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Sweeney Will Try to Mediate Truck Feud

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A Democratic candidate for Ohio governor yesterday accepted a request by dissident Teamster leaders to attempt to mediate an arrangement with union officials that would end the strike.

Robert E. Sweeney, for-

mer congressman and labor relations specialist, said he would try today to meet with William Presser, leader of Ohio's Teamsters and international vice president, and John Kalnicki, president of Local 407.

Sweeney said he would at-

tempt to mediate the emotional issues that separate the striking drivers from their union officials, which he said was the key to settlement of the 30-day strike.

THE MEDIATION request was viewed by observ-

ers as a peace feeler on the part of striking drivers.

A resolution signed by James Horta, chairman of the strikers and 200 other members, said they felt a need for additional direct discussions and meeting with "our leaders," Presser and Kalnicki.

They said earlier efforts to communicate had been unsuccessful.

"We restate the fact that this dispute is capable of being immediately resolved through the process of true collective bargaining with our members having a voice in such negotiations," the dissidents said.

THEY ADDED that they believe that the majority of the members was justified in refusing to return to work when they voted last Sunday, 3,300 to 50, to remain on strike.

Sweeney said he was critical of Gov. James A.

Rhodes for sending in the National Guard rather than using his offices to try and negotiate the problems between the dissidents and the elected union officials.

Attempts by Mayor Carl B. Stokes and Council President James V. Stanton failed two weeks ago. Horta was directly involved in talks at city hall.

SWEENEY is counsel for the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council, representing 40,000 union craftsmen, plus a dozen other individual unions, mostly in construction.

Horta, who was defeated for business agent in Local 407 in December, has been one of the major dissident spokesmen.

Sweeney said he will speak at a meeting of rebel members at 9 a.m. today at United Auto Workers' Local 1005 Hall, 5615 Stumph Road, Parma.

TEAMSTERS VOTE TO RETURN

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By J. STEPHEN HATCH

Dissident members of Teamsters Union Local 407 yesterday voted to end their 33-day strike.

The vote was 951 to return to work, 378 against.

The back-to-work agreement, worked out by lawyers Robert E. Sweeney and Harvey Starkoff who worked with an 11-member rank and file committee of the dissidents, provides for:

- No reprisals against the strikers by trucking companies.
- Appointment of a rank-and-file committee to establish communications and air grievances with officers of Local 407.
- A recommendation that members reject a referendum on the national contract that would raise wages \$1.10 an hour over 39 months.

THE AGREEMENT WAS signed by Sweeney and Starkoff, committee mem-

bers, and William E. Presser, a Teamster international vice president and ranking Ohio officer of the union.

Another condition before the men go back to work, said Sweeney, is that all area trucking companies must write a letter to Local 407 agreeing to:

- Rehire all strikers.
- Removal of any existing injunctions.
- Dropping of lawsuits connected with

the strike against the local or individual members.

Details were worked out in a meeting with Presser in Washington last week.

The commander of the Ohio National Guard said last night the 3,400 guardsmen on duty here around trucks and terminals would remain at least through today.

On April 1 about half of Local 407's 6,000 members walked out in protest of the

national agreement and tied up the Greater Cleveland trucking industry.

DISSIDENTS SAID the national contract didn't provide enough money. The dissidents pointed to an agreement signed by several Chicago trucking firms giving \$1.65 over 39 months and said they wanted as much or more.

In the stormy three-hour meeting yesterday at the United Auto Workers Hall, Continued on Page 6, Col. 1



STRATEGY — Lawyer Robert E. Sweeney huddles with dissident Teamster Willie Champa, facing, and other committee members before explaining a back-to-work proposal worked out with Teamster officials in Washington. (Plain Dealer photo (Michael J. Zarembka))

Return Move Teamsters Local 407 dissidents meet in the United Auto Workers Hall in Parma.

Teamsters Vote to Return

Plain Dealer photo (Michael J. Zarembka)

Gilligan, Sweeney Riot Debate Boils at City Club

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
and ROBERT G. McGRUDER

A sharp exchange between John J. Gilligan and Robert E. Sweeney over Gilligan's position on riots enlivened yesterday's City Club Forum among Democratic gubernatorial candidates.

Before the verbal hassle started, failures of the present state government had been the main topic. Then Sweeney in effect accused Gilligan of being soft on rioters. That set off the row.

County Recorder Mark McElroy, also a candidate, sat out the exchange, except to say of the hickering by his opponents: "I'm enjoying it very much."

But the exchange, and some penetrating questions from the overflow audience, set the debate in high gear.

SWEENEY WAS QUESTIONED on his stand on "dusting off the electric chair." He

described capital punishment as a deterrent to crime and said that if elected "I would carry out the execution orders of the courts." Gilligan and McElroy indicated they opposed the death penalty.

Gilligan and McElroy both ducked a question on whether they favored a liberal state abortion law. Sweeney who has 10 children, said such a law went against his religious beliefs; that in his mind abortion was murder, but that if the state legislature passed such a law he would not block it.

Sweeney, who has been an antitax candidate, said surprisingly that he would enact a state income tax if elected. It would replace local personal income taxes with half of the money collected going back to the local communities.

Gilligan said he would impose no further taxes on property or sales, contending this af-

fected those least able to pay. Any additional state tax money, he said, would come from personal income or corporate profits.

McELROY, FORMER state attorney general, said added money would come through tax reform and collection of all delinquent payments.

The highpoint of the debate, however, was when Sweeney said:

"In 1964 Jack (Gilligan) was quoted at Xavier University as having said students should start riots and political revolutions in the area of what this country so obviously needs; the most radical elements should be university crowds."

Sweeney cited other Gilligan speeches which allegedly spoke out for and against sections of the federal antiriot conspiracy section. He said Gilligan's record in public life was inconsistent.

Gilligan asked for a point of personal privi-

lege and said Sweeney had in his hands documentary evidence, delivered to Sweeney's home in which a faculty member at Xavier repudiated the student newspaper and said Gilligan had been grossly misquoted.

GILLIGAN SAID at least one major Ohio paper had refused to carry an ad of Sweeney's quoting the student newspaper.

"Now, we're talking about pollution in this state, and for one protest the pollution of our political atmosphere with this kind of material which Bob Sweeney knows to be false," Gilligan exclaimed.

"And, I ask further, who can go before the children and young people of this state and talk about serving them in office and building the kind of society we want if we continue to use these kinds of tactics in the political arena?"

Sweeney said Gilligan had been similarly quoted in 1968 by a Columbus newsman who refused to retract the quotes.

Sweeney Raps 'Dream Ticket'

COLUMBUS (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village yesterday said he was in the race to stay and is not a believer in any "dream ticket" concept put together by state Democratic headquarters.

Sweeney labeled his primary opponent John J. Gilligan of Cincinnati as an "extreme liberal," who encourages new taxes.

Sweeney, former Ohio congressman at large, said the "dream ticket" put together by Democratic Chairman Eugene P. O'Grady, was Gilligan for governor and John H. Glenn for the U.S. Senate.

"I don't believe the choice . . . should be dictated out of the Neil House in Columbus, Ohio," Sweeney added.

DEMOCRATIC state headquarters is in the Neil

House, a downtown hotel.

O'Grady was out of the city and not immediately available to answer Sweeney's comments.

Sweeney said suggestions had been made at those meetings that he should be a candidate for attorney general under the "dream ticket" concept. He said he had refused.

Sweeney said there were philosophical differences between him and Gilligan that would come out in the campaign leading to the May 5 primary.

Brown Outlines Staff Choices

New Attorney General

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COLUMBUS — Attorney General-elect William J. Brown has put together a team of useful, aggressive and apolitical lawyers to staff his office, he said yesterday. He said they would be "extremely aggressive and extremely professional."

