celebrated Anthony J. Celebrezze, who is now director of health education and welfare in the cabinet of President Johnson, was a tough man to beat. Not only Democrats in primaries but Republicans in general elections

AFTER GRADUATION from Cleveland Marshall Law School, Sweeney became a practicing attorney in 1951. He served first in the Cuyahoga County Welfare Department and in the city law department and later was a special counsel for the Ohio attorney general in 1959.

In this campaign, Sweeney was solidly back of the Johnson administration.

"I am proud to campaign under the banner of Lyndon Johnson," he said at a recent debate between himself and Bolton. "I note the absence of comment on the part of my opponent that he is proud to campaign under the banner of Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona."

Bob Sweeney, sitting at home with his wife and children, seemed more happy today to talk about them and their work in his behalf.

"I call the kids the youngest team of campaigners in the country," he said.

In 1962, Sweeney won his party's nomination for the post of Ohio attorney general, but he did not make it that November.

Rep.-Elect Sweeney Names McDavitt Aide

Paul J. McDavitt, former health and secretary to Congressman Piasas, has been named secretary by Robert E. Sweeney, congressman-at-large.

Sweeney said McDavitt would occupy his office on the first floor of the Federal Building early next month. McDavitt served Judge Sullivan, chief justice emeritus on the Ohio Supreme Court, from 1937 to 1943. He was an assistant chief deputy in the civil branch of the sheriff's office. From 1934 to 1937 he was a deputy county treasurer.

McDavitt is a graduate of St. Ignace High School, John Marshall College and Ohio State University. He and his wife live at 3805 Lucky River Drive N. W.

O'Brien Hails U.S. Economic Gains

The U.S. economy is churning ahead at an unprecedented rate. Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien said here last night.

"We are now in the 37th consecutive month of economic advance," he said. "This has never happened before in the history of our country."

O'BRIEN WAS the principal speaker at the annual civic ward dinner of the Greater Cleveland Knights of Columbus Luncheon Club. He and 1,200 others in the Crystal Room of Hotel Carter honored U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large.

O'Brien's speech capped the initial day of his visit to Cleveland, the first since he became postmaster general Nov. 3. O'Brien will leave at noon today, following a tour of Cleveland postal facilities.

"WE NOW ENJOY the lowest national unemployment rate of any time in the last eight years," said O'Brien. "Yes, we are moving ahead."

Part of the answer to the United States' success, he said, is in the high caliber of congressmen.

"I know from my knowledge of Congress that Bob Sweeney has already compiled an outstanding reputation for his knowledge, for his fairness and for his contin-

uous and constructive efforts each year for every man, woman or child. O'Brien advanced the interests of his constituents and of his country," said O'Brien.

NOTING THAT Americans produce 365 pieces of mail

"That's the real reason I am out here tonight. With 11 children, Bob Sweeney is making a mighty big contribution to our sale of postage stamps."

Sweeney was praised by the other community leaders including Patrick J. ... term in Congress. The Ohio-at-large seat will be abolished next year, so Sweeney is considering taking a shot at the Ohio gubernatorial race next party chairman.

THE AWARD to Sweeney

WRU Gets Two Research Grants

WASHINGTON — Cong. Robert E. Sweeney yesterday announced two public health service research grants to Western Reserve University researchers. Dr. John E. Stuehr will get \$37,711. The title of his project is "genetics investigation of biochemical reactions."

Dr. Morton A. Stenchever will get \$45,274. The title of his project is "cyto-genetics of human reproductive failure."

Poverty-Area Businesses Here Are Goal of U.S. Aid

A \$125,000 grant to encourage the start of small businesses in Greater Cleveland's depressed areas was approved yesterday in Washington by the Area Redevelopment Administration.

Reps. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, and Charles A. Vanik, D-21, announced the project. They said the money would be turned over to a nonprofit corporation called the Cleveland Small Business Opportunity and Development Corp. (SBODC).

The SBODC will help start up small businesses such as trucking, service stations, auto repair shops, barber and

headed by Wendell Erwin and Western Reserve University.

Additional financing for the project is expected from local sources, according to Erwin.

A similar program in Philadelphia is now in its second year. Others began recently in Pittsburgh and New York City, ARA officials said.

Swing the Budget Ax Carefully

More than 100 beds stand idle at the Broadview Heights Veterans Administration Hospital. It has room for another 140 beds also. Only tuberculosis and other pulmonary diseases are treated there.

Meanwhile, on waiting lists, as many as 240 Ohio veterans are queued up for neuropsychiatric care, and in line too are 308 others needing help for other maladies.

Someone must solve this puzzle of empty beds on one hand, and sick veterans untreated for lack of hospital space on the other. Until someone cracks this puzzle, President Johnson's economy shutdown of Broadview and 10 other VA hospitals should be delayed.

The President said \$23 million could be saved by the cutback. But congressmen growled back: "Not while veterans are still backed up on waiting lists, denied the medical care we guaranteed them."

Congressman-at-Large Robert E. Sweeney, D-Ohio, favored the economy move at first. Long waiting lists, when he saw them, swung him against it.

President Johnson admitted he may have been hasty. At Camp David, Md., Saturday he said: "We do not pretend to have divine wisdom."

At the same time Veterans Administrator William J. Driver was flying here to survey the Broadview Heights VA Hospital. He was seeking facts.

Driver's proposed money-saving cut would be more timely if the VA's \$1.2 billion worth of new facilities were ready to open. They are not.

True, it may be difficult to isolate TB patients within the Broadview Heights institution while shifting other patients and treating them there.

But no veteran should suffer or die unattended because of a difficult hospital problem, much less a difficult bookkeeping problem.

We would not be the nation we are if those veterans had not, in combat, solved a good many problems, some of them difficult and some impossible.



ROBERT E. SWEENEY
BACKGROUND: Age 51. Cleveland Marshall law school; WWII Army veteran; attorney.
POLITICAL CAREER: Democrat. Defeated for Cleveland mayor, 1955; defeated for state attorney general, 1962; U. S. representative, 1965-66
HOME: 26821 Bruce Road, Bay Village. Married, ten children.

Sweeney Raps Rhodes' Rule

COLUMBUS, Pa. — U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, O-at-Large, accused Gov. James A. Rhodes' administration of failing to keep abreast with industrial development in other states.

Sweeney, delivering the keynote address at a Franklin County Democratic convention Saturday night, said Rhodes' development efforts have been "confined to swiss cheese, potato chips, beer and tomato juice."

He told an estimated 1,000 persons that Michigan Gov. George Romney was well-advised in attacking Ohio's tax structure.

Sweeney Cites Answer to Riots

COLUMBUS, Pa. — U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, told a meeting of the Future Teachers of America here yesterday that the Negro riots in the Watts section of Los Angeles "clearly show the challenges that face this nation today."

These challenges, he said, can be met only by education.

The Clevelander told the group that "despite all the failures of the past, despite heavy financial obstacles, the public schools remain the single best weapon for striking at the conditions which generate the closed circle of despair."

Sweeney said the states cannot do it alone, and so the federal government must help. He outlined ways he said the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the Economic Opportunity Act will benefit millions of children across the nation.



Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien (right) is greeted at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport by U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large (center), and John F. Roetzel.

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Sweeney Cool to Running for Governor

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney apparently is pulling himself out of the Democratic battle for the gubernatorial nomination.

Yesterday Sweeney publicly urged State Sen. Frank W. King of Toledo to be the Democratic standard bearer against Republican Gov. James A. Rhodes next year.

Sweeney insisted that did not mean he had decided against running for governor.

"I have said all along that I would defer to Sen. King," Sweeney declared.

BUT SOURCES close to Ohio's at-large congressman said Sweeney has privately given them his decision "to sit this one out," as one politician put it.

Sweeney's urging of King came as he announced that he and the Senate Democratic leader would meet over dinner tonight in Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland.

"I am urging Sen. King to lead the Democratic party in the 1966 campaign," Sweeney said. "I feel Sen. King has been very effective as a state senator. As a Democratic leader he has displayed a unique capability to develop unity of action in the Senate."

MOST OBSERVERS doubt that King wants to clash head-on with Rhodes, however. King probably would have to resign his post as state president of the AFL-CIO to run for governor, but would not have to do so to seek to retain his Senate seat, which he would have virtually locked up.

If he runs for governor, King would be taking the chance of losing two jobs. On the other hand, observers feel, there is a strong possibility the next state Senate would be a Democratic one and King thus would become majority leader.

Other Democrats who are considering the run include former Gov. Michael V. DiSalle, who has pledged to pass up the race if Cleveland Council President James V. Stanton runs, and State Reps. A. G. Lancione of Bellare and Harry H. McIlwaine of Cincinnati.

Larry O'Brien Is Man of Action

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By JAMES M. NAUGHTON

Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien is not likely to begin writing a book about the late President Kennedy, he said in Cleveland yesterday.

The new chief of America's 600,000 postal workers smiled and told why: "I'm a little bit derelict, in fact, in writing letters."

IF NOTHING else, the first three weeks on his new job have taught him it's a full-time obligation, said O'Brien. Washington political observers long have noted that whatever Larry O'Brien is up to is a full-time job.

O'Brien, a redhead with a cavernous voice, was among the most trusted advisers of President Kennedy. When the President was assassinated, O'Brien stayed on at the White House, playing a major role in getting President Johnson's legislative program through Congress.

IN CLEVELAND yesterday to honor U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, O'Brien refused to take any credit for the legislative victories.

"At no time in our history has there been as close a rapport between a president and Congress," O'Brien told a news conference in Hotel Carter. He quickly added that "anyone who views the record of the first session of this Congress will find that Congress placed its imprint on all the measures."

O'Brien, just 48 years old, said he considered it "the greatest experience conceivable to have in a lifetime served two of the greatest presidents."

OF THE PRESIDENTIAL advisers in Kennedy's "Irish Mafia," O'Brien was said to be the action man.

Typically, O'Brien said Mr. Johnson's cabinet still has "an unfinished agenda" in Congress.



Lawrence F. O'Brien

He answered a few more questions and then rose to get about finishing the agenda.

Cities, Not U.S., Must Halt Watts Riots, Sweeney Says

City Hall rather than the federal government must pre-vent Cleveland's Hough and Glenville areas from seeing the tragedy of Watts area in Los Angeles at view was presented at a day-long conference of Americans for Democracy Action yesterday by Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large.

Sweeney said the poverty and related programs are not an attempt by the federal government to set up or to take over city affairs, nor were the amounts of federal money depending enough to solve the problems that lead to

City Hall, which has been criticized by the NAACP as "intentional gerrymandering of the state to prevent a Negro from representing Ohio in the U.S. Congress."

"Unveiled, undi-vised attempts in the Gov. James A. Rhodes reapportionment plan to exclude Negroes from the Ohio Senate."

"Poor people, disadvantaged people, will respond to community development in direct proportion to how close they feel to City Hall, the Welfare Federation and other local agencies," Sweeney said.

He said municipal authorities must walk as they talk concerning brotherhood, Sweeney also said he was

garrymandering of the state to prevent a Negro from representing Ohio in the U.S. Congress."

Proposed charter amendments in Cleveland "on the heels of such an election as we just had" to prevent a Negro from becoming mayor.

THE PURPORTED gerrymandering dangers were discussed earlier in the day by Ralph Budd, former U.S.

By Hibernians

St. Patrick Is Hailed at Sea-Green Fete

The Crystal Hall of the Hotel Carter was as green as an Irish carnation last night as more than 300 members and friends of the oldest Irish society in America gathered to pay homage to St. Patrick. It was the 98th annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet of the Cuyahoga County Ancient Order of Hibernians and La-

dies Auxiliary. The happy crowd was filled with Cleveland's political and civic leaders. Many of the ladies were dressed in the traditional color of the day while all the men sported either flashing green ties or tinted carnations, springs of shamrock on their lapels.

The serious note of the evening was sounded by U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, who reminded members of the audience that they never should forget the discriminations and hardships overcome by their Irish forebears. He urged them to do their part in seeing that all Americans secure the rights that their ancestors fought for them to enjoy.

SWEENEY, A PAST national director of the Hibernians, added: "We are no longer a people discriminated against. The signs on the factories that Irish need not apply have been taken down. The sign also was taken down at the White House when President Kennedy was elected."

Honored at the banquet were Charles J. Corrigan, Hibernian Man of the Year, and Miss Mary Ann Ryan, Woman of the Year.

Corrigan, Cleveland's assistant police prosecutor, was given the honor for his outstanding work in organizing Division 2 of the Hibernians on the West Side. He is also the financial secretary of the organization's county board.

Jobless Training Set for Columbus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressman-at-Large Robert E. Sweeney, D-O., said yesterday there will be a \$627,066 training program for 300 unemployed persons in Columbus to be carried out under the manpower Development and Training Act of 1962, conducted jointly by the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare.

Bill Asks U.S. to Ease Larry's Medical Cost

A bill to aid Lt. Lawrence Crowell to Cleveland last Friday aboard an Air Force plane. Crowell now is in Highland View Hospital.

Sweeney, D-at-large. The bill would allow the government to pay Crowell's medical expenses while he was in a New Jersey Air Force hospital with a broken neck.

Crowell, son of Mr and Mrs. George E. Crowell Jr., 16525 Fischer Road N.W., was injured in a diving accident in August.

Crowell was commissioned a second lieutenant and not yet assigned to active duty.

SWEENEY'S BILL, introduced Tuesday, also would cover the cost of returning

In part, Sweeney's bill states: "That Lieutenant Lawrence G. Crowell is relieved of any liability to the United States arising out of his hospitalization at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and (2) transportation incident to such hospitalization. "In the audit and settlement of the account of any certifying or disbursing officer of the United States, credit shall be given for amounts for which liability is relieved by this act."

Defense Contract Probe A

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WASHINGTON—Ohio Congressman-at-Large Robert E. Sweeney demanded yesterday that a commission be set up to investigate the "integrity" of the Pentagon which, Sweeney charged, has been unfair to Ohio on defense contract awards.

The freshman Cleveland Democrat said he will have a bill prepared to "create a federal commission of a permanent nature . . . to report on discriminatory practices in-

award of government contracts." The congress-

SWEENEY ASSERTED: "I candidly charge that the department is playing favorites in the space field, and I am currently investigating a case where a Cleveland missile and space contractor was deprived of his contract because of political pressure exerted by the Defense Department."

Asked to name the contractor, Sweeney said he would not do so until his probe was completed. Ohio ranked eighth place and a percentage of 22.

Sweeney Asks Report on Renewal

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-Ohio, said yesterday he would ask William L. Slayton, U.S. urban renewal commissioner, for a full report on his inspection tour of two Cleveland urban renewal projects last week.

Sweeney said he also would seek "massive" enforcement of the city housing code by Housing Commissioner Charles L. Sheboy and ask Judge Augustus G. Parker, chief justice of Municipal Court, to name several judges to staff a "housing court" to enforce the code.

He said his remarks should not be construed as criticism

of Mayor Ralph S. Locher's administration.

"I AM THOROUGHLY satisfied that the mayor is doing everything possible to reverse the tide in the Hough and University-Euclid areas," he said.

"I want to know from Slayton," Sweeney said, "whether he feels the housing schedule in Cleveland is proceeding to his satisfaction."

"I can't speak for Slayton," Sweeney continued, "but it is certainly clear that more investment of effort is needed in the Negro district of Cleveland."

HOUSING conditions in Cleveland also require a spe-

cial housing court, Sweeney said.

"We should have a court where we can crack down on slumlords who are exacting exorbitant rents from the

poorest people and who seem to be successful in flaunting the orders of the building department," he said.

Sweeney also said a massive education program is needed to educate property owners on how they may obtain federal loans and grants under the 1965 Housing Act to repair their properties.

U.S. Rep. Charles A. Vanik, D-21, said he would reserve comment on Slayton's visit until he has an opportunity to examine Slayton's report and to meet with him.

Slayton came to Cleveland at his request Sweeney said. Last January, Slayton toured the University-Euclid project and called for a speedup of the housing rehabilitation program there.

Ohio Group Explodes on A-Plant Site

By THOMAS R. GUTHRIE
Chief, Plain Dealer Bureau

WASHINGTON — Not even the smashing of the first atom by the Atomic Energy Commission's proposed \$220-million atom smasher—wherever it may be located—will rival the explosion here yesterday when it became known that the Defense Department had announced it was unable to offer a site for the project at Ravenna Arsenal.

There were these developments:

- Sen. Frank J. Lausche, perturbed by the turn of events, announced he would call his seven-man congressional committee, appointed to spearhead the drive to win the AEC project for Ravenna, to a meeting Monday with Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance. The meeting, said Lausche, would be exploratory. It will be held the day prior to the AEC deadline of June 15 for submission of proposals for the accelerator.

- At the instigation of congressmen dismayed by the seeming confusion surrounding the situation, a breakfast meeting of the Ohio congressional delegation was set for 8:15 this morning.

- A delegation representing the chambers of commerce of Chillicothe, Portsmouth and Pike County met with Sen. Lausche and seven congressmen from southern Ohio to push the case of Piketon as the site for the atom smasher.

- U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, issued a statement blasting Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes for "failing to check out his facts on Ravenna," and urging the governor and the Ohio congressmen who

had previously supported Ravenna to "abandon the project" and get in line in support of Piketon.

- U.S. Rep. William H. Harsha, R-Portsmouth, pleaded the case for Piketon not only on the availability of land and facilities, but also on the heavy unemployment in the surrounding counties.

THE 14 COUNTIES immediately adjacent to other proposed sites in Ohio, he said, had an average unemployment rate of 4.026%, while the national average was 4.7%. In the 14 counties adjacent to Pike County, the unemployment rate was 9.3%. The Piketon group turned with a printed, bound presentation dealing with the properties of the site and the availability of water, power, transportation and research development organizations. If Piketon were to be sited adjacent to the AEC's gaseous diffusion plant in Pike County,

Nominate Mark McElroy

Democrats of Ohio would be wise to nominate Mark McElroy for state attorney general, in the May 3 primary election.

McElroy performed well in that office when he held it for the term from 1959 through 1962.

He shaped and pushed through a predominantly Republican legislature a substantial set of laws cracking down on gambling racketeers, frauds, gyms and fake bankruptcies.

He originated a system for collecting debts owed to the state but gathering dust in dead-beat files.

McElroy's political style often is reminiscent of old party politics. He plays the game by a rather old set of rules. That is how he got appointed county recorder by his party's leaders, for faithful party service.

But McElroy has proved he can administer a state-sized office creditably, carrying heavy work loads and big responsibilities.

His opponent is Robert E. Sweeney, Ohio's congressman at large. Due to re-



Mark McElroy

districting, the at-large seat will be abolished after this term.

Sweeney is quick, aggressive and emotional. He is in his first elective office. He owes to McElroy some of his experience in government. McElroy appointed him as a special counsel in 1959.

McElroy is the more seasoned campaigner and has compiled a longer record of satisfactory public service. And he has been elected a councilman, a state senator and attorney general, and ran some good primary races. He gave Michael DiSalle a hard run in 1962.

The Plain Dealer endorses McElroy for nomination in the Democratic primary.

The winner of that primary will face the Republican incumbent, William B. Saxbe, in November. Saxbe has no opposition in the May election.

Sweeney Assails Birth Pill Use

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, yesterday said he would call for a congressional investigation of birth control pills unless an immediate study is launched by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

He said the FDA should ask a committee of scientists to probe the effects of the pills. Sweeney cited reports which, he said, showed an increased incidence of strokes, blood clots, eye damage and breast tumors among users.

Sweeney said that like thalidomide—the tranquilizer that resulted in thousands of malformed babies — birth control

drugs are being distributed "under government auspices" before conclusive tests of their effects are completed.

"EACH AND EVERY one of us," he said, "has a constitutional right to be free from medical experimentation until such time as the merits of the drugs on the market are completely proven."

"The Congress of the United States is vitally concerned on this issue in view of the fact that many of our agencies abroad are disseminating the birth control pill and that its use is being widely promoted,

parenthood here at home."

If no scientific study is initiated by the government, Sweeney said he would ask the committee on government operations to investigate the pills as soon as Congress reconvenes.

Crile Site Urged for Community College Campus

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, urged the U.S. General Services Administration yesterday to release a Crile Hospital site in Parma for transfer to the Cuyahoga Community College.

Sweeney wrote to Lawson B. Knott Jr., GSA administrator, and John Gardner, new health, education and welfare secretary.

He said that the college enrollment this year would be about 8,000 and that Cuyahoga Community College was "in desperate need" of acquiring additional facilities in its efforts to fulfill its commitment to students of college level.

Sweeney noted that 10 mayors in the area had urged the proposed transfer for college purposes. He said the city of Parma had at present many thousands of children in public school and that the

Housing Seminars Set in Hough Area

A series of neighborhood housing seminars to explain the provisions of the new federal housing act to residents of the Hough area are scheduled to be held within the next 60 days.

Plans for the seminars, featuring top officials of the newly created Department of Housing and Urban Development, were set up yesterday at a meeting of East Side clergymen with U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large.

SWEENEY MET with seven members of Clergymen Units for the Rehabilitation of Euclid Avenue (CURE).

He said that although Congress provided the new tools for rehabilitation in renewal areas, they have not been explained to those who might benefit from the law.

"Mayor Locher, Renewal Director Lister and the renewal staff may know the provisions of the \$1,500 grant for fixing up a home and rent supplements, but the John Doe in the street does not," said Sweeney.

AS SOON AS ministers set up the neighborhood seminars in various East Side churches, the federal officials will be brought in, he added.

Sweeney said the ministers are concerned over the lack of cooperation from the courts which result in a "slap of the wrist" for housing code violators and for landlords who create overcrowded conditions.

To help get citizen and business cooperation, a meeting is scheduled for 8 p. m. Dec. 1 in the Unitarian Society of Cleveland 8143 Euclid Avenue.



Sons of Rep. Robert E. Sweeney on way to Boy Scout camp near Washington. With father are Marty, 11, Billy, 13, Danny, 14, and Bobby, 15. There are seven more Sweeney children back home.

Politics in Perspective

Who Will Challenge Rhodes?

By RAY DORSEY

RARELY HAVE OHIO'S Democrats seemed at such a loss for an outstanding gubernatorial candidate with the filing deadline for such candidacies less than five months away.

Only two of the party's members have announced they would seek the nomination for the top job now occupied by Republican Gov. James A. Rhodes.

Both have to be considered minor candidates, little known outside their own areas, though one, Al Mancione, is Democratic leader of the Ohio House. The other is Harry H. McIlwain, a state representative from Cincinnati. The names of both are unfamiliar to most residents of Greater Cleveland, where a considerable chunk of the Democratic vote is located.

Former Gov. Michael V. DiSalle is making noises as if he would like nothing better next year than to have a second chance against the man who unseated him in 1962.

DISALLE UNDOUBTEDLY is able to bolster his normally better-than-average supply of optimism by recalling that in 1953 he thoroughly thrashed former governor C. William O'Neill after the latter had done exactly the same thing to him in 1956.

But many of Mike's friends in Cleveland have told me they are trying to dissuade him from running again next year. Their arguments are impressive: that Rhodes would do more and his popularity around the state make him unbeatable; that, unlike O'Neill, Rhodes has made no big mistakes; that Mike is doing well in private life and should not sacrifice himself to another trouncing.



RAY DORSEY

Another name being mentioned in some quarters as a possible opponent for Rhodes is that of Frank W. King, Ohio Senate Democratic leader and president of the Ohio CIO-AFL.

BUT MANY PROFESSIONALS in the Democratic party are convinced it would be a serious mistake to have the party represented in the gubernatorial contest by a man so closely identified with organized labor. They fear the Republicans could make the charge stick that the tail—labor—was wagging the dog—the Democratic party.

One bright new star who figures in discussion about a Democratic candidate for governor is Congressman-at-Large Robert E. Sweeney. He has a popular surname, one that has always done well on the statewide ballot. In his first term in Congress he has shown himself to be energetic and enterprising. In 1962 he made a creditable though unsuccessful race for Ohio attorney general. And his job as congressman-at-large has been eliminated, effective at the end of his present term.

BUT SWEENEY APPEARS to have no stomach for wanting to take on Jim Rhodes. He gives every indication of fearing that 1966 will not be the year for a Democrat to advance himself in Ohio.

Instead Sweeney, who lives in Bay Village, in the 23rd Congressional District, is eyeing the job of Michael A. Feighan, veteran Democratic representative of the 20th District.

But Sweeney may find Feighan no easier a prey than Rhodes, inasmuch as another Sweeney, State Rep. Michael A. Sweeney, has announced as a candidate against Feighan in next year's Democratic primaries—and the presence of two Sweeneys on the ballot would virtually assure Feighan of again winning his party's nomination.

Fusco May Be Next City SBA Administrator

Thad Fusco, former clerk of Cleveland City Council, may be in line for the post of administrator of the Small Business Administration office here.

Fusco yesterday confirmed that he had been in Washington last week to talk with Eugene P. Foley, SBA administrator. He also said he conferred with members of the Ohio congressional delegation.

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, is one of the major backers of Fusco for the \$14,000-a-year federal post. Albert S. Porter, county Democratic chairman, was reported to have endorsed Fusco.

Henry P. Kosling, former administrator, suddenly resigned the position on July 2 after holding the job for four months.

Three for the Tax

The city income tax will be approved if positive-thinking voters want Cleveland to keep pace with other major cities of the United States.

Such is the feeling of Congressman-at-Large Robert E. Sweeney who has added his support as a proponent of Issue No. 7 to be voted on in Tuesday's election.

Congressman Sweeney's endorsement followed that of United States Sen. Frank J. Lausche who likewise feels that the municipal spending program is sound and that the needs of the city are urgent. Passage of the tax issue is vital for progress and these elected officials have testified Cleveland must approve it to remain a "city on the move."

Proponents for the tax also welcomed the support given it by Bishop Nicholas T. Elko, head of the Byzantine Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, which includes Cleveland.

Bishop Elko encouraged his Cleveland congregation to support the tax, pointing out that "the benefits achieved by other cities through such a tax can attain similar advantages to Cleveland in expanding services and facilities for the health, safety and welfare of all its citizens."

Assistance Programs Seminar Draws 40 From Ohio 11th Area

By THOMAS R. GUTHRIE Chief, Plain Dealer Bureau
WASHINGTON—More than 40 county and city officials of the 11th congressional district of Ohio are on Capitol Hill for a two-day seminar intended to familiarize them with state and federal assistance programs.

The seminar, which embraces Geauga, Lake, Ashtabula, Portage and Trumbull counties, is sponsored by Rep. J. William Stanton, R-Painesville, who served in county government for eight years.

His experience during those years led him to the idea for the seminar.

"I FEEL THAT IF just one good, new idea is found as to how we can better represent the residents of our area," he said, "the entire seminar will be well worth while."

The seminar, he feels, can improve the existing lines of communication between the federal government and local authorities, and perhaps open up new lines where none now exist.

As a result of their experiences here yesterday and today, and the personal contacts made with federal agency aides, local authority representatives, it is hoped, may make use of those contacts to help resolve local problems.

AMONG THE WORKSHOP leaders yesterday were representatives from the office of economic opportunity and the public health service. Today they will include representatives of the Housing and Home Finance agency, the Department of Commerce, the Office of Education, the Welfare Administration and the Department of Labor. Topics included the Job Corps, community action program, water and air pollution, hospital and medical facilities, urban renewal, public housing, highways, vocational education and manpower administration.

Speakers yesterday were headed by the minority leader of the House, Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, and Democrat Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, Ohio's at-large congressman.

SWEENEY WAS SO sold on the idea of the seminar that he felt it should be broadened to incorporate all of Ohio's 88 counties in the next two years.

Rep. Walter H. Moeller, D-Lancaster, who represents the 10th district, held the first seminar. He held a one-day session but admitted that there was not enough time to devote to the idea.

Officials from the 11th district taking part in the seminar:

LAKE COUNTY—Commission Chairman John Hadden, Louis Vinour, administrator, John Garner, sanitary engineer and Jack Donovan, executive director, planning commission, Painesville—Dale Helsel, city manager, Charles B. Noren, city engineer, Mentor—Allen M. Perrins Jr., city manager, Willoughby—Mayor Harold E. Richford, Louis Furl, law director, Willoughby—Mayor Don Sweetland, Eastlake—Mayor H. V. Johnson II
PORTAGE COUNTY—Commissioner Bob R. ...
ASHTABULA COUNTY—Commissioner ...
PAINESVILLE—Commissioner ...

Rhodes Hit for Failing to Testify on Appalachia

Plain Dealer Bureau
WASHINGTON—Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-O., criticized Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes yesterday for failing to testify before Congress on the Appalachian development program.

Sweeney is a Democratic congressman-at-large whose seat will be abolished by 1968, Rhodes a Republican governor whose term expires that year.

The Cleveland congressman declared that seven of the 11 governors whose states were affected by the legislation had testified before either the House or Senate committees considering the bill.

"It is appalling to note the lack of enthusiasm from the very beginning of this program on the part of the governor of Ohio," he said. "This is a \$1.4 billion program which affects 24 of the 88 counties of Ohio which are suffering from desperate conditions and are in dire need of economic development."

4 Ohioans Get Key House Jobs

All four new Ohio Democratic congressmen have won places on important House committees, it was learned yesterday after a meeting of the House Committee on Committees in Washington.

The group, made up of Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee, controls assignments of new members.

THERE WAS LITTLE doubt that Rep. Charles A. Vanik, 21st District, newly named to the Ways and Means Committee, was instrumental in getting assignments for the others.

Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, at large, is going on the Public Works Committee. Going on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee will be John J. Gilligan of Cincinnati. Rodney M. Love of Dayton will be on the Armed Services Committee. Walter H. Moeller of Lancaster goes on the Science and Astronautics and the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees.

Aimed at Underwood

Bill Would Force Judges to Retire

THOMAS R. GUTHRIE Chief, Plain Dealer Bureau
WASHINGTON—Legislation to bring about compulsory retirement of federal judges at age 70 is being introduced by Ohio Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large.

Such legislation, Sweeney believes, will "relieve problems such as those that have arisen in the Southern District of Ohio" where 73-year-old Judge Mell G. Underwood has ignored a resolution of the

Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that he step down from the bench because of inefficiency in tackling his docket.

Sweeney's decision was prompted by figures supplied by the administrative office of the United States Courts, division of procedural studies and statistics, showing that of the 378 federal judges in the United States, 52 are 70 years of age or older.

THE OLDEST FEDERAL

WHY IS OVER 70

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE IN OHIO

U.S. Should Pay Larry's Doctor Bills, Sweeney Says

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, said yesterday the federal government has "a moral obligation" to help pay the medical expenses of Lt. Lawrence G. Crowell.

Sweeney also said he intends to introduce in Congress legislation that would provide medical coverage for reserve officers, such as Crowell, who have been commissioned but not assigned to active duty.

Crowell, 21-year-old second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve, broke his neck last month in a New Jersey diving accident. He worked in New Jersey this summer while awaiting assignment to active duty.

HIS PARENTS, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Crowell Jr., 1625 Fischer Road N.W., are faced with a \$42-a-day bill from a New Jersey Army hospital.

Now they face paying for his care in the neurology section of Highland View Hospital. Crowell was flown here Friday night from New Jersey.

Under existing regulations there does not seem to be any precedent for payment of bills during this interim period when these graduate lieutenants with reserve commissions are awaiting active duty assignment, Sweeney said.

"I AM TOLD that there are some 6,000 to 8,000 reserve officers sworn in each year who are later assigned to active duty. In Larry's case, he was to report for active service as of October, 1965."

Sweeney indicated that in cases where the Air Force actually swears in Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) graduates, the government should be responsible for medical payments and services until they are assigned to active duty.

Sweeney said that since Aug. 14 he and Sen. B. Everett Jordan, D-N.C., have been trying to help the Crowell family.

Sweeney, Young Feud Over Fusco

Sen. Stephen M. Young, D-O., and Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, Ohio's Democratic congressman at large, disagree sharply on the candidacy of Thad Fusco for a Small Business Administration post in Cleveland.

Fusco, former clerk of Cleveland City Council, has the endorsement of Sweeney for the post of SBA director in northern Ohio.

Young said yesterday that Fusco "would not be acceptable to me. I have not blocked the appointment because it is my information that he is not being considered seriously."

YOUNG SAID he learned the SBA seeks a person who has had banking and loan experience and "Thad Fusco is devoid of that experience."

Sweeney told the Associated Press in Washington that he refused to defer to the senator's judgment in the matter.

"Thad Fusco is a very astute and competent businessman in the insurance industry," Sweeney said. "He has rich experience in public service. He is a man of great ability and good reputation. He ought to be given serious consideration."

IN ADDITION, friends and strangers have inquired about him. A letter to The Plain Dealer from Mrs. Virginia Del Baglino of Secaucus, N.J., said that people in New Jersey are anxious to help.

"Larry is most deserving and we would like to show him that our hearts are with him," she wrote. "A boy so willing to die for his country is now robbed of his chance to serve his country. We are interested in knowing if there is to be a fund for this young man."

"Everyone has been so kind," said Crowell's mother. "We get letters and calls from friends and relatives and even strangers."

11:45 TIME — Robert E. Sweeney, Ohio's congressman-at-large, will speak at the 98th annual St. Patrick's Day banquet and dance March 17 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Cuyahoga County. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. in Hotel Carter. Ralph Keating and his orchestra will play.

Democrats to Poll County Chairmen

Ohio's 88 Democratic county chairmen will be polled by mail to determine their favorite for the party's gubernatorial nomination next year, it was learned yesterday.

Hugo Alexander, leader of the Democratic County Chairmen's Association, said the ballots would be mailed to county chairmen today from Steubenville, where Alexander is party chief.

Each county chairman will be asked to evaluate these six possible governor candidates: Gov. James V. Rhodes should be mailed back to an impartial agency — perhaps an State counting firm — within 10 days, said Alexander.

Alexander was among six rural county chairmen who appealed to Sweeney in D-Bellaire, and Harry H. McIlwaine, D-Cincinnati.

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Udall Slights Ohio, Says Sweeney

Plain Dealer Bureau WASHINGTON — Congressman-at-Large Robert E. Sweeney, D-O., yesterday charged that Interior Secretary Stewart Udall was "grossly discriminating" against the state of Ohio in allocating Interior expenditures.

Pointing out that Ohioans paid \$6,693,373,000 in federal income taxes, Sweeney said that only \$3,698,500 in Interior Department funds would be spent in Ohio out of the new interior budget of \$837,249,000.

Thus, though Ohio pays the sixth highest income taxes in the nation, the Buckeye State is rated 34th in obtaining Interior Department funds, Sweeney added.

The Clevelander said Ohio families now have to go to Michigan, Kentucky and West Virginia because the Interior Department has neglected to develop wild life and recreational facilities in Ohio.

Shriver Plans City Schools Visit to Launch Project Head Start

Plain Dealer Bureau WASHINGTON — Project Head Start in Cleveland is to be given a flying start by R. Sargent Shriver, federal planner of the war on poverty.

Responding to an invitation yesterday from U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, Shriver agreed to visit Cleveland in the week of July 12 "to make an on-site school inspection" and to demonstrate to Cleveland that the Office of Economic Opportunity is "sincere in its efforts to do some

thing effective to assist the poor in the area."

The Plain Dealer learned of Shriver's planned visit after his office had announced grants totaling \$743,396 for the operation of Project Head Start in Cuyahoga County.

SHRIVER and Sweeney met in the latter's office here to discuss the war on poverty in Cleveland and actions that allegedly were "undermining" the effort.

Sweeney particularly brought to Shriver's attention the refusal of insurance companies to give home and automobile coverage to people in the poorest areas.

group handling the anti-poverty campaign, a representative organization composed of experienced personnel.

Cleveland, he said, has an antipoverty program that is workable. What is required is confidence and support for the effort, he said.

Project Head Start in Cleveland will be a program for 5,760 preschool children.

It aims to prepare for school children from impoverished homes by increasing their verbal skills and introducing them to the things that can happen in a classroom.

Amend Code on Disability, Sweeney Asks

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WASHINGTON—Amendment of the section of the U.S. Code dealing with judicial disability was urged yesterday by Rep. Robert E. Sweeney of Cleveland, D-at-large, when U.S. District Judge Mell G. Underwood made known his refusal to retire.

Judge Underwood has been under pressure by the U.S. Court of Appeals to retire since last March.

Calling the Underwood investigation "a tragedy that is a blot upon the excellent reputation of the federal judiciary in Ohio," Sweeney said it is an exceptional case that marred the record of service of all the working judges of the federal judicial system.

"THERE SHOULD be little

room for concern for the loafing executive, the loafing legislator, or the loafing judge," he added.

The congressman said he was "utterly astounded at the lack of restraint emanating from the courtroom of Judge Underwood, wherein he allegedly indicated to the six judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, who demanded his retirement on the basis of inefficiency and slow-moving docket, that they 'can go to hell!'"

SPEAKING AS a member of the bar of Ohio, as well as congressman at large and a citizen of Ohio, Sweeney declared: "This was a sad day for the federal judiciary, and it won't help the long-range reputation of the court to

brush the investigation under the rug.

"It will be sadder still," he said, "if the federal judiciary on all levels, and the public of Ohio, are without power to straighten out this sad situation accordingly."

HE SUGGESTED that the U.S. Code be amended to make it mandatory upon circuit judges to certify to the President findings of disability to a judge.

Sweeney's criticism came shortly after he asked the legislative reference division here for suggestions as to how Congress might provide the federal judiciary with more effective tools to curb "this type of alleged nonfeasance in office."

SWEENEY ALSO took a

swing at Ohio Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe who, he said, still owes the people of Ohio an explanation as to "how it came to pass that a man such as his assistant in the Joey Naples case, who had previously been disbarred from the practice of law by the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio, ever got on his staff as an assistant attorney general and a spokesman for the general public."

SWEENEY WAS referring to John F. Cianflona, former assistant state attorney general who was fired for his handling of the Naples case in U.S. District Court in Columbus last December. Underwood was the judge.

Naples, a Youngstown numbers man, entered the state

penitentiary after being convicted in April, 1964 of racketeering and receiving stolen guns. Naples filed a writ of habeas corpus which was at first opposed by Cianflona. At a hearing on Dec. 22 Cianflona reversed himself and recommended to Judge Underwood that Naples be released. He did not explain why he had changed his mind. Nor did Underwood ask.

IN 1947 Cianflona was suspended from the practice of law for six months. He had pleaded guilty to taking tax cards from the office of the Public Utilities Commission, where he was then employed as an attorney-examiner, having them stamped "tax paid" and then mailing them to friends in the trucking industry.

Ohio Growth Lags Behind Midwest, U.S.

By THOMAS R. GUTHRIE
Chief, Plain Dealer Bureau

WASHINGTON—Ohio is not keeping pace with the rest of the nation in nonagricultural employment, and personal income in the state is lagging behind the national figure.

This gloomy picture of conditions in Ohio was painted yesterday by U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D, the state's congressman at large, when he called for "drastic action to reverse the pattern of departure of industry from our state."

Sweeney compared the performance of the Ohio economy to that of the nation and other Great Lakes states on the basis of figures supplied by the Library of Congress and the Department of Commerce.

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18%, Indiana's 16%, Wisconsin's 15%, and Illinois's 14%.

Sweeney then takes selected industries such as rubber, primary and fabricated metals, machinery and transportation equipment. Generally since 1962 Ohio's rate of employment growth has lagged, he found.

In the rubber industry, Ohio's increase is 4.9%. The U.S. figure is 5.6%, Indiana's 10.5%, Illinois' 12.9%, Michigan's 12.6% and Wisconsin's 8.5%.

THE FIGURES show primary metals U.S. 4.9%, Ohio 5.9%, Indiana 7.9%, Illi-

nois 7.8%, Michigan 9.1% and Wisconsin 5.5%.

• Fabricated metals: U.S. 5.2%, Ohio 8%, Indiana 13.1%, Michigan 13.1%, Illinois 3.8%, Wisconsin 3.8%.

• Machinery, exclusive of electrical: U.S. 7.9%, Ohio 7.7%, Indiana 10.8%, Illinois 15%, Michigan 8.5%, Wisconsin 11.7%.

• Transportation equipment: U.S. 4.2%, Ohio minus 0.1%, Michigan 13.9%, Indiana even; Illinois even; Wisconsin minus 4%.

SINCE 1962, the survey adds, total employment in manufacturing establishments

has risen 6.6% in Michigan, 3.8% in Indiana, 2.9% in Ohio, 2.8% in Illinois, and 2.6% in Wisconsin.

In a city-by-city comparison in the major labor areas of Ohio since 1962, the survey revealed that unemployment in the state has "dropped significantly in Youngstown, Stuebenville, and Canton, has dropped markedly in Cleveland, Toledo, Hamilton, Middletown, Dayton, Lorain and Elyria, has declined moderately in Akron and Cincinnati, and remained almost static in Columbus."

From these figures, Sweeney concludes that in Ohio,

"we certainly do have something to be concerned about."

HE REFERRED to the Census Bureau study released Friday in which Cleveland was shown to have suffered a drastic drop in population.

This, he said, tended to confirm the reports of an exodus of industry from the city.

He cited as examples of the departure of industry from Cleveland the National Screw Co. and Towmotor Corp. to Lake County and Grabler Manufacturing Co.

"Apparently," he says, "there is a need for a program to better sell Ohio and

to develop effective means to promote industrial growth.

The U.S. Department of Commerce figures, supplied chiefly by Ohio departments, are certainly gloomy."

Sweeney Raps Powell's Attack

Federal authorities should give officials of Cleveland's antipoverty program a chance to rebut charges of exclusion of the poor, U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, asserted yesterday.

The charges made before the House Education and Labor Committee last week by the Rev. Paul A. Younger, director of the Protestant Min-

a threat to cut off Cleveland's antipoverty funds.

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y., chairman of the House committee, yesterday asked the comptroller general to bar antipoverty funds to Cleveland, New York and Chicago.

"I do not know what the mind on in New York and Chicago but I think Powell is a national general-

poor on all levels of planning.

"Before such a drastic step is taken by federal authorities, every effort should be made to listen to other witnesses besides the two who received national publicity for their statements."