Brown dismissed reports that his office would be populated with established politicians familiar with "flower funds" and political attorneys general.

FORMER U.S. Rep. and gubernatorial candidate Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village will not have a position in his administration and will not be a political adviser to his staff, Brown said.

The only political figure he expects to see in his office is John T. Elder of Cleveland, onetime aide to former U.S. Sen. Frank J. Lausche. Elder was campaign manager for John H. Glenn and Brown this year.

"ELDER will be somebody I regard as a friend. . . a person I'll ask advice of," Brown said. "He doesn't want a job or an appointment."

"We don't owe any political favors," Brown continued. "So the accent around here will be on youth and energy — not politics." He said his office would

have no flower fund, which involves employees giving regular contributions to a campaign chest; and no political payoffs in the appointment of assistant attorneys general to represent his office in major cities.

"If A MAN gets an investigator's job," Brown said, "it will be because he can produce."

Those who have received appointments, Brown added, are young with an average age of about 32 and "political," Brown is 30.

Brown is expected to carry his desire for youth even to the level of his first assistant — expected to be George L. Jenkins, a former high school friend and, like Brown, a Cadiz lawyer.

THERE HAVE been reports that Brown will seek one scholarly and experienced lawyer for a high position in an effort to balance the youthful team coming in.

Brown refused to name his appointees. He said that he would have a lawyer to head every department, which has not been common practice in the past.

Robot for Mars

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet space scientists said yesterday planning is under way to create a mobile robot that will explore the surface of Mars. They gave no timetable.

Sweeney Is

Appointed to

CMHA Seat

Former U. S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, 45, was appointed to the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority board yesterday by the Cuyahoga County Commissioners.

Sweeney, who served one term as Ohio congressman at large in 1965-66, and Hugh A. Corrigan, president of the county commissioners, immediately delineated suggestions that there were political implications or conditions to Sweeney's appointment.

Sweeney replaces A. I. Davy, who retired from CMHA Oct. 24, after 30 years of service. His vacancy had left the other four CMHA board members divided 22 on some of the public housing proposals of Irving M. Kreisfeld, authority director.

AUTHORITY TO REPLACE Davy was with the county commissioners. Mayor Carl B. Stokes appointed two members to the board. The commissioners and probate and common pleas courts have one appointment each.

The division on the CMHA board has cast doubt on the future of Kreisfeld as director. Kreisfeld has been sharply criticized by West Side residents, primarily in Wards 4 and 9, who are opposed to public housing projects in those wards.

Stokes, whose housing programs are likely to be hurt if Sweeney should side with the anti-Kreisfeld faction, was asked about Sweeney's appointment yesterday at a groundbreaking ceremony for some scattered site town houses in the University-Euclid urban renewal area.

"Irving Kreisfeld has shown himself to be an outstanding and dedicated public servant as executive director of the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority," said Stokes.

HE SAID Sweeney will have the opportunity to demonstrate his concern for housing "throughout the community."

Sweeney in an interview said he would not "pre-judge" Kreisfeld by the recent controversy over public housing on the West Side.

"I would hope to be able to narrow the gap in the thinking of city council, the mayor and the director of CMHA," said Sweeney.

SWEENEY SAID he would favor more consultation with residents and "citizen participation" in deciding sites for public housing. His position is what West Side residents have favored. Spokesmen for the residents could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Board members who have been critical of Kreisfeld proposals are Miles W. Moritz, board chairman, and Mrs. Allen J. Filipp. Alfred I. Sobcz and Mrs. Joshua Hall, both at press conferences, supported the proposals.

'Philosophy of Tolerance' Sweeney Offers 'Moderation'

Democratic candidate for governor Robert Sweeney yesterday offered the City Club Forum a program of "moderation" to deal with what he says is the underlying problem in the state today — fear.

"People are frightened — they are dispirited, disgusted and overcome with a sense of hopelessness. We are living in a polarized society," Sweeney said.

"MODERATION IS a philosophy of tolerance. And tolerance engenders understanding. And it is only through understanding that present day human fears are allayed. And when people are no longer frightened, they begin to act and things begin to happen," Sweeney explained.

"Moderation is the philosophy that subscribes to a balanced checkbook for the family and the intelligent management of tax revenues.

"The philosophy of moderation recognizes the needs of the wage-earning taxpay-

er, as well as the needs of the unemployed recipient at the other end."

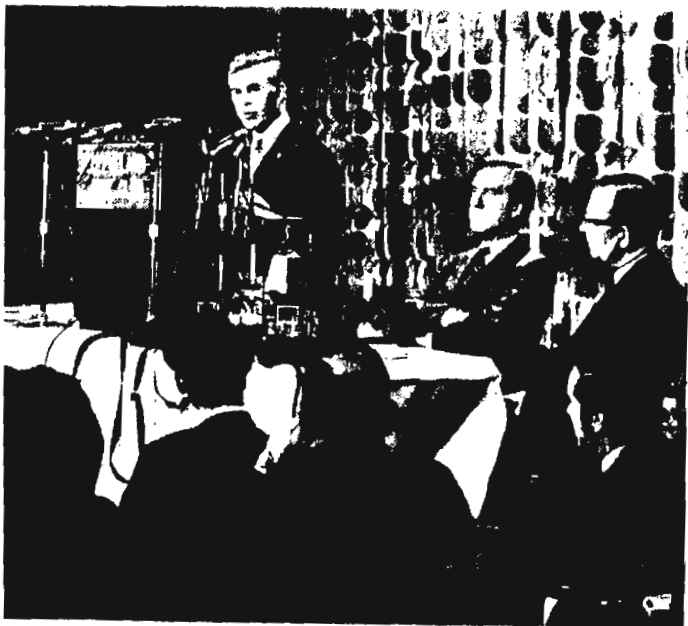
Sweeney said there is a "burning intensity for a return to law and order" and it "runs just as high in the black community as it does in the white suburbs."

SWEENEY CALLED extremists in society "non-real," charging that leftists hamstring police and burlesque the judicial system by their inordinate concern for the rights of criminals.

"The people are... unmoved... by the extreme right that concerns itself with building a bridge to Canada or peddling tomato juice," he said.

Sweeney said a program of moderation would achieve schools, roads, law enforcement and a meaningful welfare program "through an intelligent and business like management of existing state funds."

He called for a tax reform that would be punitive to neither industry, labor nor the agricultural community.



CITY CLUB FACEOFF — Robert E. Sweeney takes his turn at the City Club Forum while his opponents for the Democratic nomination for governor, Mark McElroy, right, and John J. Gilligan, wait their turn to speak.

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Ohio Democratic Official Quits in Sweeney Expose

By RICHARD ZIMMERMAN
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COLUMBUS — A scandal yesterday brought the forced resignation of the Ohio Democratic party's recently named finance director.

James A. Eldridge, 49, resigned only hours after Democratic gubernatorial candidate Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village sent to the party's state headquarters here what he said was a

sealed copy of Eldridge's police record.

While Sweeney did not disclose all the material contained in the sealed envelope, it was learned that it contained a record of two alleged 1967 morals convictions involving the solicitation of an undercover Chicago police officer.

Also in the sealed envelope were details of what Sweeney said was a still-outstanding Chicago warrant for Eldridge involving a charge of deceptive prac-

tices. Sweeney alluded to this charge at a news conference where he announced he was sending the sealed records to State Democratic Chairman Eugene P. O'Grady.

SWEENEY, who is running an antistate organization campaign, said he would make the record public if O'Grady did not call for Eldridge's immediate ouster.

O'Grady announced Eldridge's resignation about four hours after Sweeney's

news conference in a terse, three-line statement.