No Gaps in Ohio's AEC Front

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Ohio's chance of gaining the \$280-million atom-smashing plant at Ravenna depends on fast action and a united front.

Gov. James A. Rhodes laid it on the line at a Washington meeting yesterday. In blunt fashion he outlined the great potential value of the Atomic Energy Commission installation to Ohio. It would mean jobs. It would lure new business. It would be a tremendous complement to the state's growing list of expanding colleges and universities.

Such a plant on the available 3,000 acres at Ravenna Arsenal would be a terrific asset, not only for Cleveland, Akron and the surrounding counties, but also for the entire state.

But Ohio is in severe competition.

California, New York and Illinois want the installation, too. Their bids are determined. Chicago, for one example, is going all out to get the atom smasher in the Greater Chicago area.

Gov. Rhodes rightfully called for unanimity of the Ohio forces. Cleveland and Akron civic groups, college leaders, Ohio's senators and most representatives agreed.

Two congressmen said no. They were

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Robert E. Sweeney of Cleveland and Robert T. Secrest of Seneecaville.

Their refusal is inexcusable.

Secrest put in a bid for Pike County as a site, despite the fact the entire presentation, which must be made by June 15, is wholly concentrated now on the Ravenna location.

Sweeney's "no" is even more ridiculous.

The congressman-at-large explained he wanted to give other Ohio cities a chance to state their cases by June 10. This would leave only five days to consider applications, make a decision and prepare the presentation.

Such hasty action would result in chaos. It would be totally impractical.

If there is any foot-dragging in Ohio, it could influence the AEC adversely.

Sweeney and Secrest must fall in line and not allow petty provincial or political interests to prevent Ohio from having a solid lineup when it tells the AEC on June 15 that this state has in the Ravenna area the land, the water, the transportation, the jet air field, the science resources and the university facilities which the AEC demands for a smasher site.

Remap, Rights Talks Set for ADA Meeting

A double-barreled conference on reapportionment and civil rights will be held next Saturday by Americans for Democratic Action.

The state ADA conference beginning at 10:30 a.m. at ILGWU Hall, 3233 Euclid Avenue, will have two major themes:

- At 11 a.m., lawyer Raioh Rudd, former Democratic state representative of Lake County, will discuss gerrymandering and inherent in reapportionment. Rudd opposes the new system expected to be used for 1966 Ohio Legislature elections.

- At 1:30 p.m., U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, District-at-large, will speak on Washington's outlook on "Dynamite in the Cities," and how to avoid situations here like the Watts riot in Los Angeles.

Panelists for the rights-and-poverty discussion will be Morris Riger, district director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps; Samuel C. Sharp, executive director of the Community Action Program in Youngstown, and Harry Martin, executive director of the Citizens Committee on Youth, Cincinnati. Moderator will be Raphael Lewis, executive director of Cleveland's Community Action for Youth.

Politics in Perspective

The Sweeneys Are at It Again

By RAY DORSEY

THE SWEENEYS—U.S. Rep. Robert E. and State Rep. Michael A., that is—are at it again. And this time the point of dispute concerns which one will step aside and let the other try to beat U.S. Rep. Michael A. Feighan in the Democratic primary election next year.

Back in 1962 both Bob Sweeney and Mike Sweeney were anxious to run for the Democratic nomination for Ohio attorney general. They knew if they both got into the contest they would just kill each other off. Bob beat Mike to the draw by announcing first as a candidate, thus freezing Mike out.

Mike Sweeney resented this and did not forget it, though he said nothing at the time. But this year he was determined not to make the same mistake twice.



RAY DORSEY

ON APRIL 18 THE PLAIN DEALER carried his announcement that he would challenge Feighan for the 20th District seat, as this column predicted on March 14 he would do.

Incidentally, after that column appeared several friends of Bob Sweeney, whose seat as congressman-at-large vanishes at the end of next year because of redistricting, wrote me to say that, yes, a Sweeney would run against Feighan but that it would be Bob, not Mike.

U.S. Rep. Sweeney has continued to maintain silence as to his plans for next year. However, something he said at the Cuyahoga County Bar Association luncheon last week indicated quite strongly that he has his eyes on the 20th District. He called on U.S. Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, to relieve Mike Feighan's subcommittee of the administration's immigration bill that is bottled up there. This was a definite slap at Feighan.

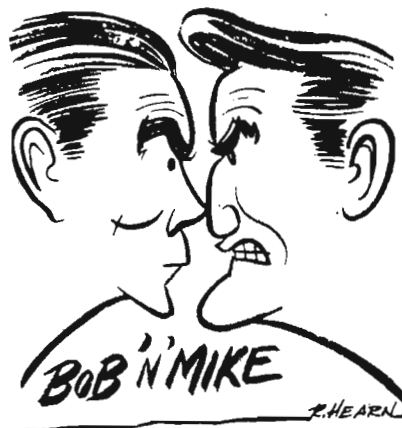
This illustrates one advantage U.S. Rep. Sweeney has over State Rep. Sweeney. The congressman is in

a better position to confront Feighan now and draw him into pre-campaign battle. Also, Bob has the additional advantage of being a member of Congress.

BUT MIKE SWEENEY HAS SOME important things going for him, too. The state representative was born, raised and educated in the 20th District and still lives there, while Bob Sweeney lives in the 23rd District. There is, of course, nothing to bar a congressional candidate from living in one district and running in another but it subjects him to attack as an "outsider."

In addition, Mike Sweeney has more legislative experience than Bob, inasmuch as Mike is serving his fifth term in the Ohio House as against only one term, the present, in Congress for Bob.

Best break for Feighan, the veteran of more than 22 years as representative of the 20th District, would be if both Mike and Bob insisted on running. This is unlikely.



Ohio A-Plant Chance Held Not in Jeopardy

By THOMAS R. GUTHRIE
Cleveland Plain Dealer Bureau

WASHINGTON—Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission yesterday denied that Ohio's chances of winning the planned \$50-million atom smasher had been jeopardized by reported political bickering.

"We have received no reports of any discussion regarding the Ohio site," he said.

He also rejected the "good accounts" that Robert E. Sweeney of Ohio and Ohio's congressman at large, had attempted to influence the AEC in the choice of any particular site in the state.

SEABORG MADE known his views in a telegram to Sweeney in which he replied to six questions posed by the freshman Democrat. His answer to Sweeney's first question indicated that the Johnson administration had so far not announced any intention of abandoning plans to build the atomic accelerator because of the financial demands of the war in South Viet Nam.

"The AEC," said Seaborg, is still planning to proceed with this project."

Sweeney told The Plain Dealer that Seaborg's telegram now "corrects a lot of untrue statements that certain Republican politicians are making concerning me and Congressman Kirwan."

He meant Michael J. Kirwan of Youngstown, D-19.

"IT SEEMS TO ME," Sweeney added, "that Gov. Rhodes is laying the groundwork for Scripps-Howard Newspapers and the Columbus Dispatch to have me be the fall guy in the event Ravenna Arsenal is not ultimately selected by the AEC as the site for the accelerator."

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Sweeney Suggested for Job as Rusk Aide

U. S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, has been commended for a federal appointment when his term in Congress expires in January.

The recommendation came a letter from U.S. Rep. Michael A. Forghan, D-20, secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Forghan proposed that Sweeney be named assistant secretary of state for congressional relations.

The post is now held by Douglas MacArthur II, who is expected to retire. MacArthur is a nephew of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Reached at his Bay Village home yesterday, Sweeney told The Plain Dealer, "I have no comment."

He was defeated in a November bid for the Ohio attorney general's post by Republican William B. Saxbe.

Congressional Insurance Quiz Asked

Sweeney now will ask for hearings on his resolution. After the resolution was introduced, Sweeney said that the insurance industry of Cleveland filed a report which amounted to a "whitewash" of the subject.

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ROBERT E. SWEENEY
ATTORNEY
BACKGROUND: U.S. Cleveland; Marshall law firm; WWII Army veteran; attorney.
POLITICAL CAREER: Democrat. Defeated for nomination for Cleveland mayor, 1955; defeated for state attorney general, 1962; U.S. representative, 1965-66.
HOME: 26821 Bruce Road, Bay Village. Married. Twelve children.

Crime War Called for by Sweeney

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, candidate for Ohio attorney general, urged yesterday that the Ohio Legislature appropriate \$5 million to wage an all-out war on crime.

Sweeney called for higher wages for police officers and establishment of regional police training programs.

Sweeney also urged the formation of a state internal revenue department to collect all taxes due the state. This unit, said Sweeney, would eliminate need for special counsel hired on a fee basis to collect money for the state.

'Line Forms on Right' When No Will Is Left

"A lot of people die in rooming houses. The landlady or another roomer or some friend comes into court and they say they had to take care of the dead man and nurse him and give him his meals. You have never seen a wife as solicitous as these people are with these poor dead devils."

—A Cleveland Lawyer

By DONALD L. BARLETT and
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If it hadn't been for Hyde J. Stewart, a half-dozen people would have been a few dollars poorer in 1963 and 1964.

Just about everyone who could collected something from Stewart—after the hard-working bachelor recluse died without leaving a will or any obvious heirs.

There were:

- Rose Cyrgalis, who lived in the same apartment house as Stewart at 8035 Superior Avenue N.E., and who collected \$2,000 as a "gift."
- The Mahon and Murphy funeral home, 13201 Euclid Avenue, which charged and collected \$1,284.90 for Stewart's funeral.
- Attorney John J. Sheehan, with offices in the Hanna Building, who received \$350 for legal services in connection with a guardianship application he filed two days before Stewart died on Feb. 15, 1963.
- Lena Bright Nursing Home, 1575 Mistletoe Drive, which picked up \$270.43 for the two days that Stewart was a resident.

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14 days before he died—"as a gift intended that it should be (her) sole property . . . in appreciation for care and friendship bestowed upon (him)."

Thus in two weeks, the amount of the claim spiraled from \$1,500 to \$9,447.95 and the basis changed from "services rendered" to a "gift for care and friendship."

IN ANSWERING Mrs. Cyrgalis' petition, Mooney denied that Stewart "during his lifetime made any gift of money of any amount whatsoever to (her)."

If she had a passbook belonging to Stewart, he charged, "it was obtained by fraud."

But on Dec. 11, 1963, Merrick ruled in a court order that "Stewart did make a gift in the sum of \$2,000 to Rose Cyrgalis" and he directed Mooney to pay the money from the estate.

SHORTLY BEFORE Stewart's death, Mooney had initiated action to have the 77-year-old retired handyman placed in the care of a guardian.

In the application for his fees, Mooney said he contacted Probate Court officials on Feb. 11, 1963, and described Stewart's poor physical condition.

He said the court referred him to Atty. John J. Sheehan and "together we visited Mr. Stewart's apartment. By this time he was unable to get out of bed."

ON FEB. 13, 1963, Mooney said, Sheehan made arrangements to have Stewart transferred to the Lena Bright Nursing Home. Sheehan filed an application in Probate Court to be appointed his guardian.

Stewart died Feb. 15, 1963, at the nursing home—where his two-day stay averaged out to a cost of \$135 a day.

The \$1,284 cost of Stewart's funeral, The Plain Dealer found, is in sharp contrast with funeral bills ranging from \$840 down to a low of \$385 in similar cases where there are no known relatives at the time of burial.

BOTH Sweeney and Mooney submitted statements to the court—to justify the ex-

IN ADDITION, as The Plain Dealer revealed earlier this week, the attorney and administrator for the estate received fees of more than \$5,500.

The lawyer, U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, Democrat candidate for state attorney general in November, asked for \$4,500 but was paid \$3,500.

The administrator, Richard J. Mooney, who called himself a "close friend" of Stewart, requested \$2,000 for "extraordinary services."

Cuyahoga County Probate Judge Frank J. Merrick reduced it to \$1,500. This was in addition to the \$577 fee allowed by state law.

BY THE TIME Stewart's affairs were closed out 15 months after he died, his estate had dropped from \$22,864.38 to \$12,605.26.

In his application for the extraordinary compensation, filed Sept. 18, 1963, Mooney stated that he investigated a claim by Mrs. Cyrgalis "for \$1,500 for services rendered the decedent.

"After the investigation was completed," he said, "(the claim) was rejected."

LESS THAN two weeks later, on Sept. 30, 1963, Mrs. Cyrgalis filed a petition for a declaratory judgment with the court.

She said that Stewart had given her the pass book to his Cleveland Trust Co. bank account, which contained \$9,447.95.

Stewart gave her the bank book, Mrs. Cyrgalis contended, about Feb. 1, 1963—

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tra large fees—itemizing time spent in handling the estate.

According to Mooney, in his statement requesting a \$2,000 fee, he did such things as:

- Make funeral arrangements for Stewart.
- Purchase a grave and order flowers.
- Order and oversee the installation of a grave marker.
- Spend "a whole week" sorting through papers, old receipts, canceled checks and assorted junk in Stewart's apartment.
- Notify all of Stewart's friends of his death "so that we would be sure of having sufficient pallbearers."
- Sell Stewart's car.

ACCORDING TO Sweeney, in his statement containing scores of entries indicating work done in the case, he did such things as:

- Have telephone conversations with Mooney and Sheehan.
- Arrange the bond for the administrator.
- Visit Stewart's apartment "for inspection of premises in an attempt to ascertain what, if anything, could be salvaged."
- Go to the courthouse to file the inventory listing Stewart's assets.
- Go to the bank to check Stewart's accounts.
- Go to the court to file an application for authority to sell Stewart's car.
- Make telephone calls to the Social Security office.

BOTH SWEENEY and Mooney were paid, in part, for their unsuccessful efforts in locating heirs of Stewart.

Because they failed to find any relatives, the \$12,605.26 that was left in Stewart's estate was turned over to the state of Ohio.

But Stewart did have relatives, as The Plain Dealer disclosed earlier this week:

Two cousins found by Plain Dealer reporters in Missouri Valley, Iowa.



Robert E. Sweeney
Plain Dealer Photo

Sweeney Is in Position to Aid Port

Congressman-at-large Robert E. Sweeney, a Bay Village Democrat, may be the man who can come to the aid of the Port of Cleveland in Washington.

Sweeney revealed yesterday he is in line to be assigned to the powerful House Committee on Public Works.

For Sweeney, a freshman U. S. representative, it would be an assignment bright with prestige. Sweeney said it is all but worked out. Ohio Democrats will recommend the assignment.

FOR CLEVELAND, Sweeney's appointment to the committee could be the best news out of Washington in a long time.

The public works committee has failed, since 1959, to act on a recommendation from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to widen and deepen Cleveland's port entrances.

Sweeney said that particular recommendation would be one of the first he would seek to have the committee act upon.

THE YOUNG (39) congressman said he also is deeply interested in federal legislation to help cities curb pollution.

As in laws covering air pollution, the federal government might offer a tax write-off as an incentive to private industry to install more effective water pollution controls, Sweeney said.

Ravenna or Bust Is Rhodes Plea for Ohio Atom Smasher Site

By THOMAS R. GUTHRIE
Chief, Plain Dealer Bureau
WASHINGTON—In a blunt, all-or-nothing speech, Gov. James A. Rhodes yesterday offered the Ohio congressional

delegation a choice: support Ravenna arsenal as the site of the Atomic Energy Commission's proposed \$280-million atom smasher, or forget about it altogether.

The governor indicated to the two senators and 12 representatives that there is no other site in the state which meets AEC specifications.

"RAVENNA IS Ohio's official site," Rhodes declared, "and we must be united on it."

Despite his tough talking which left no doubt that he would do all in his gubernatorial power to blast the plans of any Ohio community other than Ravenna, the vote was not the unanimous one the governor demanded.

On a resolution by Rep. Charles A. Vanik, Cleveland Democrat, that the delegation "overwhelmingly" urge the AEC to locate the accelerator laboratory in Ravenna, Democrats Robert E. Sweeney (at large) and Robert T. Secrest, Senecaville, gave a qualified no.

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They had said earlier they

felt other areas interested in the atom smasher should be given an opportunity to state their cases.

"WE WON'T GET a united Ohio," argued Sweeney, "if we get a steamroller grinding up the merits of other sites." Riding roughshod over other sites, he warned, "won't leave a good taste in the mouths of southern Ohioans."

In the state, eight of them state-assisted or supported, would be working closely with the atom smasher project to "show benefits all over Ohio."

Rhodes also predicted a major role in research and development for the newly created Cleveland State and Dayton's Wright Brothers State

Only A-Site—Rhodes

universities.

He listed the following present and future university research and development centers as additional arguments for locating the atom smasher at Ravenna.

Bowling Green—Under the "second plateau" plan it is visualized as a research and development center for food processing and packaging.

Kent State—has the liquid

crystal institute and is planning a center on paints and varnishes.

Miami—a \$10 million pulp and paper center.

Ohio State—a \$7.5 million highway research project.

Ohio University—a \$13 million chemistry and chemical engineering center.

Akron—an \$8 million rubber center.

Toledo—a \$9 million silica center.

Youngstown—an \$8 million civil and metallurgical engineering center.

Cincinnati—a \$3 million machine tool center.

Sweeney Terms U.S. Viet Force a Peace Patrol

Calling the U.S. forces in Viet Nam a "peace patrol," U.S. Rep. at-large Robert E. Sweeney, D-Ohio, told a cheering audience of Masons last night the United States would continue to fight until the rights of the Vietnamese for self-determination are guaranteed.

In a speech at Golden Square Masonic Lodge, 3350 Warrensville Center Road, Shaker Heights, Sweeney said we are in Viet Nam because "our own security is tied to the security of other free societies, both in Europe and in Asia."

He assailed critics of U.S. policy who have called for a suspension of military operations.

"The goal of our peace patrol in South Viet Nam, but only national goal," Sweeney declared, "is designed to end aggression as an instrument of national policy and to bring progress and better welfare to . . . millions throughout all Asia."

Sweeney to See Beauty Bill Signing

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, will be at the White House this afternoon when President Johnson signs the new highway beautification bill, passed by the Senate Sept. 16 and the House on Oct. 7.

Sweeney, coauthor of the bill, helped steer it through the subcommittee on roads of the House public works committee. He was invited to the 1:15 p.m. signing for his work to promote passage of the bill.

Racek Honored at Testimonial

Warrensville Heights Mayor William J. Racek was honored last night at a testimonial dinner sponsored by the Warrensville Heights Chamber of Commerce.

U. S. Representative-at-large Robert E. Sweeney, D. O., spoke at the dinner at the Highlander Motor Inn, 4353 Northfield Road, North Randall.

Racek is also the president of the Cuyahoga County Mayor's association.

U.S. Probe Asked in Oil Merger

By THOMAS R. GUTHRIE
Chief, Plain Dealer Bureau
WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice has been asked to make a thorough investigation into a proposed merger of Pure Oil Co., which has offices and refineries in Ohio, with Union Oil Co. of California. Under the merger, Union Oil would be the surviving corporation.

The merger, voted by the stockholders of Pure Oil July 2, was attacked in the House of Representatives by Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-At Large.

DESCRIBING Pure Oil as one of the largest corporations in Ohio, Sweeney said he was greatly concerned "because there is a great likelihood that Pure's Ohio headquarters (in Columbus) and its two large refineries (at Toledo and Newark) with daily crude capacity of 54,000 barrels will be closed. Hundreds of Ohio working men and women will suffer by such action."

Pure Oil was incorporated in Ohio, April 4, 1914, as Columbus Production Co. It became Pure Oil Co. July 1, 1920.

SWEENEY VOICED dismay that the state was losing a billion-dollar corporation with revenues in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

"At a time when Ohio is attempting to attract new industry," he said, "we are losing one of the world's largest corporations."

Pure Oil Co., which has its home office at Palatine, Ill., is rated the 13th largest oil company in the United States. It owns 459 oil and gas wells in the United States, Canada, Algeria, Italy and Venezuela. The company has reserves totaling more than 317 million barrels of oil and 2.8 trillion cubic feet of proved reserves of natural gas.

SWEENEY SAID Asst. Atty. Gen. Donald F. Turner is reportedly studying whether he will take court action to block the merger of Pure and Union which would result in a corporation with assets of about \$2 billion.

The size of runs oil grant

Keys, DiSalle Ally, Pops Up as Most Likely Candidate

J. Grant Keys, Lorain County Council President James V. Stanton said DiSalle's decision not to run did not alter his earlier decisions not to seek the nomination. When questioned about Keys as a possible candidate, however, Stanton said "I think he would be an excellent candidate."

Democratic party sources here said the withdrawal of former Gov. Michael V. DiSalle as a candidate cleared the way for Keys.

Keys, who could not be reached by The Plain Dealer, is a close friend of DiSalle and served as highway safety director in DiSalle's cabinet.

AT THE SAME TIME, U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, and Cleveland City



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Albert S. Porter, Cuyahoga County party chairman, said he was not in a position to comment on possible Democratic candidates because he is a member of a statewide steering committee that is screening possible candidates.

PORTER SAID, however, that Keys had not yet indicated any intention to run for governor.

Keys' son, Michael, said last night his father was in Columbus but could not say if he was with DiSalle. The family lives in Elyria.

He said there had been some talk of his father as a gubernatorial candidate "but I'm not in a position to talk about it."

Keys, 48, served three

terms as mayor of Elyria. When he was first elected, he was the youngest mayor in Elyria history.

Keys was the first cabinet appointment DiSalle made after being elected governor. Keys was defeated in a bid to become congressman in Ohio's 13th district four years ago.

He has been active in military fraternities and civic associations.

What Job Next?

Crystal Ball Consulted by Sweeney

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, whose Ohio at-large congressional seat will expire next year, is looking around the state for a new political office.

Among the possibilities, Sweeney admitted yesterday, is that he may seek the Democratic nomination for governor next spring.

Just which job he will go after depends a lot on what state and county Democratic leader think of his chances. Sweeney said he would devote much of his time between now and Nov. 18 to talking shop with party workers all over Ohio.

THEN HE WILL announce his goal.

Other Ohio slots Sweeney could fit into include these: lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer or auditor.

Then, too, he said, friends have urged him to seek one of the four regular congressional seats from Cuyahoga County or the 15th District seat in Franklin County (Columbus) where Sweeney maintains an office.

SWEENEY WILL meet in Columbus with State Sen. Frank W. King of Toledo, who is Democratic leader in the Senate and Ohio president of the AFL-CIO. King, also talked about as a possible Democratic nominee for governor, could help shape Sweeney's thinking.

Others he will confer with are William L. Coleman, state Democratic chairman, and Albert S. Porter, Cuyahoga County party leader.

Calls Them Liars

Sen. Young Hits Back at Hays and Sweeney

Plain Dealer Bureau WASHINGTON — "Patriotism," said Sen. Stephen M. Young yesterday, quoting Samuel Johnson, "is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

Young was asked about President Johnson's reported remark on Friday that he "would buy sleeping pills for Steve Young," after the senator had said he would sleep better if Dean Rusk were not Secretary of State.

This was part of an acidulous retort the Ohio Democrat made on the Senate floor to Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-18, and "one-term" Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D.-at large, who last week apologized on behalf of the people of Ohio for what they called Young's "in-temperate remarks" when he urged that Secretary of State Dean Rusk resign because of his Viet Nam war policy.

Taking the floor on a question of personal privilege, Young made a parliamentary inquiry.

"I am grateful for the President's offer," Young stated. "He has always been most generous to me. I would have those sleeping pills framed and placed alongside some of the President's gifts to me which I highly prize."

"WOULD IT," he asked the presiding officer, "be a violation of the rules... were I to assert... that Rep. Hays and Rep. Sweeney are guilty of falsely, viciously and maliciously making stupid, lying statements assailing the loyalty and patriotism of senators, including the junior senator from Ohio, and that they are liars in alleging that we have aided our enemies?"

On being told that the inquiry was not in order, Young said he would abide by the ruling, but added:

If, however, on some future occasion, a similar contemptible attack is made on me with the insect-like buzz-

Sweeney Assails 'Goldwater Voting'

Plain Dealer Bureau WASHINGTON — Charges of "Goldwater rubberstamp" were leveled yesterday by Cleveland's Rep. Robert E. Sweeney at Republican members of the Ohio congressional delegation.

Sweeney, congressman at large, said 13 Republican House members voted "the discredited Goldwater line" on 10 major pieces of legislation in Congress.

Sweeney said Rep. Jackson E. Betts, 8th District, Samuel L. Devine, 12th District, Delbert L. Latta, 5th District, and William M. McCulloch, 4th District, voted the "Goldwater line" all the way. Rep. Frances P. Bolton, 22d District,

voted "for Goldwater" on nine issues, he said. She was absent on the 10th vote. The same was true of Rep. Frank T. Bow, 16th District, Rep. J. William Stanton, 11th District, and William E. Miller, 23d District, voted the "Johnson line" once each, he said.

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Keys Out, Sweeney Unyielding, Ohio's Democrats Still Groping

By JAMES M. NAUGHTON, the most logical candidate, State Sen. Frazier Reams of Ohio's Democrats, in search of a candidate for governor, ran into a bewildering series of letdowns yesterday.

The latest one centered around U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, an avowed candidate for nomination for Ohio attorney general. Reports had circulated that a Democratic screening committee, due to meet in Columbus at noon today, might be able to deflect Sweeney into the governor's race.

But Sweeney said in Cleveland he "wasn't kidding" when he announced three weeks ago that his family came first.

"EVERYONE WHO runs for governor becomes a chat-tel of the public and not of his family," said Sweeney. "People in Congress tell me they don't know their children. It's not going to happen to me," said the father of 11, whose wife is expecting the 12th.

Earlier yesterday, J. Grant Keys, Lorain County treasurer, bowed out of the running almost as quickly as he bowed in.

Keys was reportedly being primed to replace former Gov. Michael V. DiSalle as ant attorney general, and Westlake with the help of state funds.

"Ohio is the sixth largest taxpayer in the nation," Sweeney said, "but we're way short of being paid back in federal aid."

He said it was up to local officials to take advantage of funds now available under the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965.

Speaking at an open political rally at Westlake City Hall, U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, urged community governments to apply for federal financial aid for local projects.

Sweeney cited the \$16.8-million sewer project started by

Sweeney, Ohio congressman-at-large in 1965 and 1966, said, "God forbid that the present governor would ever become a senator, for he'll soon find that if he shakes down staff members as a U.S. senator, he'll not only suffer the censure of his colleagues, but an indictment under federal criminal law."

Sweeney made his comments in an interview with the Associated Press and during a speech Friday before five Democratic ward clubs in Cincinnati.

"I agree with Bob Taft that integrity and honesty will be issues in the campaigns of 1970," Sweeney said, referring to statements by U.S. Rep. Robert Taft Jr., who has announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate. Taft and Rhodes seek the Republican nomination.

Sweeney said he expected John Gilligan, of Cincinnati, a former U.S. representative to be one of his opponents in the primary.

Sweeney to Klan Leader: Leave Your Neighbors Alone

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, told the grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, your neighbors alone in Ohio, in a radio debate yesterday, that "organizations like yours, which preach terrorism and violence, ought to be outlawed in this country."

He said that he hoped it would not overlook "the dangerous Mr. Harvey." A reporter in Sweeney's office could hear only Sweeney.

Sweeney has been calling on Congress to outlaw the Klan. He has asked that the House Un-American Activities Committee subpoena witnesses and has said that he

he heads the Ohio branch of the United Klans of America. Sweeney asked Harvey if he would give him the names and addresses of the members of the Klan in Ohio. The grand dragon declined.

Objecting to Sweeney's statement that the Klan was connected with violence and terror, Harvey was quoted by the Associated Press as saying:

"IF YOU FIND a Klanman doing this kind of stuff (spreading terror and violence), I hope the law throws the book at him."

"I do not have anybody as friends, I have Jews as friends and I have Catholics as friends."

In an opening statement Sweeney mentioned the visit to the United Nations of Pope Paul VI.

"HIS MESSAGE was one of peace and love and charity and brotherhood," said Sweeney. "I am sad to state that the Ku Klux Klan is a society within this Republic that is anything but dedicated to peace and charity and the love of one's fellowmen."

DiSalle Skips Party Talks to Pick Rhodes' Opponent

By WILSON HIRSCHFELD

Plain Dealer Bureau
COLUMBUS—Former Gov. Michael V. DiSalle yesterday skipped another meeting of Democratic party chiefs trying to come up with an opponent for Gov. James A. Rhodes this year.

DiSalle left the frustrated party bosses with no choice except to call for another strategy huddle with hopes to hear from him at that time.

THE MEETING will be held in Columbus on Saturday.

But State Democratic Chairman William L. Coleman conceded he did not know whether DiSalle would announce his plans by then.

Asked whether the former governor was playing a cat-and-mouse game with the Democratic party leaders, Coleman answered: "Maybe he is, maybe he isn't."

If DiSalle does not make his intentions known by Saturday, the committee may call for another session at a latter date, Coleman said.

FILING deadline for all candidates is Feb. 2.

Yesterday's was the third meeting snubbed by DiSalle in six weeks as party leaders quest for a governor candidate.

Until DiSalle speaks, there is little the party chiefs can do. Most believe DiSalle could handily defeat any one or more candidates who might take him on in the Democratic primary in May.

Congressman at large Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village was mentioned at the closed-door session here as a possible candidate for governor. Sweeney took himself out of the governor race early this month and announced for attorney general.

A **SWEENEY** aide said yesterday he would be interested in a draft for governor. The campaign kitty of \$500,000 was mentioned by the aide as a requirement.

Albert S. Porter, Cuyahoga State Rep. Harry H. McIlwain of Cincinnati, who has county engineer, left the meeting about 20 minutes before it was to start.

Porter would not comment except to say that he had not walked out and was leaving because of another commitment.

Columbiana County Chairman Don R. Gosney, apparently displeased with DiSalle, told reporters: "Any candidate should say whether he is going to run or not run."

"**WE STILL** have McIlwain," Gosney referred to

Party leaders looked upon McIlwain as a minor candidate.

Coleman said the committee did come to a decision on state auditor for a four-year term. He is the only Democrat who has announced for that office. Endorsed for the short term was Clarence Knisley of Columbus, a former state treasurer.

Knisley is the only Democrat seeking the short term.

'Umpire' Urged in Hiring Issue

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By DONALD SABATH

Two Cleveland congressmen yesterday suggested a federal umpire be named here to oversee complaints of discrimination in craft unions working on the new Federal Building.

Rep. Robert E. Sweeney,

at large, and Rep. Charles A. Vanik, D-21, said the request would be presented Monday to John F. Henning, undersecretary of labor, in Washington.

"We are proposing a non-governmental employe for the post," Sweeney said. "He would see that the craft unions are complying with the joint apprenticeship programs approved by the Department of Labor."

Sweeney said the impartial observer would see that the \$32-million federal project is built "without demonstrations or work shutdowns, and without the community going into chaos."

THE POSSIBILITY of the umpire was discussed yesterday at a meeting in Sweeney's office here, along with contractors on the building, representatives of the General Services Administration, labor department officials and a representative of the United Freedom Movement.

"I feel better now about the Cleveland picture," Sweeney said. "Up to now it has been a crisis and it still has to pass, but Cleveland has taken steps, both with labor and the civil rights groups, to avert a serious problem."

William C. Webb, regional director of the labor department's bureau of apprenticeship and training, announced at the meeting that the structural ironworkers and the pipe fitters are now in compliance with the language of fair employment in joint apprenticeship programs.

THE IRON WORKERS' joint apprenticeship committee met yesterday afternoon and sent letters to 45 applicants, including five Negroes, saying examinations would be given next Friday and Saturday.

Webb said the plumbers' and sheet metal workers' unions would meet next week to change language in their joint apprenticeship programs to comply with the Ohio plan.

He added that the electricians' union already has an

Sweeney Asks Change of Democrats

Former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney yesterday called for a change in the state leadership of the Democratic party.

Sweeney, in Columbus, told the Associated Press that the Democratic party needs a chairman in the mold of Republicans Ray C. Blise and John Andrews.

The one-time congressman-at-large, and unsuccessful candidate for Ohio attorney general, said he had nothing personal against Eugene Peter O'Grady, present state chairman.

"But, I have said since his appointment, I don't think he is the type of man we need," Sweeney added.

HE SAID that too often the Democratic party develops personalities, rather than a policy that can bring all elements in the party together.

"The Democratic party needs somebody that can pull all the diverse elements together," Sweeney said.

Sweeney, a probable contender for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1970, also said neither the cities nor the state have been doing a proper job in law enforcement.

Saul G. Stillman co-chairman of the Cuyahoga County Republican organization, said yesterday he has decided not to seek the vacancy on the court of appeals.

"I am still interested in being a judge," Stillman said, "but I think it extremely important that I stay on in my present capacity while there is so much unfinished business."

Stillman, who would have had to resign both his party post and his position on the Board of Election, said that he felt an obligation to assist in the election campaign of mayoral candidate Ralph J. Perk.

Robert E. Hughes, also co-chairman of the GOP, said he had not received any formal application for the court of appeals vacancy created when Gov. James A. Rhodes appointed Judge J. P. Corrigan to the Ohio Supreme Court.

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Congressman Sweeney Applauds Irish Urban Renewal Effort— Says Destruction of Nelson's Pillar Long Overdue

SPEECH
OF

HON. ROBERT E. SWEENEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 1966

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to draw the attention of the House to the report that at long last the free people of the Republic of Ireland in their own unique way have embarked upon a program of urban renewal in Dublin City, Ireland, and that as part of this urban renewal program Nelson's Pillar, long a symbol of Great Britain's rule over Irish people, has been destroyed.

The occasion of its destruction brings to mind indeed bitter days of intense feeling between the people of Ireland and their English oppressors of other generations and Nelson's Pillar standing on O'Connell Street was but an unwholesome reminder of these days of antagonism.

Mr. Speaker, it is good that it is gone, for through patient diplomatic effort, the relations between the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain have steadily increased in genuine friendliness up to a point where the economic ties between these two nations today are strong and sure.

It is good that monuments such as these, commemorating imperialistic periods during which England imposed herself upon the free people of Ireland, are forgotten. The passing of this particular monument, however, should serve as a reminder to all of us that the problem of a divided Ireland still exists in a troubled world, and this once free and independent nation is still arbitrarily and unnaturally partitioned by the will of Great Britain, who through force of arms maintains a military government

controlling the six northern counties of the land.

Mr. Speaker, the elimination of Nelson's Pillar should be a reminder that there are those in the world who lose heart in the proposition that through evolution their land can be united and free, and through discouragement and despair in the constitutional processes turn from evolution to revolution in an effort to secure these ends.

Today the entire free world should think long and hard about the proposition of bringing about at long last the reunification of the whole of Ireland, not just 26 counties of the land, but all 32 in granting to these God-fearing people the right of self-determination through free elections which we so piously espouse to be the underlying principle of our own American foreign policy.

Mr. Speaker, the full influence of our Government should be brought to bear on the Irish question and our good allies in Great Britain should ponder seriously the gains to be achieved through urging Irish unification.

The IRA and all of the revolutionists who brought about the limited Irish freedom this land now enjoys are few in number and we hope that there will be no struggle of physical forces throughout the Republic of Ireland in the future.

To avoid such a possible revolutionary struggle, to eliminate the very reason for the existence of revolutionary forces in this Emerald Isle, I believe it is in order to urge that the United States take a position urging Great Britain along this course that I have mentioned so that, yes, in our lifetime, the epitaph of Robert Emmett, the famous Irish patriot might be written, and that the land of this great Irish hero might, free and undivided, once again take her rightful place among the families of nations of the world.

Poverty War Exclusion of Poor Rapped

By JOHN KOSHAR
Portage County Bureau

KENT — President Johnson's war on poverty has been hampered by the exclusion of the poor people themselves from the planning and operating machinery in the various community programs.

The reason for this, according to a top executive of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), is that many existing agencies and groups feel inclusion of the poor is a challenge to their legitimate sphere of authority. But the government is demanding inclusion of the poor.

JOSEPH HAGAN, special assistant to OEO Director R. Sargeant Shriver in Washington, addressed 220 officials and members of community action councils and school executives from 19 north-eastern Ohio counties at Kent State University yesterday.

Hagan, outlining standards for establishing a community action agency, said community involvement of the poor themselves must be used "to the maximum extent feasible."

This does not mean, Hagan said, that the poor must control the program.

"What it does mean," he explained, "is that the poor must have a fair share, along with the other segments of the community, in determining what types of antipoverty programs are to be undertaken and how they shall be operated."

HAGAN WARNED that "we at OEO have taken a hard line on the question of involving the poor. And many programs have been held up because they are not originally involved in the planning."

Hagan said too many programs in the past have been planned for the poor rather than including their participation, which resulted only in encouraging dependence and apathy.

He also slapped at what he called the total absence of minority group participation in community action programs and the many instances of racial discrimination.

"Where such discrimination has been discovered," Hagan said, "we have been relentless in correcting the conditions which brought it about, or if this has been impossible, we have refused to fund or continue programs."

He asserted that despite the explosive nature of the community action program, 1,446 grants totaling \$285,369, 510 have been funded to date. "And the vast majority of these programs are excellent."

Ohio Loses Out in A-Site Bid

Disappointment is understandably great at Ohio's loss as a possible site for the Atomic Energy Commission's \$375-million atom smasher.

To most Ohioans the disappointment is all the more keen because divided counsels within the state weakened the Ohio bid for the huge scientific installation.

Gov. James A. Rhodes, after a diligent survey of prime places, worked intelligently and enthusiastically in support of a superb 3,000-acre tract at the Ravenna Arsenal in Portage County. As learned by The Plain Dealer Washington Bureau, the Ravenna site reportedly lacked the necessary acreage.

The Ravenna location—close to a first-

rate water supply, the Ohio Turnpike and Cleveland Hopkins International Airport as well as to Greater Cleveland's science and research complex—had the support of the vast majority of responsible Ohioans.

But it was opposed by Robert E. Sweeney, congressman-at-large, and Rep. Michael Kirwan of Youngstown, who favored sites in southern Ohio.

Their fragmentation of the Ohio drive undoubtedly had something to do with the elimination of the state by the selection panel of the National Academy of Sciences.

In competition with nearly 100 other proposed sites across the nation, Ravenna was gravely hurt by Ohio congressmen who did not believe in it.

Westlake-U.S. Meeting Slated

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, yesterday informed the county commissioners he had set up a meeting for April 28 for county and Westlake officials at the Chicago regional office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The commissioners had asked Sweeney to arrange and attend the meeting in an effort to obtain higher federal financing for the proposed \$16.7-million Westlake sewer system.

It is thought up to 50% federal financing may be available if the project is broken up into five phases and if the federal government accepts each phase as a separate project.

McElroy Under Fire

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, accused County Recorder Mark McElroy of a "low and cheap attack upon the Negroes and Irish of this state."

Sweeney, running against McElroy for the Democratic nomination for Ohio attorney general, said McElroy made remarks offensive to the two ethnic groups while campaigning Thursday.

According to Sweeney, McElroy attacked the congressman for hiring Irish and Negro staff aides.

"We hire on the basis of equality for all, regardless of race, and I make no apology to him (McElroy) for following that rule," said Sweeney.

For Westlake Sewer

Day Challenges Sweeney on Aid

By JOHN NUSSBAUM The county commissioners yesterday challenged U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-

large, to prove his recent contention that he could obtain more federal financing for the proposed \$16.7-million Westlake sewer system.

The commissioners said they would ask Sweeney to set up a meeting of county and Westlake officials with representatives of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"WE HAVE HAD the benefit of Mr. Sweeney's views in the past," said Commissioner William P. (Pat) Day. "Now I'd like to see Mr. Sweeney perform."

The action came after Westlake Mayor Alexander Roman proposed splitting the sewer project into five smaller projects to get higher federal participation.

A higher federal contribution would lower assessments against Westlake property owners. The project has been stalled for nearly two years by court battles over the size of assessments.

SWEENEY has long been a

the federal Housing and Urban Renewal Act provided for up to 50% financing of sewer projects.

HOWEVER, such financing is restricted to projects of \$3 million or less. The act also limits communities to one project a year.

County Sanitary Engineer John H. Puzenski estimated the federal contribution could increase by up to \$5 million if the government accepted various phases of the work as separate projects.

"Knowing the federal people," Commissioner Day said, "I don't think they would let you do indirectly what they won't let you do directly."

He said Westlake would have to start from scratch and hold public hearings and determine assessments for each of the five phases of the project.

Ex-Congressman Warns of China

Retired Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin has brought the issue of the United States involvement in Vietnam into clear focus by his statement that Pentagon military strategists from the very outset have considered the Republic of China as the real enemy of the United States.

Recent history clearly demonstrates that the diplomatic policy of the United States, since the close of World War II, has been to engage in a policy of containment with respect to nationalistic China.

Our considerations regarding entry into Southeast Asia were, as Gen. Gavin points out, a consequence of our plan and strategy to limit Chinese expansion in Asia. The United States government has always reacted to the ultimate and almost inevitable prospect that China will ultimately control the whole of Asia.

The late Gen. Douglas MacArthur, during the Korean war, was quoted as having

said: "The ultimate goal of the United States in any engagement with the Communist Chinese should be an all-out victory and there is no military justification for a limited war concept." We all know what happened to Gen. MacArthur, who wanted to pursue a plan of military action against Red China.

While I do not find myself in agreement with everything Gavin might state with respect to our position in Vietnam, I do concur in the fact that the United States of America and the U.S.S.R. have a diplomatic accord in effect today, the substance of which is to ultimately rid the world of the threat of Red China. An expression of our feeling in this regard leaked through the 1966 Paris conference when Secretary of State Dean Rusk said, in substance: "I would sooner engage the Republic of China today than 15 or 20 years hence when she has the delivery capability of an intercontinental ballistic missile with a nuclear warhead . . .

The American public must be given the facts and clearly told that U.S. involvement in the Far East is long range and expensive in terms of lives and dollars.

As a former member of the United States Congress, I can attest to the fact that there is altogether too little discussion being had in Washington concerning the development of the American foreign policy. Too often, the Executive Department proceeds to forge an exclusive foreign policy for the United States without consultation with the peoples' representatives . . .