O'Grady, who in the past has repeatedly criticized Gov. James A. Rhodes for conducting "government by press release," immediately disappeared, as did other spokesmen for Democratic headquarters.

Eldridge could not be reached for comment. His salary as party finance director reportedly was between \$15,000 and \$18,000 a year.

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Robert E. Sweeney

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Sweeney said last night that he would ask for a meeting of the 88 Democratic county chairmen to investigate staff hiring practices under O'Grady.

Several checks made in Chicago bore out Sweeney's contention that the deceptive practices warrant involved the recently named party official.

Chicago police said they



Eugene P. O'Grady

could not absolutely verify the alleged morals convictions until they had copies of Eldridge's fingerprints.

But a source close to Sweeney said "there is absolutely no doubt" that the person involved in the two morals cases was Eldridge.

WHILE O'GRADY was not available to comment on how the finance chief was hired, it was learned that Eldridge apparently was hired as a result of an ad placed in the Wall Street Journal.

Sweeney said the ad produced a roster of 40 applicants, from which list Eldridge was hired.

Eldridge, whose biography lists a long record of experience as a journalist, public relations, agent, political campaigner and fund raiser, was hired Jan. 5.

At the time, O'Grady said, "Jim Eldridge comes to us with the highest recommendations."

Prior to coming to Ohio, Eldridge was director of development and fund raising at Chicago State College. According to Sweeney, the deceptive practices war-

rant, which a Chicago police spokesman said involved "fraud," was filed by the college.

A college spokesman confirmed to The Plain Dealer that Eldridge had been employed by the college, but declined to elaborate on the deceptive practices warrant.

ELDRIDGE'S biography says that among other varied occupations, he has served as an information director for a United Nations program in five mid-western states and was associated with the campaign of several widely known elected officials, including former Illinois Gov. and U.N. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson.

An Ohio editor who knew Eldridge when he worked as a newsman in Indianapolis said he was "quite a name-dropper—but he usually could back it up that he actually knew the people."

The editor said Eldridge often dropped such famous names as Eleanor Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.

An associate of Eldridge's at the Democratic finance headquarters here said he was "a real charming guy and quite a teller of anecdotes."

Eldridge was married on Dec. 30, 1969, and moved to Chillicothe before assuming his Democratic post here.

Sweeney's political bombshell, part of his campaign to discredit state Democratic headquarters as being run by political bosses, hit Democrats hard here. Most had no comment.

Last Friday, Eldridge filed a suit in U.S. District Court in Columbus challenging the state's one-year residency requirement for voters. In it, he said he was one of thousands of "disenfranchised citizens of Ohio."

Sweeney Finds His Idol in a Fighter

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By DAVID L. HOPCRAFT

Former U.S. representative Robert E. Sweeney, a candidate for governor in the Democratic primary, enjoys his pet theory that the controversial reformer of the late 1830s, New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, would never get a newspaper or party endorsement today.

"Newspaper editors would say LaGuardia was ugly and a bombastic little guy," Sweeney said only half-jokingly. "They wouldn't think he would go anywhere even though he could out-think any 10 of the stripe of Chamber of Commerce candidates around today."

And while Sweeney does not draw the comparison, after a few days of around-the-clock travel with him one can see that he finds a little of Fiorello LaGuardia in Robert E. Sweeney.

For example, he says he is a fighter — a man unattached to the power brokers of Ohio.

"THE DAY AND AGE WHEN we let people in the media select our leaders ought to come to an end, because they have become responsible to the chambers of commerce and the chambers have been protectors of the greedy," Sweeney told a small gathering in downstate Circleville.

"I shall not respond to the Chamber of Commerce, the AFL-CIO or the Farm Bureau, but only to the people of Ohio — the little guy who doesn't have a lobby in Columbus," he said at an Ironton party meeting.

That was a swipe at both his business-oriented GOP competition and John J. Gilligan, a Democrat who has enjoyed extensive labor support in the past and whom Sweeney sees as his foremost primary opponent.

To beat Gilligan, Sweeney said, he will have to get his posture of personal independence across to small-town and rural Democrats.

HE HOPES TO BREAK EVEN with Gilligan and the third Democrat in the gubernatorial race, Cuyahoga County Recorder Mark McElroy, in the urban areas, and go on to win the election with consistent large pluralities in small towns and rural areas.

That strategy, Sweeney noted, earned him a victory in a previous tight race with McElroy. Both sought the party nomination for attorney general in 1966 when Sweeney was ending his one term as Ohio congressman-at-large.

Sweeney went on to lead the party ticket in November even though he lost to then Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe.

Sweeney said this past success encourages him to spend endless hours driving or, if he is lucky, having a friend drive his huge Cadillac to rural areas of the state.

In two days last week, Sweeney drove more than 1,000 miles, stopping in eight small towns from Lake Erie to the Ohio River and back again.

HE MADE ONLY ONE appearance in a major city, Toledo, where all candidates had previously agreed to appear on the same platform.

And while he spent little more than five minutes on his Toledo talk, he spent more than one hour with a Republican newspaper editor in Napoleon, a farm community of a few thousand people southwest of Toledo.

He also spent hours with leaders of the National Farm Organization in Ohio who have endorsed him and who, he said, should be brought tightly into the fold of the Democratic party.

He promises farmers a state constitutional amendment to alter the manner in which property taxes are levied. He said the farmer's land should not be taxed at an equal rate with prime business and industrial land elsewhere in the state.

He also tells the farmers that the state must take over complete financing of public schools — the one governmental expense that has skyrocketed in otherwise shrinking farm communities — and lease, not own, school buildings.

"NEVER HAVE THE PEOPLE of Ohio paid so much into their state government and gotten less in return," Sweeney is fond of repeating.

He constantly cites the "waste" of expensive roadway signs, plans for a bridge to Canada and state "publicly magazines" that have been authorized by the administration of Republican Gov. James A. Rhodes.

And if the farmers probably like what Sweeney is saying, they clearly enjoy the

way he is saying it. Sweeney, unlike the other candidates, is no orator of the old school.

He is a small man with a round face and a rounded, booming voice who addresses any group larger than one person as if his speech coach were in the wings.

His speeches are replete with punch, such as: "We will have to dust off the electric chair and start punishing the law breakers. We have had misplaced sympathy. We have more sympathy for the criminal with a gun in his hand than for the victim who is lying on the floor with a bullet in his head."

WITH GRAYING HAIR, stylish clothes and a fat-free figure for a 45-year-old, Sweeney makes a good physical appearance on the speakers' platform. He loves every minute of his time there.

He chuckled for an hour after leaving a Toledo platform, where he had a friendly joking contest with GOP gubernatorial candidate Donald E. (Buz) Lukens last week.

Lukens — who is a rapid, loud speaker — preceded Sweeney and managed to keep the audience laughing.

When Sweeney got to the platform, he said: "Man, that is a hard act to follow. If neither of us are nominated, I am going to get a tent and a Bible and take Buz on the tour."

Sweeney enjoyed that joke, and he is apparently enjoying the campaign.



Robert E. Sweeney

Plan to Open Craft Jobs to Blacks OK'd

By William F. Miller

A plan to open jobs for blacks and other minorities in the Cleveland construction industry has been approved by the industry, a coalition of civil rights groups and 19 craft unions.

The program was worked about after 18 months of negotiations.

It is looked upon as a voluntary industry-union-civil rights group program and an alternative to a federally imposed program such as the Philadelphia Plan, which set quotas for blacks in the Pennsylvania city.

IT HAS NOT been determined how

many minority persons are to be taken into the unions, but there will not be less than 17% black or other minorities per union, according to Robert K. Sweeney, lawyer and statutory agent for a new corporation that will administer the program.

The new program will have an organization with a paid full-time staff which will find qualified minority persons and slot them into unions.

Called the Cleveland Construction Equal Employment Plan, it is patterned after similar "hometown plans" in other major cities like Boston.

The plan is to be officially unveiled on July 9 with the U. S. Department of Labor's endorsement and federal funds to help implement the program. The Plain Dealer learned details yesterday.

Jobs for blacks in the construction field was one of the major issues that prolonged the strike by Pipefitters Local 120, Sheet-metal workers Local 65 and Plumbers Local 55 last summer and fall.

THE ISSUE was never fully resolved during the strike and talks continued on. Contractors, harassed by the government

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for affirmative action, held out against the unions for an equal opportunity plan.

Incorporation papers were filed with the secretary of state of Ohio setting up a nonprofit organization to administer the new program which hopefully will get large numbers of blacks and other minorities into craft unions with predominantly white membership. These include the pipefitters, plumbers, electricians, sheet metal workers and ironworkers.

THE COALITION of 40 civil rights groups headed by Ernest C. Cooper, executive director of the Cleveland Urban League, picketed the Federal Office Building last summer and winter demanding action.

"It took a long time but we started talking with each other rather than to each other," said Cooper, a veteran of the battle to get blacks into the high-paid trades.

Cooper said the 40 civil rights groups including Spanish-Americans, and Indians agreed to give the plan a chance.

"If this doesn't work, I don't know just what will happen," added Cooper.

THE MEMBERSHIPS of each union approved the plans including the various trade associations according to Sweeney.

Asked if lack of construction work in Cleveland and high unemployment will hinder the program, Sweeney said it would not.

Some unions, like the plumbers have as many as 400 of their 1,600 members unemployed. Many others are working part time.

Sweeney said the power of labor could be joined with the power of the civil rights groups and strength of management to pressure the federal government to break loose the million of dollars being held up

now for construction

THE PROGRAM is the latest effort by the civil rights organizations to get blacks into the industry. Other programs, designed to prepare blacks to pass apprenticeship entrance tests have only met with average success.

Of the 35,000 building tradesmen in Greater Cleveland, only about 3,300 are blacks and many are employed as laborers.

Civil rights leaders have concentrated efforts on the mechanical trades in particular, whom they accuse of setting up barriers to keep blacks out.

A VETERAN LABOR observer said the crafts were fearful if they did not come up soon with a voluntary plan the government would intervene.

There will be traditional apprentices as well as special trainees, advance trainees and journeymen in the program. If a black can't qualify through past experience as a plumber, then he will be given a percentage of the hourly rate and trained to be one, according to Sweeney.

Those denied opportunities in the past will then have a chance to learn the trade.

EACH UNION WILL set up an operational committee to coordinate and help classify the trainers and journeymen.

Sweeney credited the late Robert J. Klopp, president of the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council, for working out many of the knotty problems. Cooper agrees.

ANOTHER INCORPORATOR of the program is William J. Hunkin II, president and treasurer of Hunkin-Cofkey Construction Co., one of Cleveland's major firms.

Charles R. Pinzone, the newly elected executive secretary of the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council, will be involved in coordinating the program.

CMHA Criticizes Perk Over Canceled Housing

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By Donald Sabath
 Mayor Ralph J. Perk "has to be one of the poorest advised mayors in the United States today."

"I find it difficult to believe that Mayor Perk is guilty of anything that smacks of racial bigotry," Sweeney said. "But we, as the authority, just cannot sit here and have the Perros, the Lombardos, the Perks and the Harmodys dismantle all the work we are doing in public housing."

(Sweeney was referring to Councilmen Joseph A. Lombardo, D-2, and Richard M. Harmody, D-9.)

Sweeney said the mayor was using public housing as a "political football" only to fulfill an "11th-hour" campaign promise to residents in the "great ethnic Ward 9."

Mrs. Joshua Hall, the other board member at the meeting, supported Sweeney and Solz.

THE COMMUNITY will rise up, Sweeney said, and fight to protect the City Council-housing authority agreement for 2,500 new housing units in the city to be built with \$12.5 million in federal funds.

Bishop John H. Burt of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, representing the Council of Churches of Christ of Greater Cleveland, told the board that Mayor Perk's stand not to allow public housing in any neighborhood that does not want it would "signal an end of new public housing construction in Cleveland."

"There is not one ward, one precinct, or even one city block in town without some opposition to public housing," he said. "Scattered-site housing is a proven means of achieving for us a truly integrated community, integrated racially, economically and culturally."

Bishop William M. Cochrane, chairman of the Commission on Catholic Community Action, also spoke and supported the housing authority's position.

The dispute revolves around the mayor's cancellation of 18 building permits for single-family homes on Crest Drive S.W. in Ward 9. Residents object to public housing and oppose the project.

Alfred I. Solz, board chairman, said legal action would be taken unless the city reissues the permits. The board met informally yesterday.

IN COLUMBUS, Fergus A. Theibert, area director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, denied reports that he has threatened to cut off federal housing funds if the 18 units are not built.

"I did not threaten anyone about federal funds," Theibert said. "I think the whole problem has been a lack of communication between the mayor's office and the housing authority."

The building permits were canceled last week on orders of J. William Petro, executive secretary to Perk.

Theibert said he has talked with Petro and was assured that the mayor does not wish to jeopardize federal funds in his stand on scattered-site housing.

Five hundred additional units are planned for the city.

"I'M GOING TO ACT as a mediator and I think we can work this out," Theibert said.

Mayor Perk has said he would not allow public housing to be built in neighborhoods that do not want them.

Bitterest attack on the mayor's stand was made by Robert F. Sweeney, authority

Tenant Chief Urged for CMHA Seat

DEC 18 '72 PD
The public housing residents council will try to have a tenant named to the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) board.

The tenants council will ask the county commissioners to appoint Mrs. Annie J. Harper, chairman of the central council.

A public housing tenant has never served on the CMHA board.

The board vacancy was created by the resignation of Robert E. Sweeney.

"Many problems that public housing tenants face are because none of the CMHA board are tenants," Mrs. Harper said. "A tenant should speak for a tenant."

Mrs. Harper, 26, lives in Outhwaite Homes. She has been vice chairman of her local tenants' union and a member of other public housing groups. She is a student at Cuyahoga Community College.

Sweeney recommended a tenant replace him on the CMHA board. Hugh A. Corrigan, president of the county commissioners, said Sweeney's recommendation would be considered.

The CMHA board voted Friday to recommend a special replacement.

Alfred I. Soltz, board chairman, said "We have never recommended an appointment and we don't want to interfere with the commissioners' prerogative."

"We're only interested in getting a person dedicated to public housing and able to devote the time to the board."

Residents' councils previously were told a tenant representative would have a conflict of interest. But in September 1971, the state attorney general ruled no

precedent in law would block such an appointment.

Since then there has been one appointment to the CMHA board. Bertha A. Falkowski was reappointed by Probate Judge Frank J. Merrick. She is not a public housing resident.

The five-member CMHA board governs more than 11,000 public housing units. Probate Court, Common Pleas Court and the commissioners appoint one member each. Cleveland's mayor appoints two members.

Sweeney, Harmody Debate on Housing

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Dispute over public housing in Cleveland is feeding political cowards and demagogues and causing further racial polarization. Robert E. Sweeney said the City Club Forum yesterday.

Sweeney, a member of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), debated Councilman Richard M. Harmody, D-9, over the future of scattering low-income housing in the community.

"THIS ATMOSPHERE OF polarization is a warning of danger in Cleveland," said Sweeney. "And when it exists, it will pull down the structure of Cleveland's society."

Harmody, who has fought the authority's scattered-site program in his ward, said public housing "does not work, cannot work and will not work."

"I'm not afraid to tell you that I am opposed to public housing," said the councilman. "The entire program should be scrapped, and we should start over again."