These undeclared wars, primarily conducted by the suitcase diplomats of our times, are certainly not in the national interests. They have divided America fr-

reparably and are difficult to understand.

ROBERT E. SWEENEY
1202 Engineers Building,
Cleveland

OFT Weighs Backing State Income Tax

The Ohio Federation of Teachers will be asked today to open a campaign encouraging the State Tax Survey Commission to recommend a state income tax.

The OFT's legislative committee has submitted a resolution to the delegate assembly suggesting a movement by the Commission toward revising the state constitution to allow an income tax.

According to Russell Scott, committee chairman, debate on the resolution favored a tax that would be based on a flat percent of the amount of federal income tax paid.

AMONG OTHER resolu-

tions to be voted on this morning is a proposal from the civil rights committee calling for a statewide OFT civil rights program and for the OFT to become a member of the NAACP.

This will be the closing session of the three-day OFT meeting at the Hotel Sheraton Cleveland.

George Stone, vice president of the Cleveland Teachers Union (Local 279, AFL-CIO) and convention cochairman, is unopposed to succeed Richard Manuel of Dayton as OFT president. Election of officers will be this morning.

LAST NIGHT U.S. Rep. Rob-

ert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, predicted that federal aid to education will continue and expand.

"In all history, no other nation has trusted education, invested in it or relied upon it as a mean to national progress as we in Ohio and this country have," he said.

Sweeney singled out the National Teacher Corps that will put teachers into school service in poverty areas, teaching of disadvantaged children, use of television and construction aid as prime areas of federal activity in the future.

Problems created by federal aid were aired earlier yes-

terday by Darian H. Smith, an assistant superintendent of Cleveland schools.

FEDERAL FUNDS will enable the Board of Education to offer free summer classes to children in poverty areas, but at the same time limitation of funds to poverty areas creates protest in more affluent neighborhoods, he said.

"Parents in other areas are going to ask why we don't do this for their children and we're going to have to ask them for some more local money so that we can," Smith said.

Federal projects have been too much crash programs," Smith said, and staffing new services has required too many "checkerboard plays" to fill new teaching positions.

Sweeney Wants

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U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, has called for a Franklin County grand jury investigation of Ohio Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe's office.

Sweeney, a Democratic primary candidate for Saxbe's post, said yesterday he had evidence that members of Saxbe's staff are working on a part-time basis while getting full-time pay.

"In Cuyahoga County, the docket of the court clerk clearly shows that the chief of the attorney general's office, supposedly a full-time staff member receiving approximately \$12,500 a year, is carrying on a flourishing private practice," said Sweeney.

Sweeney demanded that the Franklin County prosecutor empanel a grand jury to investigate Saxbe's main office and branches.

"I am willing to bring in official court records to substantiate the charge of part-time performance on the part of members of the staff."

Sweeney Mum on Franking Costs

By WILSON HIRSCHFELD
Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS—Congressman at large Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village has franked at least \$100,000 of mail in his campaign for Ohio attorney general, Cuyahoga County Recorder Mark McElroy charged yesterday. McElroy is Sweeney's foe in the Democratic primary May 3.

McElroy predicted that if Sweeney is nominated he would frank another \$50,000 to \$70,000 in mail at taxpayers' expense before the general election in November.

REACHED AT HIS office in Washington, Sweeney was told by The Plain Dealer of McElroy's claim about \$100,000 in free postage. Franking is the privilege of all congressmen.

"No comment," Sweeney said. "I have no comment."

The Plain Dealer reported Monday that some letters of

a 1 million piece franked that he himself has been remailing by Sweeney were being received in central and southern Ohio.

Sweeney had said he was paying a \$3,800 printing expense on the huge mailing.

ESTIMATED postage costs to U.S. taxpayers on 1 million letters would be \$35,000 based on a patron mail rate. Sweeney would not discuss the costs.

A Columbus resident yesterday told The Plain Dealer he recently received an unsolicited letter, addressed by name, franked from Sweeney's Washington office. The envelope contained a government pamphlet on how to fireproof fabrics at home.

Sweeney's name had been printed on the pamphlet with a rubber stamp.

The pamphlet had been mailed to an address in Springfield, where the recipient had not lived for several years.

McELROY SAID that Sweeney had been franking letters on such subjects as termite control, veterans benefits, legal safeguards for animals, medicare and others.

The county recorder said

Sweeney in Kickoff

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, held a campaign kickoff luncheon yesterday in the Parma area as part of his bid for the Democratic nomination for Ohio attorney general.

Sweeney arranged Wednesday for two Greater Cleveland teen-agers to protest Soviet treatment of Jews during an audience in the Russian embassy in Washington.

Locher's Cost Plan for Pollution Assailed

By THOMAS R. GUTHRIE
Chief, Plain Dealer Bureau

WASHINGTON—Some cold, scummy water was splashed yesterday on Cleveland Mayor Ralph S. Locher's proposal that the federal government finance 90% of the nation's war on water pollution.

In the first governmental reaction to Locher's plan that the government pay 90% of the cost while the state and local governments each paying 5%, an official of the Bureau of the Budget said:

"WE DO NOT believe that it would be consistent for the federal government to finance as high as 90% of the costs of pollution control measures. Our experience has been that significant state and local funds have been available to finance the nonfederal share of the existing federal sewer and waste treatment programs."

The reply to Locher came from Philip S. Hughes, assistant director for legislative reference in the Bureau of the Budget, to whom the mayor's proposal was referred by Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large.

HUGHES SAID in a letter to Sweeney that new legislation has provided further authority to assist in abatement of pollution. He pointed out that funds have been included in the 1967 budget for the additional \$50 million authorized by the Water Quality Act of 1965 and for research and demonstration on the problem of combined sewers also authorized by that act. After stating that, according to the Pollution Control Act, the responsibility for combating pollution is to a large extent a state and local responsibility. Hughes revealed that the federal government is now exploring new methods of financing that would make more funds available for construction of pollution control facilities.

WAYS IN WHICH industry can make a more substantial contribution to the abatement of pollution also are being explored, he said.

Sweeney, too, was skeptical about the possibility of Locher's 90-5 formula being adopted. Such a formula would have to be supported by additional taxation, he believed.

Emergency Is Approve

WASHINGTON—The House yesterday to authorize a \$415-million help bolster the sagging economy and several other nations. So million.

The bill was sent to the Senate 27 after several attempts to down.

The four-hour House debate brought no criticism of the administration's policy in Vietnam.

In an exchange over one proposed amendment, Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-O., told the House that a restriction on where the money could be used would tie the hands of the President.

HAYS AND a fellow Ohioan, Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, apologized on behalf of their constituents for a recent suggestion by Sen. Stephen J. Young, D-O., that Secretary of State Dean Rusk should resign.

Young, Hays said, remarked that he would sleep better if Rusk resigned.

"Well," he added, "if he slept any more than he does now, he'd be sleeping 24 hours a day."

Shabby Waste of Public Money

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There's a preposterous waste of public money in the current postage-free mailing by Congressman at large Robert E. Sweeney.

Sweeney is sending out a million copies of a congressional speech of his saying that communism "is on the march in Asia."

Communist ambitions in Asia are not exactly news. There is no point in this fantastic Sweeney mailing except to win him attention—favorable, he thinks—in his race

for the Democratic nomination for attorney general of Ohio.

His flagrant disregard for the taxpayer in this misuse of the franking privilege is the more reason for Ohio Democrats to for his opponent, Mark McElroy, in May 3 primary.

The public doesn't have to buy into for the mailing of this Sweeney literature, but it still must pay the bill through subsidizing of Post Office losses.

What a waste of public funds!

Opponent Assails Saxe's 'Strikeouts'
Atty Gen. William B. Saxe has lost so many court cases he is "running a close second to the Los Angeles Dodgers, as far as going to bat and coming back with nothing to show," Saxe's challenger said last night.

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, said the Republican incumbent's most recent loss was in a U.S. Supreme Court ruling Monday requiring Ohio to abide by federal wheat production controls on grain grown on state land for state use.

Ohio citizens will have to pay \$27,000 in penalties, plus court costs, said Sweeney.

Sweeney, Saxbe Clash on Trusts

By REED SMITH

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe of Mechanicsburg, Republican seeking re-election, and his Democratic opponent, U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney of Cleveland, are bumping heads over Ohio's antitrust laws, or lack of them.

Saxbe asserts Ohio statutes leave the state at a disadvantage in antitrust investigation or enforcement in such areas as central school bus buying, purchase of salt and other highway supplies and kickbacks on exclusive agreements to photograph school pupils.

But Sweeney calls Saxbe's complaint an election year publicity pitch.

HE PREDICTED the Justice Department would conclude its investigation of school bus manufacturers at Saxbe's request by "announcing that there is no foundation for the attorney general's charge . . . of monopolistic practices in violation of antitrust laws."

"I accuse the attorney general," Sweeney persisted, "of grandstanding at the expense of the reputations of the manufacturers involved. I challenge him to make public alleged evidence of monopolistic activity on the part of such manufacturers."

Saxbe called for federal antitrust action after bus builders delayed for two years plans for statewide bidding as a move to save thousands of dollars on school bus purchases.

SAXBE RECENTLY complained of reported arrangements by commercial photographers for kickbacks on exclusive picture-taking agreements with school yearbook staffs and others.

"I think we should have something to further investigations," Saxbe said. He explained that antitrust actions are difficult because of a need for knowledge of meetings, telephone conversations or discussions involving price fixing.

He said monopolistic practices had been suspected for years in political subdivision purchases of business machines, highway supplies such as salt to melt snow and ice, and office furniture.

Saxbe said an investigation into identical bids by salt suppliers between 1957 and 1961 could lead to surprise action.

Sweeney said the Columbus Dispatch last March uncovered kickbacks by photographer after accusing it of bombing Cambodian villages on the frontier with South Viet Nam.

'\$150,000 for Nothing'

Sweeney Suit 'Assinine,' Says Saxbe's Top Aide

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio's political campaign has picked up steam with the race for attorney general bringing the strongest exchanges to date.

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic candidate, called a news conference yesterday to announce he is seeking legal action to halt the non-feasance in office by his opponent, Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe.

Saxbe could not be reached, but his top aide labeled the suit "assinine and foolish."

Donahue added: "We do not need the congressman from Bay Village telling us how to run our business."

SWEENEY FILED in the Franklin County Court of Appeals.

Sweeney Charges Saxbe Bungled Road Land Cases

By WILSON HIRSCHFELD

Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS—Ohio will lose "many millions of dollars" because of mishandling of federal highway land cases, by Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe, U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, charged yesterday.

Sweeney, who opposes Saxbe for Ohio attorney general at the polls Nov. 8, based his charges on audit reports from the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads (BPR) in Washington.

The Democratic congressman from Bay Village showed news men copies of seven audits made in 1964 and 1965 in which the state highway department was denied reimbursement of about \$2 million in land cases.

SWEENEY SAID "these audits just opened the door" and predicted that the ultimate cost to Ohio taxpayers would run to many millions.

On the basis of these audits, Sweeney said, a congressional highway subcommittee will come into Ohio to hold hearings early next year.

The audit reports gave a variety of reasons for refusing to reimburse Ohio its acquisition of right-of-way for the federal road program. Among the reasons decided by the BPR were:

- Appraisal contracts not in state files; inadequate appraisal documentation; fair market value not supported by comparable sales; excess costs not documented; comparable sales of highly developed area used for acquisition of unimproved vacant land.
- Excessive settlement inadequately documented; excessive interest payments; absence of negotiation records; missing documents; negotiation consummated in excess of fair market value; excess award not concurred in by state highway officials.

"THESE AUDITS offer several hundred examples of Saxbe's inefficiencies in office," Sweeney said.

"Deals made out of court by the attorney general's office show a whole pattern of excessive settlements which come to the attention of government officers," the congressman asserted.

"Saxbe, as lawyer for the highway department, has handed out money in excess of amounts recommended by professional appraisers hired by the highway department," Sweeney charged.

"In many cases the attorney general's office orders the hiring of new appraisers and then bases settlements on higher appraisals that are made," he said.

"THE MATTER of fact is that the Bureau of Public Roads is refusing to come in with 90% of the cost in hundreds of cases," Sweeney said.

An examination of the audit reports showed a number of cases date back to the administration of Saxbe's predecessor in office, former Atty. Gen. Mark McElroy of Cleveland.

Gerald A. Donahue, Saxbe's first assistant, pointed out the state has re-filed claims in many cases.

IN SOME CASES the state is able to convince the BPR and obtain full reimbursement, Donahue said. In other instances, the BPR just does not go along with the state, Donahue added.

Donahue said he did not know of any instances where the attorney general's office settled without reimbursement of the highway department.

Road Land Deal Probe Pondered by Justice Dept.

By WILSON HIRSCHFELD
Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS—The White House has referred to the U. S. Justice Department the question of a federal investigation of highway land acquisition cases in Ohio.

U. S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, on Monday wrote a letter to President Johnson saying that Plain Dealer disclosures on freeway land purchases in Ohio indicated a "substantial abuse" of the interstate highway trust fund.

Sweeney wrote the President that it was evident that procedures and policies of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads were being "grossly violated."

THE CONGRESSMAN also asserted in his letter that "unconscionable profits" were flowing to land developers through practices of upgrading zoning uses on land tracts prior to commencement of appropriation actions by the Ohio Department of Highways.

Sweeney wrote that he had already turned over to the Bureau of Public Roads disclosures by The Plain Dealer and other information on a confidential basis.

He pointed out that he felt the interstate highway program had been a model for federal-state relationships since its inception in 1956 and, with the exception of scandals in Massachusetts, had been

"We are forwarding your letter to the Justice Department and you may expect further reply shortly. Meanwhile, you might want to refer to HR 7292 which is pending before the House Judiciary Committee."

SWEENEY said that HR 7292 is a measure to provide criminal penalties for certain offenses committed in connection with federal highway construction.

Meanwhile, in Columbus, Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe decided to take personal charge of a court trial of the state's appropriation lawsuit on 16.5 acres of land in Brook Park.

This was the case where Saxbe's Cleveland assistants agreed to a \$750,000 settlement. Saxbe tossed it out after Plain Dealer disclosures about the case.

The attorney general's office still wants to get the lawsuit out of Cuyahoga County Probate Court and into Common Pleas Court.

A hearing on the settlement Saxbe will not approve will be held Thursday by Probate Court Judge J. Merrick.

Taxpayers Foot Bill for Sweeney Mailing

Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS — Residents in central and southern Ohio are beginning to receive a postage-free mailing from Congressman at-large Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village that reportedly will be delivered to 1 million Ohio homes.

"Let's Be Alert," the mailing is captioned. "Communism is on the March in Asia."

The mailing, being "franked" by Sweeney at taxpayers' expense, contains a reprint from the Congressional Record of a speech Sweeney made in the House on Jan. 27.

THE MAILING says that speech was not being printed at public expense.

When plans for the mailing of 1 million letters became known two months ago, Sweeney said he wanted people "to know that their congressman is spending part of his salary to fight communism."

Sweeney said he wanted the Ohio attorney general in the Democratic primary May 3. His opponent is Cuyahoga County Recorder Mark McElroy.

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By WILSON HIRSCHFELD
Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS—U. S. Rep.-at-Large Robert E. Sweeney, Bay Village Democrat, could score a 10-strike in the federal probe of highway land purchases in Ohio. Sweeney, who is opposing Ohio Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe in November, is trying to make the most of involvement by Saxbe's Cleveland office in a dubious \$750,000 settlement for 16½-acres of freeway land in Brook Park. Saxbe's Cleveland office urged the settlement on the highway department based on the existence of apartment building permits.



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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S aides did this even though they had an appraisal report quoting the Brook Park mayor that the building permits had expired. The suburb's building code also indicated the permits had expired long before the property owner asked to have them renewed.

One or two of Saxbe's Cleveland assistants may yet face dismissal because of the Brook Park fiasco.

Sweeney Questions Saxbe's Actions

GAO Inquiry Asked in Freeway Land Deal

By WILSON HIRSCHFELD
Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS—The U. S. General Accounting Office is being asked by U. S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, of Bay Village, to join in the investigation of the \$750,000 Medina Freeway land deal in Brook Park.

The U. S. Bureau of Public Roads already is working on the case. Sweeney told The Plain Dealer from Washington yesterday.

"I am requesting the General Accounting Office, the investigating arm of Congress, to investigate thoroughly, from start to finish, the entire conduct of the Ohio attorney general's office in handling of highway appropriation cases," Sweeney said.

SWEENEY WILL BE the

Democratic candidate in November against Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe, whose Cleveland aides entered into the \$750,000 freeway settlement May 10.

After Plain Dealer disclosures about the land deal, Saxbe ordered that the settlement be tossed out. Cuyahoga County Probate Judge Frank Merrick has asked that ed.

Saxbe appear in court next Thursday to explain why.

Sweeney said that facts developed in Plain Dealer articles convinced him that federal practices and procedures "which are supposedly the guidelines for the State Highway Department and the Ohio attorney general to follow have been seriously violated."

"IT IS APPARENT to me there has been poor coordination between the attorney general and his subordinates," Sweeney said.

Gerald A. Donahue, Saxbe's first assistant, conferred with two other aides yesterday about trial of the Medina Freeway appropriation lawsuit.

Donahue said the case would be tried by Harold B. Talbott, assistant attorney general in charge of the highway section, and I. Charles Rhoades, another highway lawyer.

Saxbe relieved his Cleveland aides of any further activity in the case after they entered the settlement without approval from the Columbus office.

House Unit to Consider Probe of Freeway Deal

By WILSON HIRSCHFELD
Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS — A congressional subcommittee will meet in Washington this morning to consider a probe of the \$750,000 Medina Freeway land deal. U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, will chair the subcommittee of the House Public Works Committee.

Sweeney said the subcommittee would meet in executive session to consider his request to investigate the land transaction brought to light in this newspaper last week.

"IT APPEARS that the committee and the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads (BPR) will enter this case," Sweeney said.

Sweeney, a member of the subcommittee, and its chairman, Rep. John C. Kluczynski, D-Ill., conferred on the case yesterday with Francis C. Turner, chief engineer for the BPR.

Sweeney said the BPR had precedent for such an investigation and cited its activities in probing land appropriation cases in Massachusetts.

"POLICIES, procedures and practices in land procurement are a major BPR responsibility," Sweeney said.

Earlier yesterday, Gov. James A. Rhodes called for an explanation of the Medina Freeway land transaction that was scrapped only after the disclosures about the case. Rhodes conferred on the state's aborted move to pay \$30,000 an acre for the freeway land in Brook Park with James W. Shocknessy, chairman of the governor's task force.

SHOCKNESSY called for independent, chronological accounts of the transaction from the state highway department. He said he does not believe in handling the business of the state, or such a magnitude as this — and business of the United States of such a magnitude as this — in a casual fashion, Shocknessy said. As for the

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\$750,000 that the state had agreed to pay the property owners. Shocknessy said: "I personally don't believe it's right."
SHOCKNESSY maintained that the state owes the property owners damages as of the day it acquired the property in March, 1965. The \$750,000 settlement, plus \$50,000 interest, was being offered on the basis of a 1957 Brook Park zoning ordinance that was amended in 1962. The 1957 ordinance provided for high-density apartment construction with one suite for 915 square feet of land. The 1962 ordinance allows only one suite for 2,500 square feet. The owners contend that building permits issued in 1960 and 1961 on the basis of the 1957 ordinance were still valid in 1965.

CUYAHOGA County Probate Judge Frank J. Merrick agreed with this position and told the lawyers he would allow testimony on that line. Shocknessy expressed his views and those of Rhodes at a meeting of the I-71 task force.

Harold B. Talbott, assistant attorney general in charge of the highway section, repeated a statement he made to The Plain Dealer last week, that he instructed Saxbe's assistants in Cleveland to go to trial with the case.

However, Saxbe's Cleveland aides — since removed from further activity in the case — went ahead and agreed to a settlement.

GERALD A. Donahue, first assistant attorney general, said that Saxbe's aides in Cleveland had been guilty of poor judgment.

He said the attorney general's office still was working on its own investigation. He told the I-71 meeting that every effort would be made to remove the litigation from Judge Merrick's courtroom.

The settlement was ordered set aside by Saxbe last Thursday after Plain Dealer disclosures about the case. The land, bought for about \$1,500 an acre in the late 1950s, was needed for an interchange of Snow Road and I-71.

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ACA List Ratings

Ohio Congressmen More Conservative

Plain Dealer Bureau
WASHINGTON—Ohio Democratic congressmen in tough political races have been establishing a more conservative record, the Americans for Constitutional Action (ACA) said yesterday.

"Legislative backlash" is the term used by the conservative rating organization to describe this trend in the just-completed second session of the 89th Congress.

Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, who had voted the ACA way only 4% of the time in the first session last year, received a 25% score this year. Although not a candidate for re-election, Sweeney again is running statewide for attorney general.

D-15, has a lifetime rating of 45% but his record for this year is 67%.

Two other Democrats, who apparently will have no trouble winning re-election, also shifted toward a more conservative voting record in 1966. They are Reps. Thomas L. Ashley, D-9, whose cumulative rating is 7% and 1966 score is 10%, and Wayne L. Hayes, D-18, who is marked 14% and 32%.