Harmody said the nation's goal of "a

decent home for every American" is unattainable.

"Economic integration cannot work, and we ought to just leave people alone and let them live where they want to," said Harmody.

SWEENEY SAID MAYOR Ralph J. Park grabbed an ideal election promise for the so-called white ethnic bloc in the city by saying he would cancel public housing building permits where neighborhoods did not want the housing.

"It was an easy way to get elected," said Sweeney. "But if people think they can abandon the problems of the inner-city ghetto and let these people help themselves, then they are committing community suicide."

"I must warn these individuals that there is no place further to run," Sweeney said. "I'm for housing integration on a metropolitan basis."

HARMODY RIPPED INTO CMHA plans to place scatter units around his ward and other West Side areas.

"Within a one mile radius I would have four sites containing 441 units in housing for the elderly, single-family homes and other low-income developments," said the councilman. "This is not scattered-site housing."

Sweeney asserted Harmody was bringing out only the negative points in public housing and offered no constructive advice.

Harmody said the public housing record here and around the nation was "zero." He also noted Sweeney lives in Bay Village which does not have public housing, and Gates Mills, the home of Alfred I. Soltz, CMHA board chairman, has none either.

Pick a Good One

DEC 16 '72 PD
The county commissioners have a chance to maintain a strong voice for public housing and its tenants when they pick a successor for the resigning Robert E. Sweeney on the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority board.

In a time when public housing was taking a beating on many political and economic fronts, Sweeney fought for expansion, innovation and attention to tenants' needs. It will be hard to find a board member as smart or as tenacious as Sweeney. But that is exactly what the commissioners must try to do. If they fail, we suspect that housing for the poor will eventually face even more serious dangers.

Sweeney's suggestion that his successor be a public housing tenant merits consideration. Such a choice would help keep the board in touch with reality.

Chairman Alfred I. Soltz, who called Sweeney's resignation "a great loss," said the board does not wish to influence the commissioners. "All I can say is that we hope for a capable person who is vitally interested in advancing low-cost housing."

The commissioners should settle for nothing less, regardless of political considerations.

R. E. Sweeney Quits Board of CMHA

DEC 15 '72 PD
Robert E. Sweeney, Cleveland lawyer and former congressman, resigned yesterday from the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA).

Sweeney's term was to expire Dec. 16, 1975. He was appointed by the Cuyahoga County commissioners. Sweeney served two years.

SWEENEY, A Democrat, has been mentioned as a possible mayoral candidate. In resigning he said:

"It's just about political suicide in this day and age of public reaction against welfare and public housing, to be for a program of public housing, but it's still right; it's still essential for the best interests of low-income families of our county in the years ahead."

Sweeney said serving on the CMHA board has made him "able to better understand" problems of the poor.

He urged the commissioners to appoint a public housing tenant as his successor.

HUGH A. CORRIGAN, president of the commissioners, said consideration would be given to Sweeney's suggestion. The commissioners' appointment traditionally is a representative of labor. Sweeney is a prominent labor lawyer.

"During his tenure on the housing authority, Mr. Sweeney fulfilled his obligations to that post with the knowledge that his was a near thankless task because of the problems confronting public housing," Corrigan said.

The five-member CMHA board is appointed by the mayor, the commissioners and Common Pleas and Probate courts. The mayor has two appointments, the rest one each.

**for City Club
board seats**

By John Nussbaum
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In June 1972, on the second vote and after much infighting and soul-searching the City Club, Cleveland's traditional citadel of free speech and tolerance among men, bowed to the table and admitted women membership.

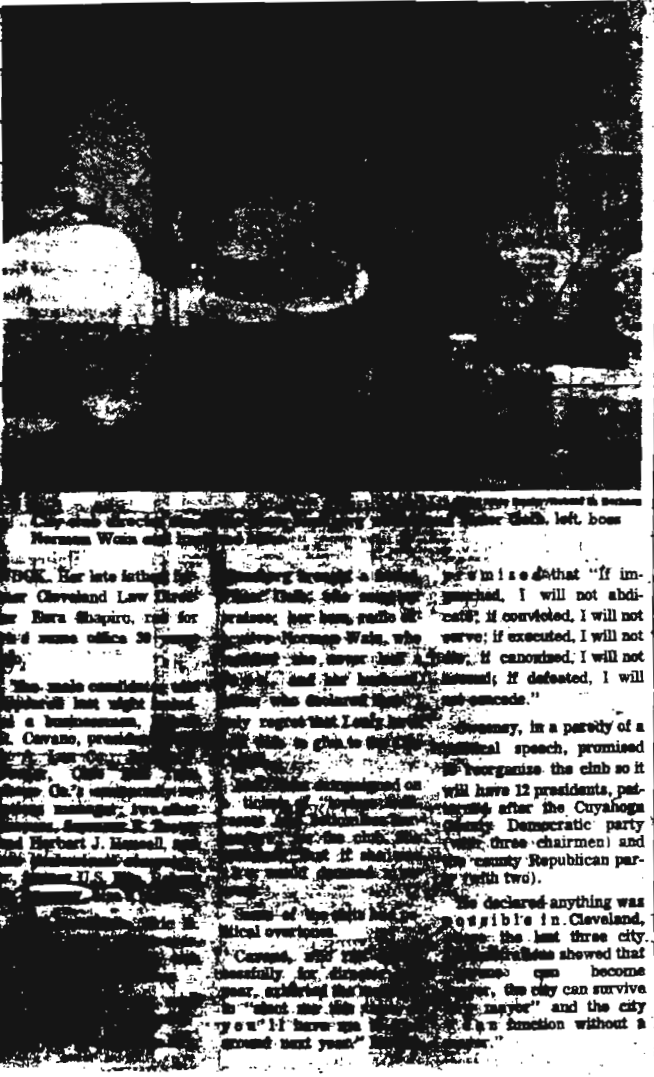
Eighteen months later, two women are among the eight candidates running for four vacancies on the club's board of directors.

Their candidacies are the first in the club's 100-year history. Candidates include: Barbara Shapiro, Cleveland Law Director; Eura Shapiro, 39, Cleveland; and three women who were elected to the board last night.

The main candidate for the board last night was E. Cavano, president of the club. She was elected by a vote of 12-10.

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11 contenders for House seat

Minshall leaves 'em tangled

By Joseph D. Rice
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U.S. Rep. William Minshall's decision not to seek re-election next year has left problems for both the Democrats and the Republicans.

The implications of Minshall's decision go far beyond whether the Democrats can pick up the seat next year in the Democratic pick-up.

WHENEVER A CONGRESSMAN dies, it is a political earthquake. Minshall's case is no exception. In 1966, the Democrats lost the seat to the Republicans.



State Sen. James P. Cobrezze is up for re-election next year. GOP leaders regard as a potential pick-up for Anthony J. Cucinich, Republican, in the 23rd district.

By Minshall's decision, the Democrats' seat in the 23rd district is in jeopardy.

At a time when the House and the Democrats expect to gain control of the Senate, a loss would be a blow to the Democrats' legislative program.

Some Democratic analysts believe the right boundary line would give them a clear majority.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE losing their eyes on Minshall's district and Cincinnati's First District, where U.S. Rep. William J. Keating Jr., a Republican, is quitting next month to devote full time to his job as a newspaper publisher. Thomas Laker, a former Cincinnati mayor, is the Democrats' hope in Keating's district.

Cuyahoga County Democratic co-chairman Anthony Garofoli had hoped that State Rep. James P. Cobrezze, D-4, of Pains Park, might reconsider his congressional bid in the 23rd District to take a shot at GOP County Auditor George A. Voinovich. Cobrezze, however, was never even on the ballot for auditor and had told Garofoli he preferred Congress.

Any hopes of getting James P. Cobrezze in a court race, however, went out the window when Minshall called it quits.

The Democrats have to be a little eager to take on Voinovich—at least no one with much hope of winning.

The Democrats had hopes for the political career of Cleveland Councilman Dennis J. Kucinich, D-7, in the May primary for the 23rd District. Kucinich lost to Minshall by 2,500 votes in 1972.

There was talk of getting the party behind State Sen. Ronald M. Altti, D-24 of Parma, in its primary. The appearance in the field of former U.S. Rep. Robert D. Sweeney of Bay Village makes it a new ball game in the primary, a game some handicappers believe Sweeney just might win.

With a shot at a congressional seat, it will be almost impossible for Democratic leaders to get candidates to cast aside their personal ambitions in favor of giving the party a shot at Kucinich.

Aborted Housing Bids Blamed on Council

The scattered site housing program of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) is being destroyed by pressure from Cleveland City Council even before it begins.

This charge was made yesterday by Robert E. Sweeney, CMHA board member, during a meeting at which the authority approved an additional \$1 million for new housing on scattered sites.

Sweeney made the remarks as another builder, Sanford Construction Co., withdrew development plans for the homes on three sites.

"I CAN SEE A PATTERN developing here where neighborhood opposition begins to build and ends once a councilman talks to the developer who then drops his plans for low-income housing," said Sweeney.

Councilman George L. Blaha, D-33, who attended the meeting, objected to Sweeney's charges, saying he led the fight for a new housing agreement with the city and CMHA last spring.

"I was a member of the council task force which set up the agreement for 2,500 new units," said Blaha. He added: "I have over 1,000 public housing units in my ward now."

"I'M CHARGING THAT some pressure is being exerted on builders not to build in certain wards in Cleveland," said Sweeney. "And its coming from certain councilman."

Sweeney also said Blaha "was not the downfall blocker" in getting new public housing built.

"There are underhanded methods being used by councilmen, and you Mr. Blaha led the attack to trim the housing request from 12,500 to 2,500," said Sweeney.

BLAHA SAID HE OBJECTED to the CMHA action March 24 when it approved plans to purchase eight single-family sites on W. 153d Street near Interstate 71 (I-71). He discovered the new proposal yesterday.

Homes were proposed on the site but plans were dropped.

Blaha said: "My residents were told that no action would be taken until today. Yet I find out you authorized purchasing the property last week. This is why Clevelanders are suspicious of the entire public housing program."

"Just because a developer does not want to build on the site does not mean we do not," Sweeney answered. "This is just a preliminary action. We need federal approval."

Blaha said he had expected to develop the eight lots into a neighborhood playground.

Bay's Sweeney lists assets of \$380,000

Democratic congressional candidate Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village today released financial statements showing a net worth of \$380,437.

Sweeney, a candidate in the 23d District (Southwest and West shore suburbs), also made public federal income tax reports for him and his wife for the last three years.

Included in Sweeney's net worth are stocks and bonds worth \$91,000, bank accounts totaling \$91,725 and

real estate valued at \$122,500.

Sweeney, an attorney and former congressman, said if elected he would sell all his stock holdings or place them in a trust.

"Complete disclosures are more important than ever before because of the many elected officials who speak for special interest groups," said Sweeney. "The people have a right to know if a person's actions in Congress are colored by personal holdings."

In 1970 Sweeney paid \$3775 in federal taxes on a net income of \$38,810. His total income before deductions was \$92,591.

In 1971 he paid \$9419 on net income of \$57,490. Gross income was \$168,218.

Last year Sweeney paid \$7535 on an income of \$45,526. His income before deductions was \$173,764.

The Sweeneys have 13 children, allowing them to claim 15 deductions of \$750 each.

Sweeney rules self out of race

Former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village, who had been mentioned as a Democratic candidate for the 23d Congressional District this year, announced yesterday he will not run.

Sweeney cited his reluctance to be away from his family and the press of his law practice as reasons for not running. Sweeney noted there are other candidates for the seat who would be a credit to the party. Republican William E. Minshall has announced he will not seek re-election to the seat.

Sweeney left open the possibility he may support someone in the primary. He said it is the Democratic party's duty to endorse a man in the primary to ensure the strongest possible candidate in November.

Sweeney acknowledged meeting this week with county Democratic cochairman Anthony L. Garofoli, Hugh A. Corrigan and George L. Forbes but insisted he was under no pressure to stay out of the race.

Sweeney shows his '73 tax data

Robert E. Sweeney, a Democratic candidate for U.S. representative from the 23d District, yesterday made public his 1973 income tax return showing he earned \$135,702.

Sweeney, a lawyer, paid \$47,527 in federal income tax and \$2,232 in state and city income taxes.

Sweeney's income came from his law practice. He listed his wife, Patricia, and their 13 children as dependents.

Sweeney candidacy expected

Former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village is expected to announce today he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. representative from the 23d District.

State Rep. George E. Mastics, R-3, of Fairview Park, filed yesterday for the Republican nomination for the job.

U.S. Rep. William E. Minshall, R-23, of Lakewood, announced in December he would not seek re-election this year.

Sweeney may seek return to House

Former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village, a former member of the U.S. House, is expected to enter the Democratic primary for Congress from the 23d district, it was learned yesterday.

Sweeney said last night he is seriously considering becoming a candidate. He had talked of running before, but decided against it for personal reasons.

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Someone 'who cares'

Attorney Robert E. Sweeney confounded a lot of people after he joined the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority board.

Many had expected him to have a conservative approach to the touchy issue of housing low-income people. Instead, he became one of the board's most outspoken advocates of opening all neighborhoods to public housing.

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Perhaps that was because, as he said in his resignation statement yesterday, he had the privilege of working closely with poor people "in overcrowded meeting halls, amidst emotional upheaval, where the clamor is for safety, for cleanliness, for an escape from rats and roaches."

His experience, he said, helped him to understand those who cry for change and beg for understanding and are continually frustrated by officialdom.

He offers county commissioners good advice, then, when he urges that his successor on the CMHA board be someone who has lived as a tenant in public housing.

This may be one way to wind up the clock on public housing — the clock Sweeney says has been turned back by public animosity and official apathy.

He claims that public housing locally is concentrating on acceptable housing for low-income elderly people while mothers and fathers with small children are unable to find decent homes.

In quitting to devote more time to his law practice and his large family, Sweeney discussed "the social justice and the righteousness of promoting in our home county honest programs for low-income public housing for both families and the elderly throughout the entire county."

He noted, "It's just about political suicide in this day and age of public reaction against welfare and public housing to be for a program of public housing, but it's still right."

Nationally and locally, he said, there is sentiment against public housing. But the need still exists — and "no one seems to care."

The commissioners should take to heart Sweeney's suggestion about a successor. He leaves a laudable record and some sober challenges. The CMHA board again needs someone "who cares." Someone who knows how hard it is to find a decent living place on a poverty income — such a person will care.

Sweeney law firm to collect

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GOP heartened by Kucinich bid to run as independent

JAN 10 '74 PD

By Joseph D. Rice

Republican hopes of keeping the seat of U.S. Rep. William E. Minshall, R-23, brightened as Cleveland Councilman Dennis J. Kucinich, D-7, announced he will run in the district this year as an independent, not a Democrat.

Kucinich, a maverick Democrat, announced his decision at a City Hall news conference. Kucinich was the Democrats' 1972 nominee against Minshall. Minshall is not seeking re-election this year.

"I would have to say right now Kucinich would cut into the Democratic candidate's vote and help the Republican," said Robert E. Hughes, Cuyahoga County Republican cochairman.

Democratic cochairman Hugh A. Corrigan said, "I see Kucinich's move as enhancing the chances of the Republicans winning."