ACA ratings of three other Democrats dropped in 1966. Rep. Michael A. Feighan's, D-20, fell from 17% to 8%; Rep. Charles A. Vanik's, D-21, from 11% to 7%, and Rep. Michael J. Kirwan's, D-19, from 7% to 0.

THE RATINGS for Reps. John J. Gilligan, D-1, are 7% in 1965 and 10% in 1966; for Rodney M. Love, D-3, 15% and 23%, and for Walter H. Moeller, D-10, 19% and 55%. Rep. Robert T. Secrest,

Sweeney Attacks Young, Urges Viet Policy Support



Rep. Robert E. Sweeney

Lashing out at U.S. senators, Democratic Club at Parma whose "loud minority view" Memorial Hall. Ridge and may be defeating our efforts Ridgewood Drives. Sweeney at negotiations in Viet Nam. Sweeney stated out a fellow Ohio U.S. Rep Robert E. Sweeney, Democrat, U.S. Sen. Stephen D-at large, last night called M. Young.

I have voted together many times in the past," Sweeney said. "But on Viet Nam we have come to the parting of our ways."

Judge Slashes Some Sewer Assessments

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A ruling by Probate Judge brought up Mrs. Sweeney's Frank J. Merrick yesterday, U.S. Rep. Robert E. slashed \$209,583 off assessments for the proposed Westlake sanitary sewer and postponed the Chicago meeting. Sweeney, who had ar-lake sanitary sewer and postponed the Chicago meeting. Sweeney, who had ar-lake sanitary sewer and postponed the Chicago meeting. Sweeney, who had ar-lake sanitary sewer and postponed the Chicago meeting.

SWEENEY ASKED the 400 persons present "who helped put Young in office" to get the senator "back in line."

"It is high time that someone tell Young, who, like myself, rode the coattails of Lyndon B. Johnson into office, that he ought to take a closer look at our intelligence reports on the war."

Sweeney labeled the Viet Cong and the so-called National Liberation Front as "nothing more than Communist terrorists who, by murder, kidnaping and other terrorist techniques, are bent on undermining the security of all Southeast Asia."

HE SAID THE view of Sen. Young and others may be misinterpreted by Hanoi and "thus may be preventing immediate negotiations."

He branded Young's attack against Dean Rusk, secretary of state, sarcasm "unwarranted on the floor of the U.S. Senate."

"In this time of national emergency what is needed is bipartisan unity," Sweeney said.

Sweeney called on both parties to follow the example of the House of Representatives, which yesterday by a 402 to 30 vote backed the President's aid program for Southeast Asia, and to support the war efforts of the government.

Westlake and Cuyahoga appeals. County officials hailed the decision as a forward step toward construction of the sewer system. The project must be clear of litigation before federal funds may be obtained.

Judge Merrick eliminated one property owner's assessments and reduced the assessments of 13 others.

However, in a 13-page opinion, the judge upheld the need for the project.

THE JUDGE dismissed the appeals of five other property owners as having been filed too late.

Still pending in Probate Court are appeals of Mrs. Marie Sweeney and St. Bernadette Catholic Church, the proposed sewer.

Sweeney Opposes Johnson's Tax Plan

By JOHN E. BRYAN
Financial Editor

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-O, warned yesterday that proposed suspension of the 7% tax credit also would discourage industry from investing in controls for air and water pollution.

The Ohio congressman at large said he would oppose the proposal when it comes up for a vote in the House within the next week or two, but would recommend revival of the excess profits tax to cool the overheated economy and fight inflation.

He said that if the 7% tax credit is suspended, he will propose an amendment to exclude corporate investment in equipment to clear the air and water around the areas where companies operate.

SWEENEY, IN A statement to The Plain Dealer, said the tax suspension "is not going to produce what Treasury Secretary Henry H. Fowler claims will be a reduction in the high cost of living."

He said that alternatives suggested by Cleveland...

(tax credit might result in unemployment with industry trimming down investments in plant and equipment for expansion.

Sweeney also charged that a cut in output of automated machinery would hamper American industry's competition with foreign concerns.

"**GOVERNMENT** agencies, such as the Labor and Health & Welfare Departments, are spending hundreds of millions of dollars to help train workers for jobs," he pointed out.

"But if the government destroys incentives for industry to create more jobs, these workers are going to be just like the girl who was all dressed up with no place to go."

The congressman also pointed out that suspension of the tax credit would not have any effect on the economy now, when inflation checks are needed, but would be damaging when effective later.

Noting that President Johnson's wage guidelines are "gone out the window,"

Sweeney said he also plans a threat to both labor and management to give the President agreement when they get out of power over wage and price line," he asserted.

'Take It Easy' Sweeney Is Told

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, is under doctor's orders to "take it easy" in his campaign for Ohio attorney general.

Sweeney has a mild case of mononucleosis, his wife said yesterday.

She said the problem was diagnosed after Sweeney began getting tired easily. "That's unusual for him," said Mrs. Sweeney.

Sweeney Mail Rankles Saxbe

By WILSON HIRSCHFELD
Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS — Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe yesterday charged that U. S. Rep. at-large Robert E. Sweeney of Day Village again is franking 1 million pieces of mail in Ohio at taxpayers' expense.

Sweeney is the Democratic candidate for attorney general opposing Saxbe in the Nov. 8 election.

Saxbe also charged that Sweeney is flooding county fairs around Ohio with free federal government pamphlets and booklets for which

Uncle Sam normally charges taxpayers 10 cents to 35 cents each.

"THEY MUST BE GETTING them by the truckload," Saxbe said of the government material being distributed by Sweeney's campaign organization.

Saxbe said he did not know how much taxpayers are paying for Sweeney's latest franking. It is captioned:

"Cong. Sweeney cites U.S. Supreme Court decisions—Says: 'Someone's getting away with murder' or 'Who says crime doesn't pay?'"

The mailing contains a reprint of a speech delivered by Sweeney in the House of Representatives on July 19.

SAXBE RECALLS that a similar statewide mailing by Sweeney last spring reported

by cost U.S. taxpayers as much as \$50,000 in postage expense. That was when Sweeney was seeking the Democratic nomination for attorney general against Cuyahoga County Recorder Mark McElroy.

The reprints themselves have been paid for by Sweeney.

Most of the booklets and pamphlets being distributed by the Sweeney forces are from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

ALL HAVE BEEN rubber stamped on their covers: "Compliments of Robert E. Sweeney, Member of Congress, Ohio."

Others are stamped with a political message. One 35-cent booklet, "Family Fare,

Food Management and Recipes," is stamped: "You're cooking with Bob Sweeney for attorney general."

Another booklet carries a sticker: "Elect Robert E. Sweeney—attorney general."

Saxbe also questioned the propriety of federal government literature being handled at Democratic political booths at county fairs. At Zanesville in Muskingum County they were given away at the AFL-CIO booth, Saxbe said.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL asserted that the booklets and pamphlets were being stuffed with political cards and literature from Sweeney and local Democratic candidates.

Titles of government booklets being distributed by the Sweeney forces and their listed prices include:

"Your Child From One to Six," 20 cents.

"Watch Your Step — Avoid Farm Accidents," 15 cents.

"Infant Care," 20 cents.

"Money-Saving Main Dishes," 20 cents.

"Nutrition Up To Date, Up To You," 15 cents.

"Library Service for Rural People," 15 cents.

"Removing Stains From Fabrics," 15 cents.

"U. S. Grades for Beef," 10 cents.

THE SWEENEY CAMP even is distributing a leaflet, "Cooking the Big and Small Turkey." It also is stamped with the congressman's commitments.

However it is not a government pamphlet. It was printed by two national associations promoting turkeys, poultry and eggs.

Katzenbach Hit on Hough Report

WASHINGTON—Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, accused Nicholas Katzenbach yesterday of discounting "overwhelming evidence that Communists are having a field day infiltrating American cities."

Sweeney's criticism stemmed from Katzenbach's refutation of the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury report on rioting in the Hough area of Cleveland last month. The attorney general testified Wednesday before a Senate subcommittee.

The jury said the rioting was organized by professionals who were aided and abetted by "misguided people," some of whom were Communists.

Sweeney upheld the report and praised its principal author, Louis B. Seltzer, retired, editor of the Cleveland Press, in a speech on the House floor.

Police Pay Is Assailed by Sweeney

Low police salaries and lack of respect for police were criticized last night by U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, at a banquet here of the 32d annual Ohio Conference of the Fraternal Order of Police.

About 600 delegates were in attendance at Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland. The three-day convention ends tonight, after action on resolutions concerning police pay and image, U.S. Supreme Court rulings and civil review boards.

SWEENEY SAID POLICE pay in the majority of Ohio's and the nation's cities is "almost down to the poverty scale" and that most policemen must "moonlight" to meet day-to-day living expenses.

Turning to U.S. Supreme Court rulings on civil rights and in criminal cases, he said: "Law enforcement and personal constitutional rights, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, are on a collision course."

Sweeney asked if the criminal is "not being given priority attention over the general public."

Anthony W. Coyne, president of Cleveland FOP Lodge No. 8, noting that Mayor Ralph S. Locher was at the speakers' table, took the opportunity to announce that "the FOP is on record as being against any form of civil review board."

MAYOR LOCHER said in his talk that the city government understood the problems confronting all police and pledge his support "to better the policeman's lot."

Foiled Once in a While, Merrick Says

"With the volume of work we have in Probate Court, we do get fooled once in a while by people."

That was one reaction of Probate Judge Frank J. Merrick yesterday to Plain Dealer articles describing how reporters located relatives of a dead man whose estate had been turned over to the State of Ohio.

"THIS HAPPENS QUITE OFTEN, YOU KNOW, where estates are escheated to the state and then reopened when an heir turns up," he said.

Sometimes people mislead the administrator or attorney who are looking for heirs."

Judge Merrick said that Hyde J. Stewart's potential heirs, Mrs. LaReine McBride and her sister, Mrs. Neva Buchholz, both of Missouri Valley, Iowa, would have little trouble claiming their inheritance.

He said they could file with the court to reopen the case and then would have to present evidence that they are related to Stewart.

HE NOTED, HOWEVER,

that under law they would be unable to testify in court themselves but would have to obtain an attorney to handle their case.

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, and the lawyer for the estate, refused to discuss facts of the case with The Plain Dealer.

"The Plain Dealer stories are highly inaccurate," declared Sweeney from his Washington office. "The stories are 90% incomplete."

Sweeney declined to elaborate on the "inaccuracies."

Sweeney Attacks Ohio's Welfare Standards; Asks Increased ADC

Plain Dealer Bureau

AKRON — Ohio should be ashamed of its level of public assistance, U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, last night told a dinner sponsored by the Summit County Committee for Adequate Welfare.

About 100 persons ate a meal described as a typical welfare dinner: canned meat, beans and corn bread.

Sweeney called for welfare payments of 100% of the minimum instead of the present 70% of the cost of living index.

"Everyone, Republicans and Democrats, Protestants and Catholics, Negroes and whites, must join hands and make sure a protest is recorded as possible," he said.

SWEENEY ATTACKED the level of Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) payments.

"As long as there's a boy or girl who is in need of shoes, a warm jacket or a decent diet, how can we expect these kids to walk with heads high in what is called 'the wonderful world of Ohio'?" he asked.

Sweeney said he applauded the efforts of those who will march June 30 from Cleveland to Columbus in an attempt to focus on the deplorably low welfare grants.

"The cliché-makers have done a grand job of depicting the welfare recipient as a loafer, a chisler, an immoral person," he charged.

"It is about time we stood up and be counted, and understand the real profile of these people and what their real problem is."

Sweeney Blasts SNCC Leader as Anarchist

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, last night condemned Stokely Carmichael as "an anarchist" and puppet leader... an individual masquerading as a supposed civil rights leader.

Carmichael is leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). During the weekend he defined "black power" and called Negro soldiers in Viet Nam "black mercenaries."

Speaking to the Catholic War Veterans at a banquet in S.S. Cyril and Methodius Church in Lakewood, Sweeney said he felt compelled to offer a rebuttal to Carmichael's statements.

"HERE IS AN individual (Carmichael) masquerading as a supposed civil rights leader, who is nothing more than an anarchist and an extremist, who... will do more harm to the civil rights crusade than anyone who has appeared on the American scene in this decade, includ-

ing Gov. George Wallace of Alabama," Sweeney said.

"I think it appropriate that veterans' organizations in this county unite in their response lest one soldier in Viet Nam get the idea that there is any diluting of support on the home front for their sacrifices in the field."

Sweeney called Carmichael "a dangerous American."

Sweeney, a candidate in November for attorney general of Ohio, said he will consult U.S. Atty. Gen. Nicholas deB.

Katzenbach as to whether appropriate "criminal action might be instituted in the federal courts against Mr. Carmichael."

"This weekend, we came to understand what Mr. Carmichael meant by black power," Sweeney stated, "and boiling it down to its simplest, it amounts to: let's raise havoc in the street and turn America upside down."

"IF THIS DOESN'T constitute the advocacy of the use of force and violence to

overthrow the duly constituted government of the United States of America or something close to it, then I miss my guess."

Sweeney told the veterans group that every veteran can applaud the efforts of genuine civil rights leaders such as Roy Wilkins.

Saxbe Probe Rejected

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney's demand for a Franklin County Grand Jury probe of Ohio Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe has been turned down in Columbus.

Franklin County Prosecutor C. Howard Johnson yesterday said the demand from Sweeney, campaigning for the Democrat's nomination to oppose Republican Saxbe in November, does not merit grand jury action, the Associated Press reported.

Sweeney charged Saxbe's assistants are drawing full-time pay while engaging in private law practice. Johnson said he could "determine no activity which violates the criminal statutes of the state," based on Sweeney's charges.

Saxbe Says Sweeney Received \$49,000 From State

Plain Dealer Bureau COLUMBUS—The office of Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe yesterday said U.S. Rep. at large Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village received nearly \$50,000 in special fees for claim work under former Atty. Gen. Mark McElroy.

Saxbe's office said Sweeney received additional fees when McElroy was attorney general from 1959-63 for legal

work for the secretary of state's office and the State Division of Aid for the Aged.

IN HIS CAMPAIGN against McElroy for the Democratic nomination for attorney general, Sweeney has been criticizing Saxbe for paying special counsel fees to his "political cronies." Sweeney has urged that the special council system be ended with

the attorney general's office expanding its staff to do the needed work.

Sweeney told a newsman who reached him in Washington that he had received only \$21,000 in special fees from the attorney general's office. Lewis Hausman, Saxbe's claim chief, said the total was \$19,550.

In Cleveland yesterday, McElroy said Sweeney owes the

public an explanation of his "fantastic abuse" of congressional mailing privileges.

McELROY QUOTED an April 18 Plain Dealer editorial which called Sweeney franking of a million letters on

Viet Nam "a shabby waste of public money."

McElroy speculated that Sweeney was costing the taxpayers as much as \$100,000 in postage costs for franked mail in the last year.

"What cheaper way to campaign than by flooding the mails at taxpayers' expense," McElroy said.

"I wonder how many U.S. Marines could be supported in Viet Nam on this shabby waste of public funds," McElroy commented.

Sweeney Drops Two Lawsuits on Assessment

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, is dropping two lawsuits he filed against Westlake's sewer assessment, the suburb's council was told last night.

Law Director Patrick A. Gareau reported that Sweeney's law office said late yesterday that the suits would be withdrawn "in the best interest of the city."

THE ONLY COURT action now holding up the start of the \$16.7-million sewer project are the 21 complaints filed in Probate Court protesting individual assessments, Gareau said. All arguments are in and Gareau is waiting for the judge's decision.

"With any luck, we should be home free within a few weeks," the law director said.

He and Mayor Alexander R. Roman will supervise filing of a journal entry withdrawing

Sweeney's cases this morning, Gareau said.

"May I enter a yippee in the record?" Councilman Joseph L. Jackson said after hearing the news.

SWEENEY FILED the suits last January to challenge the constitutionality of the sewer assessments. The suits were filed in the name of his mother, Mrs. Marie Sweeney, who owns 17 acres at Columbia and Hilliard Roads, and of St. Bernadette Church on Clague Road.

Mrs. Sweeney's land has a \$56,000 sewer assessment and the church property is being assessed \$54,000 for sewers, Mayor Roman reported.

Roman said he has told Sweeney that if his lawsuits were dropped he would have the opportunity to refile in a year.



Rep. Robert E. Sweeney

Good Fellowship Hails Sweeney on St. Pat's Day

U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, will be guest of honor March 17 at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon of the Irish Good Fellowship Club.

Harry T. Shannon, chairman of this 56th renewal of the luncheon, said last night that the congressman was named 1966 winner of the club's Irish Good Fellow Award.

The selection committee said of Rep. Sweeney: "Born to an Irish ancestry rich in accomplishments, he has displayed soaring energy, superior capabilities, honesty, courage, and a great and sincere love of his fellow man."

The luncheon will be at Hotel Lake Shore, with John T. Patton, assistant county prosecutor, as toastmaster, and George J. McMunagle, lawyer, delivering the address.

The Rev. Thomas Flynn, assistant pastor of St. Mel Church, will present the award to Sweeney.

Saxbe's Fraud Efforts Rapped

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic candidate for the office of Ohio attorney general, charged yesterday that his opponent, incumbent William B. Saxbe, has "failed to effect any organized campaign to protect Ohio's consuming public."

Sweeney, in a statement issued from his Washington office, called the consumer frauds and crimes sections of Saxbe's office "one of the greatest consumer frauds and hoaxes being perpetrated upon Ohio taxpayers."

U.S. Sending Agents to Probe Land Deals

By WILSON HIRSCHFELD
Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS—Auditing and investigating teams from the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads (BPR) will be in Ohio before July 1 to launch a broad investigation of federal highway trust fund spending.

U.S. Rep. Robert F. Sweeney, D-at-large, said yesterday the federal men were ready to begin "a large-scale inquiry" based on disclosures by The Plain Dealer and information the BPR has obtained from other sources.

PRELIMINARY STUDIES by the BPR justified a probe of "sizeable dimensions," Sweeney said from Washington.

BPR investigators, Sweeney said, will take statements from "all parties" in highway land-buying cases, including land owners, appraisers and state officials.

The investigation will not be "under cover," Sweeney said, and BPR teams will present themselves to the state highway department.

THE FEDERAL ROADS BUREAU is consolidating information it already has on land acquisition procedures by the highway department. Some was obtained in an unpublicized visit to Columbus late in May by two top BPR investigators from Washington.

Sweeney said the federal aid highway subcommittee and the House of Representatives were maintaining a "special interest" in the upcoming probe.

"The committee's attitude about the inquiry in Ohio is to let the chips fall where they may," Sweeney said.

OHIANS ARE ENTITLED to be assured the state's highway program is being administered properly, he said.

"If it is not being administered properly," he said, "the people of Ohio are entitled to know where the state attorney general and the Ohio Department of Highways have failed."

"I am positive the state highway department and the attorney general have failed to follow accepted procedures and practices in many transactions brought to public attention by The Plain Dealer."

SWEENEY ASKED for a federal probe of freeway land deals in Ohio after The Plain Dealer early last month reported an Interstate 71 (Medina Freeway) transaction in Brook Park.

In that case, the highway department at the Cleveland office of Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe agreed to pay \$750,000 for 18.5 acres after one state appraiser said the land was worth only \$255,000. Other appraisals were higher. Saxbe later scrapped the agreement.

Exposed by PD

U.S. Probe of Land Deal Sought

By WILSON HIRSCHFELD
Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS—A congressional probe of the \$750,000 Medina Freeway land deal will be sought in Washington tomorrow by U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, of Bay Village.

Sweeney yesterday said he would ask Rep. John C. Kluczynski, D-Ill., chairman of the House roads subcommittee, to bring the committee to Ohio to investigate the land transaction brought to light in The Plain Dealer last week.

SWEENEY, A MEMBER of the House subcommittee, said he also was writing to U.S. Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe, who ordered the \$750,000 settlement scrapped after some of its ramifications were reported in this newspaper.

SWEENEY IS RUNNING for election in November against Ohio Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe, who ordered the \$750,000 settlement scrapped after some of its ramifications were reported in this newspaper.

From First Page Sweeney said he was bringing The Plain Dealer articles to the attention of Sen. Jennings Randolph, D-W. Va., chairman of the Senate Public Works Committee; Rep. George H. Fallon, D-Md., chairman of the House public works subcommittee; Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor and Rex M. Whitton, federal highway administrator.

Saxbe, after he threw out the settlement, said that his aides had been pressured by Cuyahoga County Probate Judge Frank J. Merrick. Merrick has set May 25 for a hearing on a journal entry in the case. Saxbe has directed his aides not to sign any journal entry.

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"HOWEVER, I THINK the public is entitled to be protected from deals in land promotion.

"From within the attorney general's office, it appears that certain offensive pressures were brought on state appraisers to elevate their appraisals. I find it difficult to believe that an appraiser can report a land value of \$300,000 on one occasion and on other occasion the same appraiser fixes a valuation of over \$900,000.

"I don't like the sound of

Pointing out that the state was going to pay \$30,000 an acre for land purchased in the

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Panelists Agree Viet Debate Is Beneficial

Public congressional discussion of the war in Viet Nam has been a beneficial test of American foreign policy, panelists reviewed yesterday.