Kucinich, however, sees it this way: "The independent candidate will finish first in November, the Republican

second and the Democrat last."

About 40% of the district's voters are independents. Democrats have a 3-to-2 edge over Republicans.

In other related developments:

- Republicans, some of them friends of Minshall, are trying to entice Mayor

who masquerade as party leaders," he said. "I am not going to spend this campaign trying to settle yesterday's feuds with yesterday's politicians."

Kucinich said his election would provide him a vehicle to "send the political bosses

of both parties a message."

Other Democrats expected to file are Ports Director Andrew C. Pulka; State

Rep. James P. Celebrezze, D-4, State Sen. Ronald M. Mottl, D-24, and possibly County Commissioner Frank R. Pokorny.

Announced GOP candidates are State Rep. George E. Mastic, R-3, and J. William Petro, a former Mayor Ralph J. Perk aide.

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Paul W. Cassidy of Parma Heights into the race. "I will give it serious thought," Cassidy said.

- Moves by some Republicans to get Mayor Robert M. Lawther of Lakewood or County Commissioner Seth C. Taft into the GOP primary failed. Taft will seek re-election. Lawther said yesterday he is happy where he is.

- Former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village is expected to announce for the Democratic nomination Friday.

- Corrigan said hopes of fielding a consensus candidate, who would have the best chance of winning, were dim because other candidates refused to quit the race.

At his news conference, Kucinich contended he could have won the May primary. As an independent, he will not run in the primary. He asserted he is running as an independent because Democratic leaders would like to beat him in the primary because of his "independent position in Cleveland politics" and that his appearance in a primary

Sweeney sues for revenue lost by I-90 delays

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Former Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, a Democratic candidate for Congress in the 23d District, filed suit in U.S. District Court yesterday to recover tax revenues lost because of delays in finishing the Northwest Freeway, Interstate 90 through Bay Village, Westlake, Rocky River, Lakewood and Cleveland.

Sweeney named President Nixon; Claude S. Brinegar, secretary of the U.S. De-

partment of Transportation; Norman T. Tieman, administrator of the department, and J. Phillip Richey, director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, in the suit. It asks for more than \$1 million to make up for taxes lost after 4,000 buildings were razed prematurely.

Sweeney, in seeking funds for the communities involved, charged that President Nixon used his execu-

tive privilege to freeze interstate highway funds.

He alleged the amended proposal for the Parma Freeway to connect Parma and Parma Heights to Interstate 71 will further delay completion of the Northwest Freeway. It will also inflict the same construc-

tion problems that Cleveland and the four western suburbs have experienced, he charged.

He wants the court to order the defendants to consider the Northwest Freeway as a 50 emergency project and to issue contracts for the unfinished segments.

He also asked for the state and federal governments to be restrained from planning and building the Parma Freeway unless they can promise it will not interfere with completion of the Northwest Freeway.

The case was assigned to Judge William K. Thomas



The Plain Dealer
Dennis J. Kucinich

We'll Squeeze By On \$42,500



The Robert E. Sweeney Family

A VITAL MESSAGE TO OHIOANS CONCERNED WITH BETTER GOVERNMENT

My Fellow Americans,

On March 9, or before, the United States Congress will take action on a pay raise bill elevating the salary of members of the U. S. Congress from \$42,500 to \$52,800 by 1976. This increase for Congressmen and Senators amounts to 25% over the next two years, and is frantically inflationary, unjust, setting a poor example for the rest of the nation that is being asked to lower wage demands for patriotic purposes.

Are our governing officials exempt from the requirements of patriotism? Does executive privilege allow our President, possibly on the eve of his impeachment, to offer this undeserved inducement to the very men who will be deciding his immediate fate?

The real question is this: Do you think these men deserve a raise, particularly a large one? Or do you agree with me that it's the American way to pay for what you get — and that we haven't gotten much, except frozen salaries and soaring prices, coupled with an energy crisis and one of the most scandal-ridden administrations in history? Is it the American way to give bonuses to those who can't do the job?

As Ohio's Congressman-at-large in 1965 and 1966, as a member of the 89th Congress — perhaps the proudest, most productive Congress in history — I supported thirteen dependents on \$30,000 annually, and we got by. And let me say that the 89th Congress makes the 93rd Congress look pretty bad.

Do you know that right now our Congressmen, in addition to their salaries, get these benefits each year?

- \$114,000 for staff allowances and salaries
- \$ 5,000 for electronic and mechanical equipment
- 770 for postage
- 1,000 for stationery
- 2,000 for district office expenses
- 2,000 for district office telephones
- 4,000 for district office rental
- 25,000 free long-distance telephone minutes
- 10 free airline round-trips between Washington and his district

With thirteen dependents, the Sweeneys made it on \$30,000 a year, and I can assure you that as the next Congressman from the 23rd District of Ohio, my family — now up to fifteen dependents — will squeeze by on the present salary of \$42,500.

Frankly, it is my opinion that the 93rd Congress has let the citizens of our country down by permitting prices to rise to a new high, while freezing the wages of American workers. Runaway inflation has changed our lifestyles from exciting growth to a desperate struggle. Our senior citizens, particularly, have watched their golden years begin to tarnish, while attempting to keep up with costs on a fixed income. Congress has failed to raise the national minimum wage set at \$1.60 an hour seven years ago, while costs have risen 42% in the same period.

We have watched Congress allow the Defense budget to balloon to \$100 billion annually, including \$20 billion of admitted waste. Rising food prices have gone unchecked while Congress continues to subsidize agricultural corporations.

Should we raise the pay of Congressmen simply to make it easier for them to live with their mistakes, while citizens, who asked for action and found none, suffer?

Congress has failed to support environmental projects; they suspended them supposedly because of the energy crisis. But they did not listen to scientists who warned them for years that this crisis was coming. By their inaction they have perpetuated an arms race, in the name of peace, truly jeopardizing our chances for real world peace.

I frankly feel that the U.S. Congress, based on a recent

Harris Poll survey evaluating its performance, has not justified to the American people that it is deserving of a 25% raise in salary.

This executive pay raise bill will become federal law unless the Senate or House of Representatives acts against it soon.

The committee endorsing my candidacy for nomination and election to the U. S. Congress in the 23rd Ohio District has decided to pay for this ad at great expense, in order to sound an alarm to all citizens of Northeastern Ohio on this pay raise proposal. If you agree with me, that together we should protest this proposal, I encourage you to take time out and complete the coupon below and mail it to me today. I will guarantee you that before March 9, 1974, I will personally present your protests to our U.S. Representatives in the Congress in Washington, who are the following:

United States Senators: Robert A. Taft, Jr.
Howard Metzenbaum

United States Representatives: Charles Mosher
William Minshall
Charles A. Vanik
Louis J. Stokes
James V. Stanton
J. William Stanton

If you care to assist me in this protest, act now, for I believe Americans are a fair people who support good and responsible government. However, based upon the performance of the 93rd Congress alone, I cannot in good conscience, approve nor support the proposed raise in Congressional pay.

Most sincerely yours,
Robert E. Sweeney

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**7,000 reply
to Sweeney
ad on pay**

More than 7,000 persons responded to a political ad in Saturday's Plain Dealer taken out by Robert E. Sweeney, Democratic candidate in the 23d Congressional District.

Sweeney, of Bay Village, said yesterday the response was greater than expected. Readers who agreed with the ad were asked to send their name on a coupon to Sweeney. Some sent money, too, although it was not sought, he said.

The ad attacked a proposed raise in pay for congressmen from \$42,300 a year to \$52,800 a year as inflationary and unjustified. The Senate voted to kill the proposal yesterday.