The Foreign Relations Committee hearings in Asia declared yesterday. The comments were made at the Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland during an all-day seminar sponsored by the Public Affairs Forum of Notre Dame College.

The panelists agreed before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in February provided a good public forum. Despite questions raised, the majority of Congress and the American public is behind President Johnson's action in Viet Nam, panelists held.

THE TELEVISED hearings set a precedent for future useful congressional behavior," Beam said.

Keynote speaker was George R. Laking, New Zealand ambassador to the United States. He spoke on "Regional Security Arrangements in Southeast Asia and the Pacific."

PANEL MEMBERS were U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large; Mrs. Burton R. Binyon, director of the Cleveland Viet Nam working group; Alvin Beam, an associate editor of The Plain Dealer; Harv Morgan, WKYC radio was moderator. Morgan told the nearly 400 meeting

Sweeney Heading for Nomination

Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS—Congressman-at-Large Robert E. Sweeney, was heading for victory over Cuyahoga County Recorder Mark McElroy of Cleveland after a neck-and-neck race for the Democratic nomination for Ohio attorney general.

Sweeney and McElroy, one-time friends and political allies, were slugging it out to win a place on the November ballot against Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe of Mechanicsburg. Saxbe was unopposed in the GOP primary yesterday.

9,145 polling places of the state's 13,254 (74 counties complete) including 800 from Cuyahoga.

Dem. Attorney General
McELROY—172,319
SWEENEY—201,484

Dem. Auditor, Full Term
FERGUSON—235,095
PUGLIESE—59,161

Dem. Auditor, Short Term
BORROR—89,907
KNISLEY—214,941

Dem. Sec. of State
BELL—159,577
NOLAN—171,453

Dem. Treasurer
F. BROWN—197,907
ENTINGER—125,738

James D. Nolan, Cleveland public relations man, came from behind to lead Cleveland City Councilman James H.

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Bell of Ward 11 in a tight Democratic primary contest for secretary of state.

In November the winner will face Secretary of State Ted W. Brown of Columbus who has held the office for 16 years. Brown was unopposed in the GOP primary. Nolan had forced the lawsuit that resulted in reapportionment of the Ohio legislature.

Bell had led in early returns from southern Ohio but Nolan edged out front as the counting proceeded into the early morning with more returns from urban areas in northern Ohio.

If Bell were to defeat Nolan he would become the first Negro ever to win a nomination for a state office.

The last Negro to seek office on a statewide ticket was Joseph C. Bowman of Columbus, a Democrat, who ran for the Ohio Supreme Court in 1936. At first he was recorded as a winner in the party primary that year but he lost in the official count by about 5,000 votes.

George Shanklin, Springfield, Negro, was defeated in a race for lieutenant governor in the Republican primary in 1924.

Election Nears

It's the Season Again for Free-Mail Gripes

By SANFORD WATZMAN
Plain Dealer Bureau

WASHINGTON—This is election season. Now is the time for the lawmakers, who get by without even licking a stamp, let alone paying for one, to remember us via the mailbox.

Their facsimile signatures substitute for postage.

Some citizens, until they realize the futility of it, have been known to complain. But, generally the loudest reaction comes from a congressman's opponent. For instance, this year Ohio Atty. Gen. William Saxbe charges that Rep.-at-large Robert Sweeney is sending out a million pieces of mail at taxpayers' expense.

SWEENEY IS running against Saxbe for attorney general.

According to the rules, which the congressmen write, they are supposed to pay for most costs other than postage. Yet no one denies that the whole package is a bargain.

To circulate his views, a lawmaker has only to utter them on the floor of the House or Senate. Then his words are automatically printed in the Congressional Record. Or he might insert some other item in the record.

Once published there, the article is ordered reprinted by the congressman. As official business, it is stuffed into official envelopes, 40,000 of which are supplied free to each lawmaker each month. Then they are mailed free under the congressman's franking privilege.

THE LAWMAKER may buy additional envelopes. Or he may borrow from a colleague who is not using that month's allotment. At any rate, there is no limit to the number of pieces of mail that may be franked.

The rules also say the congressman must pay for reprints from the Congressional Record. He usually buys them from the Government Printing Office, a creature of Congress. The GPO's board of directors is the Joint Congressional Committee on Printing.

The committee has decreed that the printing bills a congressman runs up are confidential.

In addition to Congressional Record reprints, congressmen may frank and mail other publications of the GPO—pamphlets printed, say, for the Agriculture Department. Each lawmaker gets a free supply of such documents.

ONE OF THE printing powers in Congress is Ohio's Rep.

Wayne Hayes, D-Flushing, a member of the joint committee and also chairman of the House's own printing subcommittee. He asks:

"Why is it any worse for Sweeney to frank mail than it is for Saxbe to have a flock of assistant attorneys general running around the state campaigning for him while being paid a salary out of public funds?"

State Office Revamping in Ohio Urged

By JAMES M. NAUGHTON

Robert E. Sweeney, twice the Democratic nominee for Ohio attorney general, proposed yesterday that the job be made appointive.

Sweeney, former U.S. representative-at-large, called upon Gov. James A. Rhodes to name a commission to study streamlining of state government.

For example, said Sweeney, the office of state treasurer might easily be combined with that of state auditor.

Often mentioned as a potential candidate in 1970 for governor or attorney general, Sweeney appeared to be ruling out a run for the latter post—if it should become appointive, at least.

HE SAID IT was timely to call upon Rhodes to ask the Ohio Legislature to make the attorney general post appointive because the governor is considering an appointee to take the place of William B. Saxbe. Saxbe was elected to the U.S. Senate last month.

Along with an appointed attorney general "free from the conflict of the partisan political arena," a study commission should consider major changes in the Ohio law enforcement system, Sweeney said.

He said the attorney general's office should be granted broad authority to enforce the law across Ohio because of the "very obvious inability of such law enforcement to control the general corruption of our cities through vice and major crime."

The time may be at hand, said Sweeney, to consider expanding jurisdiction of the Ohio Highway Patrol, making it a law enforcement arm of the attorney general's office.

IN OUR overcrowded urban centers we are spending billions for drug programs and new jails," Sweeney said. "The attorney general is possessed of the real authority to proceed against the criminal offender in those overcrowded ghettos, then the environmental destruction caused by prostitution, narcotics and numbers will continue."

At the same time, Sweeney suggested, the appointed attorney general should be granted responsibility for assuring every citizen equal protection under the law.

With a revised view of the attorney general's office, consumer protection and criminal intelligence programs would become meaningful, Sweeney said.

At present, said Sweeney,

Lawyer Got \$3,500 Fee --and Failed to Find Heir

By DONALD L. BARLETT and MICHAEL D. ROBERTS
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For Hyde J. Stewart—who toiled, skimped and saved during his 77 years—it would have been much cheaper not to die.

From his modest \$22,864.38 estate, an administrator and a lawyer charged with handling Stewart's last personal affairs extracted more than \$5,500 for their fees.

The lawyer was U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at-large, Democratic candidate for state attorney general in the November election.

In part, Sweeney and the administrator were paid for their unsuccessful efforts in locating relatives of Stewart who would be eligible to inherit his estate.

BASED ON THEIR REPORTS that he left no known heirs, Probate Judge Frank J. Merrick in 1964 turned the

ONE OF A SERIES

remains of Stewart's estate, whittled down by various fees and debts to \$12,605.26, over to the state of Ohio.

But Hyde J. Stewart, refrigerator repairman, home

remodeler and bachelor recluse, does have potential heirs—two second cousins now living in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Plain Dealer reporters found the cousins this month as part of an extended investigation of Probate Court activities.

The relatives were located after a week's search that centered on Lakeside Avenue Courthouse and the Cleveland Public Library.

IT WAS ON THE SECOND FLOOR of the courthouse, in the Probate Court clerk's office, that Sweeney and the administrator filed all the legal papers in Stewart's case, including a petition that Stewart died leaving no known relatives.

Sweeney collected \$3,500 for his legal services—four times more than the \$875 fee suggested as a guideline in court rules for such an estate.

The administrator, Richard J. Mooney, who described himself as a "close friend" of Stewart, picked up \$2,077.28

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Robert E. Sweeney



Frank J. Merrick

—three times more than the \$577 fee allotted under state law.

The fee for an administrator is

Reporters Dig In, Find 2 Relatives

You didn't need "Mr. Keen, Tracer of Lost Persons," the invincible old radio voice, to come up with the relatives of the late Hyde J. Stewart, but you did have to look and you did need perseverance.

Two Plain Dealer reporters found two relatives in

Iowa in about a week of work, after a lawyer, paid \$3,500 to handle the estate, failed to find an heir.

U. S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-at large, the Democratic candidate for Ohio attorney general, was paid from Stewart's estate to help locate heirs and handle other legal matters

in the estate in 1963 and 1964. At the time he was a lawyer in the Engineers Building here.

HE REPORTED to the Cuyahoga County Probate Court that he could not find heirs to Hyde's \$22,864.38 estate, which had dwindled, due to various fees and debts, to \$12,605. This sum has reverted to the state of Ohio because no heirs were found.

Stewart, 77, a bachelor, died on Feb. 15, 1963, in Cleveland, apparently without a relative to claim his estate. He left no will.

It took reporters Donald L. Bariett and Michael D. Roberts about a week of intensive investigation to come up with the final clue that led to Missouri Valley, Iowa.

OPERATING under the theory that everyone has a relative somewhere, the reporters checked marriage records, newspaper death notices, death certificates, birth records, deeds, land sales, tax records, military records, wills, employment records and old city directories.

The city directories gave the first clues. Hyde Stewart once had been connected, in 1911, with a man named Roger Sullivan in the Sullivan & Stewart Tailor Shop at 1439 Superior Avenue N.E.

A directory in 1876 showed that Sullivan had lived in a house in what was then called 11 Canfield Avenue. A year later the directory noted that an E. G. Stewart moved into this same home.

A link began to form.

REPORTERS then found

that listed on the death certificate of Hyde Stewart's mother was her maiden name, Sullivan, and the name of Hyde's father, George Stewart, also known as E. G. Stewart.

Then came other clues. It turned out that Hyde had had a brother and a sister. The brother, Edwin, had died in 1916.

A check of a deed to a house at 1609 E. 22d Street, where Hyde had been living for many years, according to directories, revealed that Hyde's sister was one Mabel Gundlach.

The search continued. A Continued on Page 7, Col. 1

marriage certificate was found in Elyria that said Mabel Stewart had wed Otto Gundlach of Cleveland there on Oct. 19, 1922.

BUT WHAT HAPPENED to Mabel Gundlach? The city directories gave no clue—no listings.

Then a recheck of Hyde's estate records showed that Mabel and her husband had moved to Los Angeles and died there. They left no children, either.

Blank. Sweeney had checked the estate out this far.

On the second floor of the Lakeside Avenue Courthouse in the Probate Court clerk's office are large, cumbersome ledgers known as dockets. These dockets list names of persons who have died and the names of the persons the court has selected to administer the estates of the deceased.

THE DOCKETS date to 1810 in Cuyahoga County.

The reporters began a page-by-page search of the dockets for anyone with the name of Sullivan who died between 1860 and 1922.

HARRIETT traveled to and met the Grand

Sweeney May Oppose Minshall in the 23d

U.S. Rep. William E. Minshall, R-23, seems sure to face opposition from former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney if Ohio's 24 congressional dis-

tricts are realigned the way Gov. James A. Rhodes has proposed. The Rhodes plan would snip from Minshall's present district much of the Republican suburbia and add to it Democratic strongholds like Parma and Garfield Heights.

Sweeney, a Democrat, was representative-at-large from 1964-66. One of his long-time friends described him as "itching to run" against Minshall—if the districts follow the Rhodes pattern.

Meanwhile, in the western suburbs a group of Democrats has formed a committee pushing Sweeney for the 23d District contest.

It is headed by Thomas Wendling, a Fairview Park City Council member.

According to Wendling, if the Rhodes plan is enacted, by the Ohio Legislature, "Bob Sweeney has an excellent chance of going to Washington again."

Sweeney lives in Bay Village. The suburb is in Minshall's district now and is included as part of the 23d District proposed by the governor.

Sweeney Opposes Party, Backs OBC

Former Ohio congressman Robert E. Sweeney opposed his fellow Democrats yesterday and came out in support of Gov. James A. Rhodes' Ohio Bond Commission proposal which will appear on May 2, special election ballot.

At a Columbus news conference Sweeney called the OBC bill "A classic piece of people-oriented legislation." He said he gave a copy of his statement endorsing the proposal to Gov. Rhodes and volunteered to campaign for it.

THE OHIO DEMOCRATIC party has come out against the OBC proposal and has set up a war chest to fight it. Sweeney has been at odds with top Democrats over party organization. Sweeney frequently mentioned as a possible candi-

date for mayor of Cleveland, Cleveland." Sweeney said, "God help Cleveland which is in dire need."

He said the OBC proposal would benefit Cleveland and other major cities in the fields of pollution, highways and juvenile delinquency.

"The wonderful part is the benefits are now, not 10 to 15 years hence," he said.

The proposal is consistent with the platform and the aims of the national Democratic party he asserted.

ON LOCHER'S POSITION Sweeney's position "rather surprising" because he was asking people to give up their right to vote on bond issues, other look" at it.

"He has been an outstanding critic of government not putting more money into Ohio," he said.



Robert E. Sweeney

Sweeney Eyes New Shot at Mayoral Post Here

MAR 28 51 PD
By JAMES M. NAUGHTON

Any Cleveland politician worth his stuff knows he is qualified to be mayor. Usually they start a little lower, though.

But when Robert E. Sweeney made his first political move, in 1955, it was for mayor.

NOW, 12 YEARS and three more political campaigns later, he is thinking of making a fresh assault on City Hall.

Bob Sweeney does everything in a big way. He is, after all, the father of 12 youngsters.

And Sweeney learned about the political art from one of its most able teachers. His father, the late Martin L. Sweeney, long held the 20th Congressional District in the palm of his gesturing Irish hand as its U.S. representative.

SO POLITICIANS weren't surprised in 1955 when young Sweeney got into the mayoral melee. When he did, he came out swinging.

Sweeney accused the then-mayor, Anthony J. Celebrezze (now a federal appeals judge), of "appointing a committee to solve every important problem that comes up" and promised:

"I shall be unafraid to assume the responsibilities

Several Clevelanders have been mentioned as potential candidates for mayor this year. As a public service, here is the eighth in a series of profiles on the candidates most likely to challenge Democratic Mayor Ralph S. Locher.

trailed the incumbent, Republican William B. Saxbe.

IN ALL HIS campaigns, Sweeney has battled breezily. In a radio debate with Ku Klux Klan leader Flynn Harvey of Columbus, Sweeney said organizations which preach terrorism and violence ought to be outlawed in this country.

A year later he was equally outspoken against Stokely Carmichael, leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNICK). Sweeney called Carmichael "nothing more than an anarchist and an extremist."

Sweeney came out in 1962 for election of Mayor Ralph S. Locher and in 1965 for city income tax. Two positions, he will have to work around if he runs this year.

He also will have to move if he's serious. Sweeney, his wife, Patricia, and the 12 children live at 26821 Bruce Road, Bay Village.

Brief Filed by County in Tax Suit

MAR 13 59 PD
Cuyahoga County Commissioners alleged yesterday that if the U.S. District Court upholds former congressman Robert E. Sweeney's suit attacking legality of the proposed .5% piggyback sales tax, it will cost the county about \$1.3 million a month.

In a brief filed in opposition to Sweeney's suit, the commissioners said it had been estimated that the tax will yield \$15.6 million in 1970.

Sweeney is seeking a preliminary injunction restraining the county and state from collecting the tax.

A THREE-JUDGE panel composed of District Judges James C. Connell and Ben C. Green together with U.S. Appeals Judge Anthony J. Celebrezze will begin hearing the case Thursday.

Sweeney contends state law under which the commissioners enacted the tax is unconstitutional because it provides only 30 days for opponents to gather enough signatures on referendum petitions.

Unless prohibited by court order, the county and state plan to start the tax Aug. 1.

Hearings Open Today On 5% Tax

MAR 24 59 PD
A special three-judge panel will begin hearings today in U.S. District Court on the legality of Cuyahoga County's proposed .5% piggyback sales tax.

Former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney is seeking a preliminary injunction restraining the county and state from collecting the tax. He has named Gov. James A. Rhodes and State Tax Commissioner Gail W. Porterfield defendants.

STATE ASST. Atty. Gen. Julius J. Nemeth yesterday filed a motion for dismissal claiming the federal court lacked jurisdiction.

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Common Pleas Judge Francis J. Talty Tuesday took under advisement a similar suit filed by lawyer Paul Mancino Sr., who sought a temporary restraining order to block the tax while his lawsuit is pending. Collection of the

Sweeney Fuels Sales Tax Fight

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Former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, a leader of efforts to get a public vote on the new county sales tax, yesterday accused the "courthouse crowd" of trying to link his campaign with "radical right-wing kooks."

Sweeney said he was determined to round up 55,000 signatures of registered voters to force a referendum Nov. 4 on the .5% piggyback sales tax enacted by county commissioners last week.

If necessary, said Sweeney, he would go to federal courts for a ruling on constitutionality of the law setting a 30-day limit on a campaign to get the signatures.

THE FORMER Democratic congressman, a potential 1970 candidate for governor, said the "courthouse crowd" was spreading a story that the county's opponents of the county sales tax are right-wing kooks and nuts and the lunatic fringe.

Sweeney would not name those he believed were making the statements. He said he merely wanted to make it clear his group includes Republicans and Democrats, Negroes and whites and individuals of all philosophies.

"We don't dispute the need for additional funds for the county," Sweeney said. "We merely say the sales tax is not the proper method and the citizens should be allowed to vote on the issue."

HE VOWED to show anyone who is interested the names and addresses of those working with him on the campaign. Sweeney also said he was not joining a similar effort being waged by the American Independent party of George C. Wallace.

Sweeney has until April 9 to gather signatures to put the issue on the ballot. He said yesterday it might not be possible to start a period.

"If we find it is difficult to meet the deadline, we will go into U.S. District Court to seek a ruling whether the 30-day limit is a constitutional due process," Sweeney said. He contended it was the

Two Top Democrats Heat Up Lausche-Gilligan Senate Duel

Plain Dealer Bureau
COLUMBUS — Two widely known state Democratic figures yesterday heated up the battle between U. S. Sen. Frank J. Lausche and Cincinnati Councilman John J. Gilligan for the party's Senate nomination May 7.

Former State Rep. Harry H. McIlwain of Cincinnati, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in

1966, threw his support to Lausche and was named co-chairman of the senator's state campaign.

FORMER U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village said he would ask the party's state executive committee to reconsider its endorsement of Gilligan because of his reluctance to support President Johnson's policies in the Vietnam war. Sweeney also is co-chairman of Lausche's campaign.

The strife in the Democratic organization boiled up on the heels of an announcement by Howard M. Metzbaum of Cleveland that he had quit his post as cochairman of Gilligan's state campaign. Metzbaum, however, said he would continue to back Gilligan.

Commenting on Sweeney's action, Gilligan said that Sweeney was seeking to stir confusion and dissension in party ranks.

In what apparently was a quick reply to Sweeney's call, state Democratic chairman Morton Neipp of Toledo issued a statement urging all Ohio Democrats to work for Gilligan's nomination.

Neipp said Gilligan was "proud to be a Democrat in name and deed."

LAUSCHE, on the other hand, was described by Neipp



Robert E. Sweeney

as "more of a Republican than a Democrat."

Gilligan's description of Lausche yesterday, made at a United Rubber Workers meeting in Dayton, was that "Lausche votes like a Dixiecrat and campaigns like a Dixiecrat."

Of Sweeney, Gilligan said: "He's a lackey and a hatchet man for Lausche."

"He's obviously attempting to provide a smoke screen for his aged patron,"

Gilligan said, "in an effort to distract the party from completing the job it undertook in January to unify behind a real Democrat as a candidate for the U.S. Senate."

Sweeney, who served one term in Congress in 1965-66, said he would write the executive committee to reconsider the endorsement.

"Any man who enjoys the endorsement of the Ohio state Democratic party certainly should not display any reluc-



Harry H. McIlwain

tance to support President Johnson," Sweeney said.

Sweeney said Lausche has spoken out in the Senate in defense of the administration's Vietnam policy more than any other Ohio member of Congress.

Commenting on McIlwain's appointment to the Lausche campaign, Gilligan said he "has apparently changed his mind again."

"I DON'T believe this move is a matter of conviction with him," Gilligan added, "and I expect him to be back supporting me before the May 7 primary."

"Under no circumstances," McIlwain replied.

He said Lausche is "a deserving man and we need him."

McIlwain earlier said he had made a mistake in voting for party endorsement of Gilligan in January.

"I went along with the other boys from Cincinnati who said they wanted labor's money," McIlwain added. "I was wrong, I don't think the party should be for sale."

Tax Reform, Office Eyed by Sweeney

By JAMES M. NAUGHTON

FORMER U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney announced plans yesterday to form a group called Stop Taxing Our Paychecks, Inc. (STOP) to push for reform of the state tax structure.

At the same time, Sweeney conceded he "will run for state office" in 1970. Although he refused to say which office he will seek, his remarks were aimed chair.

Sweeney appeared before Cuyahoga County commissioners to protest their plans to add a 1/2% sales tax on top of the present 4% state sales tax.

"THIS COUNTRY was founded on a tax revolution and it could go down in a tax revolution," Sweeney warned.

He said STOP Inc., which he will charter as a nonprofit corporation, would become the "taxpayer's lobby" in Columbus to represent "the ordinary guy with a paycheck."

A major effort will be to seek a statewide vote on a plan to force the state to return 50% of its sales tax revenues to the county in which the tax is collected. At present the state keeps most of the funds.

Asked if he would seek a vote on the issue at the November 1969 elections, Sweeney said it probably should go on the ballot a year later. If he should run for governor, he might be the Democratic nominee in 1970.

SWEENEY contended big business has a "tax loophole lobby" which causes the federal government to lose some \$20 billion a year in tax revenue. "What applies in Washington applies to a lesser extent in Columbus," he maintained.

"I wish Jim Rhodes (Republican Gov. James A. Rhodes) would take a page from President Nixon's book on revenue sharing," Sweeney said. He said it appeared likely Nixon would carry out his campaign pledge to share federal revenues with the states and the states must do the same with urban areas.

"Rhodes is very cutely and very politically laughing up his sleeve at people like the (county) commissioners," added Sweeney.

He told commissioners they should "force" Rhodes and the legislature to reform the tax structure by refusing to impose new tax burdens at the local level.

Sweeney said he did not "want to have an unclear record on where the governor ought to stand on state aid to metropolitan areas."

Tax Blockers Cramp Action

The United Auto Workers, former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney and the George Wallace backers, the American Independent Party, are all doing this community a disservice when they set out to block this county's 1 1/2% piggyback sales tax by a referendum.

If this unusual combination of forces can get 50,000 valid signatures by April 9, that will bar the tax from going into effect June 1 as scheduled. The county then will have to wait and vote Nov. 4 to see whether it can levy and spend that tax.

UAW opposition to this tax seems almost out of character. The UAW has been an inveterate fighter for many of the causes to which this piggyback money would be devoted: Raising welfare payments to decent subsistence level; improving sewerage; paying for school lunches; assuring and improving health, mental health and hospital services, and many such purposes for which the labor movement has always fought.

Sweeney's dream of compelling the state to kick back to counties 50% of all the

sales tax collected is a great wad of rose-tinted fluff. Who is going to sell the state on surrendering more than half a billion dollars — more than one-third of its total tax revenue?

And because that is not going to happen, the brass-tacks reality is still here. The question is: Now that the state has refused to come up with the needed money, and has left it to counties to raise their own funds for those needed services, shall we buy the services or not?

One attractive feature of piggyback tax money is that every penny of it collected in this county belongs to this county. Not a cent goes to pay a share of other counties' expenses.

No, this is one tax which does not get shaved down or divvied up on its way from taxpayer to his own county's government.

We do not agree with the arguments given for delaying the piggyback tax. We do not think citizens who sign the initiative petitions are doing themselves or Greater Cleveland any favors.

Abortion

The bill to liberalize Ohio's laws on abortion is under attack from two sides: those who say such a change goes too far and those who say it doesn't go far enough.

In Cleveland, the first view is expressed by the Ohio Right to Life Society, organized two years ago and headed by Robert E. Sweeney, former U.S. representative and the father of 12.

The society's purpose is to defend "the right of life of those human beings who are unable to defend their own rights: the unborn, the mentally ill or retarded, the physically handicapped and the aged," he said.

SWEENEY SAID the society is composed of professional and lay persons in Ohio "who feel the proposal to liberalize the state's abortion laws is the most devastating moral issue of our times."

It has sent representatives to the Ohio House of Representatives' Health and Welfare Committee hearing under way in Columbus and has urged those opposing the bill to write state legislators.

"We believe the unborn infant has a separate unique existence as a human being, with all its inherent rights and privileges," Sweeney said. "Proponents of the bill wish to substitute this with a belief that the unborn child does not have the status of a human being."

"Therefore, they claim, the usual protective authority over human life could be removed and the decision for life or death could be made on the basis of the mother's conscience and the attending physician's judgment."

Permissive Tax Called 'Dodge'

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Former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-O., yesterday charged the whole system of permissive taxes authorized by the state legislature last year was a dodge by Gov. James A. Rhodes to escape needed state tax revision.

In a Press Club debate with County Commissioner Frank M. Gorman, Sweeney argued enactment of permissive taxes delayed an overhaul of Ohio's tax structure.

Sweeney is leading a taxpayers' fight to put the piggyback county sales tax to a public vote this November. The .5% tax, approved by Gorman and the other county commissioners, is to take effect June 1.

GORMAN SAID the new tax was necessary because of the increasing cost of county government. He cited welfare, health and transportation needs the county has been unable to meet because of a lack of money.

Sweeney said present needs could be met by cutting back county administrative costs, while increas-

ing welfare payments and other social needs.

HE ARGUED the overriding issues are the citizens' right to vote on tax issues

and the need for a complete change in Ohio's tax structure as recommended by a legislative study group.

Two More Suits Oppose Piggyback Tax

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By JOHN NUSSBAUM

Two more attempts to bump off the "piggy back" sales tax were initiated yesterday in different courts.

In a taxpayer's action filed in Common Pleas Court, lawyer Paul Mancino Jr. challenged the constitutionality of the new state law under which Cuyahoga County commissioners enacted the .5% sales levy to be collected in lieu of the state's 4% tax. He contended the delegation of legislative power to county officials was improper.

ROBERT E. SWEENEY, former U.S. representative, went to U.S. District Court to challenge the constitutionality of the referendum provision in the state law which permit opponents of a county sales tax to petition for its enactment to gather enough signatures to put the tax to a vote at the next election.

Sweeney was a leader of a referendum drive that gathered some 76,000 signatures, but the Ohio Supreme Court held the petition invalid because most signers failed to include their wards and precincts with their addresses.

AFTER THE Supreme Court's ruling on the petition, the county commissioners asked State Tax Commissioner Gail W. Porterfield to suspend the mandatory collection. Frank R. Pokorny, one of the commissioners, said collection would begin as soon as the state is ready.

As now provided in the state law, the state would collect a 4% sales tax in Cuyahoga County, then rebate the .5% to the county.

Both suits brought yesterday ask the respective courts to enjoin collection of the tax. A hearing on Mancino's action was set for July 31 before Common Pleas Judge Francis J. Talty.

MANCINO NAMED the commissioners and Porterfield as defendants. He contended the state law permitting the county tax violates the state and U.S. constitutions because it delegates to county commissioners legislative authority and power over the duties of the state tax commissioner, and because it permits taxation of residents of one county over other counties in the state.

These features, Mancino contended, violate the principles of equal protection of the law and the separation of legislative and executive powers.

SWEENEY contended in his federal court action that the state law violates his right of referendum, and called the ward-precinct information required on the petition "illegal, arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable, burdensome, oppressive and unconstitutional." His action names Porterfield and Gov. James A. Rhodes.

In a statement at the time he filed his suit, Sweeney called Gov. Rhodes a "castor oil statesman" and accused the Republican state government of avoiding its responsibility to develop a just and workable tax program at the state level.

Legal authorities believed Mancino's Common Pleas action takes precedence over Sweeney's action in the federal court because it raises a question under the state constitution.

Meanwhile, lawyers for County Auditor Ralph J. Park and the Republican members of the County Board of Elections, who favor a referendum, reportedly are preparing an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court from the state tribunal's ruling against the petitions.

Reactions Found Interesting

Politicians Watching Taxpayers' Mood

By JAMES M. NAUGHTON

The taxpayer's rebellion is coming, if it isn't here already. With it are some interesting and some kooky things.

State Finance Director Howard L. Collier is a dandy fellow who is outspoken enough to say that Ohioans don't really pay a bunch in taxes, but the tax load is spread unfairly. And Collier says the real problem is that Ohioans have been conditioned to expect low taxes. The chief conditioner, of course, is Collier's boss, Gov. James A. Rhodes. (No New Taxes)

Robert E. Sweeney hopes to be elected governor next year on a variation of the old Rhodes theme. He is becoming the buddy of the taxpayer with a new group called STOP, an acronym for Stop Taxing Our Paychecks.

But perhaps most interesting of all is the view of William E. Silverman, public relations czar for Mayor Carl B. Stokes. There is this spat going on at City Hall, see, about the mayor's budget of \$97 million which City Council cut to \$84 million by sidetracking \$3 million. That sounds simple enough.

However, Bill Silverman says: "It isn't the mayor's budget, it is City Council's budget."

HE REACHES THIS CONCLUSION by noting that the mayor merely recommends to City Council how to spend the city's money and it is council which does the appropriating.

Well, Silverman is asked, is Finance Director Philip M. Dearborn, who wrote the budget and presented it to council, an employe of council?

Absolutely, insists Silverman. Council hires the finance director. He refers to the practice of council's giving its "advice and consent" to the mayor on appointments to high city office.

What Silverman apparently does not know is that council has absolutely nothing to do, is completely uncon-

nected with, has no control over Philip M. Dearborn or any other member of the mayor's cabinet. The cabinet members are not subject to council approval.

WITH ADVISERS like Silverman around the mayor it is not hard to understand how the flap over the budget shows signs of escalating rather than being resolved.

The mayor has been given a legal briefing on the way in which he can veto that portion of the budget which involves the cut. Chances are if that happens the whole matter will go sky-high again. The vote to cut the budget by council was 23-10, one more than would be needed to override a veto.

But the mayor also has been advised of a way to resolve the dispute and leave everyone in a happy frame of mind. It goes something like this:

The mayor would meet with Council President James V. Stanton and other key councilmen, then announce a compromise. The \$3 million would remain in a separate account controlled by council. If the mayor is able to demonstrate ability to get his 1969 programs rolling smoothly, he and council would agree that later in the year the money would go back into the general fund. If, for some reason, it turned out the money could be used efficiently this year, council would seek to offer taxpayers a small, but nice, cut in real estate taxes.

WHAT THAT WOULD DO is neutralize the budget issue, a seemingly smart thing to do in an election year. Councilmen are political. They want to get re-elected. They sense that taxpayers are increasingly unsettled about shelling out money. And they are unlikely to be vetoed or bludgeoned into losing their chance of offering a tax cut right before the election.

So you can see the complications caused by the blossoming taxpayer rebellion. But it is impossible for there to be a Cleveland Tea Party. If anybody tossed teabags into the Cuyahoga River, the bags would just make a dull thud and stay there. The river is too polluted for anything to sink in it.



JAMES M. NAUGHTON

County Seeks Role in Tax Suit

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By JOHN NUSSBAUM

Cuyahoga County yesterday asked U. S. District Court to be added as defendant to former congressman Robert E. Sweeney's suit attacking legality of the proposed 5% piggyback sales tax.

The motion was filed on behalf of the county commissioners by A. M. Braun, head of the county prosecutor's civil branch, and Assistant Prosecutor John L. Dowling. They contended the county is "the real party in interest" in the court case.

Sweeney brought his action Wednesday. He named Gov. James A. Rhodes and State Tax Commissioner Gail W. Porterfield defendants. The sales tax, which would come on top of the state's 4% sales levy, would be collected by the state for the county.

DEPUTY STATE Tax Commissioner Gerald Collins said yesterday preparation for collection of the county tax would continue despite pending court cases and the tax would be collected unless directly blocked by a court order.

Sweeney led the unsuccessful drive for a referendum on the sales tax. He contends state law under which the county commissioners enacted the tax is unconstitutional because it provided only 30 days for opponents to gather enough signatures on referendum petitions.

A Common Pleas Court suit, also brought yesterday by lawyer Paul Mancino Jr., challenges the law on grounds it improperly delegates legislative authority to the commissioners. The commissioners and Porterfield are named defendants.

The question of whether the commissioners may enter the federal court case as defendants must be decided by the three-judge panel to hear Sweeney's request for an injunction July 24. They are District Judges James C. Connell and Ben Green and U. S. Appeals Judge Anthony J. Celebrezze.

THE JUDGES MAY rule on the prosecutor's motion after July 16. The ruling could be delayed until the July 24 hearing.

In their brief in behalf of the commissioners, Braun and Dowling contended the county should have been included as a defendant by Sweeney.

Unless prohibited by court order, the county and state plan to start the tax Aug. 1. A hearing in the Common Pleas lawsuit is scheduled for Aug. 31.

Court Order 1 County Piggy

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By JOHN NUSSBAUM

Cuyahoga County consumers got another reprieve from the impending 5% piggy-back county sales tax, which had been set to go into effect Friday, as a result of a court order issued yesterday by Common Pleas Judge Francis J. Talty.

Judge Talty barred collection of the controversial tax until a full-scale hearing can be held into constitutional and legal issues raised by Paul Mancino Sr., a lawyer, in a taxpayer's suit. The earliest the full-dress hearing could be held is in early September.

THIS MEANS THE TAX will not be collected before Oct. 1, if at all.

Mancino contended at a hearing last Wednesday the state law that permits county commissioners to impose a sales tax on top of the state's 4% sales levy was unconstitutional because it delegates legislative power to county commissioners and leads to discrimination between residents of various counties in the state.

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did not permit opponents of the tax enough time to gather signatures to demand a referendum.

SWEENEY HAD BEEN ONE of the leaders in an unsuccessful referendum drive after the county commissioners enacted the tax in March. The Ohio Supreme Court held most of the signatures on the petitions were invalid because signers had failed to state their wards and precincts with their addresses as required by law.

In dismissing Sweeney's action, the federal judges did not rule on the merits of his case. They merely held the question belonged in the state courts and that opponents of the tax could still appeal to federal courts if they received no satisfaction from state tribunals.

JUDGE TALTY'S RESTRAINING order does not concern the merits of the Mancino suit, either. The judge only held up collection of the tax until the court may decide whether Mancino is right.

"IT APPEARS TO THIS court," Judge Talty ruled yesterday, "that important issues have developed throughout this hearing which seriously challenge the constitutionality of the legislation and the legality of the resolution adopted by the county commissioners pursuant thereto which would permit the imposition and collection of these taxes."

The judge ordered Mancino to post \$100 bond pending outcome of the final trial.

A **SIMILAR SUIT** WAS dismissed in U. S. District Court yesterday by a special three-judge panel that held the federal court had no jurisdiction over the case at this point.

The panel consisted of District Judges Ben C. Green and James C. Connell and U. S. Appeals Judge Anthony J. Celebrezze.

The federal action had been brought by former U. S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, who contended the law authorizing the county sales tax was unconstitutional because it

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Judge Talty said he would consider a motion Monday to advance the case to trial at the beginning of the court's September term if the county files its answer and all preliminary work is completed. Assistant County prosecutor John L. Dowling, representing the county commissioners, said he would file the answer and motion to advance by Monday.

Frank R. Pokorny, president of the commissioners, said he was "surprised at the low bond set by the judge."

"**MANCINO HAS TO POST \$100** bond, but it will cost the county \$1.3 million each month the tax is not collected," he added.

The tax would bring in an estimated \$15 million a year.

Collection of the tax originally was scheduled for June 1 but was delayed by litigation over the referendum petition. After the Ohio Supreme Court ruled against the referendum, the county asked State Tax Commissioner Gail W. Porterfield to begin collection Aug. 1.

The state would collect the .5% sales tax and rebate it to the county.

Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-O., accounted for \$6,585 of a \$718,278 total by House and Senate committees in 1966. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, D-O., charged \$1,800 to the

Public Works Committee for his visits in November to Morocco, Italy, Spain and France.

Governor Race Focuses on Gilligan-Sweeney Feud

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COLUMBUS — The Democratic gubernatorial campaign yesterday continued to focus on a series of personal attacks mounted by both John J. Gilligan and Robert E. Sweeney.

In response to Sweeney's recent charge that Gilligan "may vote for those . . . carrying a Viet Cong flag," Gilligan yesterday characterized his opponent as a vendor in "cowardly personal attacks" and "the rhetoric of violence."

THE BATTLE OF WORDS was set off after Gilligan was quoted as saying that the federal law under which the Chicago 7 were tried was "bad law" and probably unconstitutional.

Gilligan added, however, that he found the courtroom conduct of the seven defendants "reprehensible."

Asked to comment on Gilligan's opinion of the federal law, which prohibits the crossing of state lines with intent to incite a riot or conspiracy to riot, Sweeney responded

ed that Gilligan "is a gadfly whose track record is made up of attacks on our police, our country and our laws."

YESTERDAY, POINTING TO his military record in World War II, Gilligan charged that "when anyone . . . accuses me of attacking my country, he does a grave injustice to the flag which he is cynically trying to wrap around himself."

Gilligan said not only did the jury fail to convict the Chicago 7 of the conspiracy charge, but that it was this charge which resulted in the wild, unruly mass trial instead of "more sedate" individual trials.

GILLIGAN'S CAMPAIGN advisers have been attempting to dissuade the favored Democratic candidate from commenting on what they consider to be loaded questions on subjects unrelated to the Ohio gubernatorial contest.

Asked if he would try to avoid answering such questions in the light of the Sweeney attack, Gilligan replied: "I think I've learned."

APR 18 1970 Rhodes Accused of Conflict on Campaign Funds

CINCINNATI (AP)—Robert E. Sweeney, a Democratic candidate for governor, yesterday accused Gov. James A. Rhodes of "conflict of interest" in obtaining campaign funds at a testimonial dinner in Columbus last Saturday. Sweeney said Rhodes raised \$210,000.

Sweeney also attacked the high and mighty members of the Chamber of Commerce in this state who "solicited large contributions through letters to architects, engineering firms and contractors doing business with state government."

SWEENEY said that if elected he would ask the General Assembly for a law governing conflict-of-interest activities, particularly involving governor, and make any such offense a felony.

The fundraising action by Rhodes "was an absolute disgrace and an open and flagrant abuse of the office of governor," Sweeney charged.

Rhodes is a Republican primary candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Denies Eldridge Tip

Sweeney Slaps at O'Grady

Robert E. Sweeney, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, has denied in a letter going to Ohio Democrats that he is responsible for bringing discredit upon the Democratic party by bringing about the dismissal of the state finance chairman.

In letters to 9,500 Demo-

cratic precinct committeemen, Sweeney said he was not the person that made known the criminal record of James Eldridge.

Sweeney said the record was sent to Ohio Democratic Chairman Eugene P. O'Grady in a sealed envelope.

"INDEED, it is Mr. O'Grady, himself, who brought bad publicity upon the party by failing to investigate before hiring Mr. Eldridge in the first place," Sweeney said.

Sweeney, a critic of O'Grady, said "Covering over guilty secrets is not the way the Democratic party was built; not the way this country was built. When something is wrong, the people are entitled to know."

"If I am to be condemned for taking my campaign to the people, then I welcome that condemnation," Sweeney said.

Howard M. Metzbaum and John H. Glenn, adversaries in the race for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, both announced yesterday the appointment of cochairmen for their Cuyahoga County campaign committees.

Metzbaum, who earlier had received the endorsement of Mayor Carl B. Stokes and Cuyahoga County Democratic Chairman Samuel R. Gerber, named

as chairmen 10 high-ranking county Democrats.

NAMED ARE: Clerk of Courts Emil J. Masgay, Treasurer Frank M. Brennan, Board of Election members Dan W. Duffy and John M. Carney, Garfield Heights Mayor Raymond A. Stachewicz, City Council majority leader Lawrence W. Duggan, Cleveland board of Education member George Dobera, Ward 9 leader Mary Long, lawyer James J. Carney and Sam Tidmore, legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Louis Stokes, D-21.

Named to head Glenn's campaign were Frank C. Sullivan, president of Republic Powdered Metals Co.; lawyers Creighton E. Miller and Kenneth Weinberg; Paul J. Unger, president of Unger Co.; W. F. Boland, district sales manager of General Electric Co.; and John W. Elder, Glenn's campaign coordinator for northern Ohio.

The 10th Ward Civic Club is holding a miniature town hall meeting tomorrow evening at the AFL-CIO Hall, 1350 Union Avenue S.E., to discuss police and health problems, Councilman William Franklin announced. Safety Director Benjamin O. Davis Jr. and an official of the Cleveland health department will speak.

Letter At

On the eve of the income tax filing deadline, letters were sent to voters in the 20th Congressional District reminding them U.S. Rep. Michael Feighan, D-20, employs his son as a \$24,000-a-year aide, and Feighan voted for a pay increase for congressmen.

Michael A. Sweeney, campaign manager for congressional candidate James V. Stanton, wrote the letters.

"Congress passed a law making nepotism illegal," Sweeney wrote, "but Feighan contends his son is exempt because he was on the payroll before the law was passed."

Sweeney also said that since Feighan takes credit for every progressive piece of legislation passed in the 28 years in Congress, he should also accept responsibility for the enormous increase in the income tax during his incumbency."

Jackson, Sweeney Talks Set

Robert E. Sweeney, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, and Leo A. Jackson, candidate for Democratic nomination for Cuyahoga County commissioner, will speak at GARFIELD HEIGHTS City Hall Friday at 8 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Garfield Heights Residents Association.