Sweeney also made public his net worth and his federal income tax returns for 1972, 1971 and 1970. His statement revealed he had a net worth of \$380,437 with assets of \$443,822 and liabilities of \$63,385.

He and his wife held stocks and bonds valued at \$91,725, Sweeney said. He would sell or place his holdings in trust.

His 1972 income tax return showed a gross income of \$173,764 as a lawyer and his net expenses of \$128,228. Adjusted gross income was \$45,536. Itemized deductions were \$5,351. Exemptions for him, his wife and their 13 children amounted to \$11,250. His taxable income was \$27,334 on which \$6,860 was paid in income tax. Another \$675 in self-employment tax was paid.

Sweeney announces he is running in 23d

Former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, with a boost from some of Sen. George S. McGovern's supporters, yesterday became a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 23d District.

Sweeney's campaign chairman is Cleveland lawyer Sheldon D. Schecter. Schecter was former Sen. Eugene McCarthy's Ohio campaign manager in his 1968 presidential bid and a McGovern delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention.

Walter S. Kobalka, chairman of the 23d District caucus, a political group made up of many liberals, said at Sweeney's Hollenden House press conference there is a "good probability" the organization will endorse Sweeney.

Sweeney, 49, attacked defense spending and criticized the government's inability to handle inflation. He depicted President Nixon as a tool of big business, urged Nixon to resign and said he would vote for impeachment proceedings, if elected.

Sweeney promised to disclose his net worth and back copies of his income taxes, and to list the required campaign donors. "I want the people of the 23d District to know that when Bob Sweeney goes to Congress, he wears no man's collar," Sweeney said.

While acknowledging that his backing from Schecter and other McGovern supporters should help him get the liberal vote, Sweeney said he is not keying his campaign solely to liberals.

as liberals. "He said He will attack government waste, as an example.

Sweeney earlier had indicated he might not run. He said the decision by Cuyahoga County Commissioner Frank R. Pokorny not to run influenced his decision. Pokorny is a close friend.

Sweeney served in Congress in 1965-66.

Also filing for Congress in the 23d District yesterday were Jack A. Hruby and Hugh J. Gallagher.

Hruby, the mayor of Brecksville, filed as a Republican. Gallagher is a registered Democrat. He said he filed as an independent because he had support from both Republicans and Democrats.

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3 lawyers nipped City Club directors
Three lawyers have been picked to serve one-year terms as directors of the City Club.
They are Cleveland Law Director Herbert R. Whiting, Robert E. Sweeney and David L. Heenan.
The three were selected by the club's 12 elected directors. Members each year elect four directors to three-year terms and the elected board then picks three one-year directors.

Draft Sweeney for Congress

Mooney urges

An effort to draft former Cong. Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village to run for Congress from the 23d District has been started by Fairview Park Mayor Charles (Pete) Mooney.

"We need a solid person like Bob Sweeney to represent us in Congress," Mooney said. "He would be a candidate with experience and the ability to get the job done. We're going to draft him, nominate him and elect him."

Sweeney, 49, said two weeks ago he would seek the Democratic nomination. Two days later he announced he could not run. He reported it receptive to the draft movement.

But will liberal vote help?

Sheldon comes out for Bobby

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By Joseph D. Rice
Politics Writer

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Politics, so the saying goes, makes for strange bedfellows, and the congressional candidacy of former U.S. Rep. Robert E. Sweeney of Bay Village is a good case in point.

Sweeney is one of six Democrats running in the 23d District, where Republican William E. Minehall is retiring after 20 years. Three Republicans and five independents also are in the race.

When Sweeney announced his candidacy Monday, who should be standing beside him as his campaign chairman but Sheldon D. Schecter, the Cleveland lawyer active in the liberal wing of the Democratic party.

Some politicians don't exactly put Sweeney and Schecter on the same side of the political spectrum.

SCHECTER WAS former Sen. Eugene McCarthy's Ohio campaign manager in his 1968 bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. He was at Chicago and voted against a party platform that backed the Johnson administration's Vietnam policy.

Sweeney was there, too. But he backed Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey for the nomination and voted, along with the majority, for the party's plank on Vietnam.

Two years later Sweeney was running for the Democratic nomination for governor against John J. Gilligan and Cuyahoga County Recorder Mark McElroy. At the traditional City Club debate Sweeney implied that Gilligan, while a Cincinnati councilman, had urged college students to take to the streets to right wrongs, a charge Gilligan had denied in 1968 when he was running for the Senate.



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Sheldon comes out for Bobby

Gilligan left the debate bristling with anger. Some of his aides hinted that dire things might befall Sweeney for his remarks.

Today, however, Gilligan and Sweeney while, not bosom buddies, are on speaking terms, which is a lot more than they used to be. And Schecter is in the forefront of those pushing Sweeney for Congress.

What brought together Schecter, a liberal, and Sweeney, whom many have regarded as a conservative?

"Bob has changed," said Schecter.

SCHECTER NOTES that he was upset when Sweeney joined some other members of the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) in firing CMHA executive director Irving M. Kriegsfeld, who ran afoul of powerful people with his plans for public housing in middle class areas on both the East and West Sides.

But when Sweeney left CMHA, he was stressing tenants' rights and urging that a tenant be named to replace him. And he had accused Cleveland Mayor Ralph J. Perk of trying to dismantle public housing. Both stands pleased Schecter.

Sweeney's attacks Monday on Defense Department waste, big business profiteering and Richard Nixon were music to Schecter's ears. It was, in many ways, the same kind of attack George S. McGovern made two years ago in wending his way to the Democratic nomination.

While Sweeney hopes to attract voters from across the spectrum, clearly getting the liberal vote solidly behind him is a key element in his strategy.

The question remains how much effect that vote would have in the 23d District. Many liberals rallied behind the Rev. Paul Woelfl in 1972, but Cleveland Councilman Dennis J. Kucinich '73 won the primary. Kucinich also endorsed McGovern.

Sweeney talk spurs Ford union uproar

APR 29 74
By NORMAN MLACHAK
Labor Writer

Brook Park police were summoned when a rebellion broke out during a special meeting of the United Auto Workers local at the Ford plant.

The ruckus erupted in a dispute over whether Robert Sweeney, candidate for Congress in the 23d District, would be allowed to speak.

By the time the smoke cleared:

WAYNE MEDDERS, president of Local 1250, adjourned the meeting only to be replaced at the podium by Thurman Payne, vice president.

DONALD TALLEY, a

crank shaft grinder and tool repairman, was the target of an assault and battery warrant sworn out by Medders.

POLICE DISPATCHED two one-man cars to the local hall on Hummel Rd. and held others on standby only to learn that the tumult died down by the time they arrived.

SWEENEY got the microphone, telling the members that the "right of the rank and file to communicate with their American political figures must not be lost to a few strong-armed officials at the top."

Medders blamed the eruption on ignorance, whisky



SWEENEY WHITE MEDDERS

and Sweeney.

Said Medders: "A lot of them were booted up from the night before... It was a planned plot to disrupt the meeting... I should file dis-

orderly conduct charges against Sweeney for coming in and disrupting the meeting."

Royce White and Monroe Spencer, shop chairmen for foundry workers and skilled

tradesmen, respectively, gave another account.

White said members are "tired of the tuxedo bossism" of local and regional UAW leaders.

Said Spencer: "They (members) are fed up with one-man rule. Many who like him (Medders) don't think he's running a diplomatic and democratic union."

White said that some members protested after Medders refused to allow Sweeney to speak and then ordered Spencer "to sit down and shut up" (The UAW's endorsed candidate

in the 23d district race is Ronald Motlb).

Talley then headed for the podium. White said, "Only to be restrained by other members."

"People were screaming and hollering to let Sweeney speak. Medders finally walked off. The members took over the meeting and they ran him (Medders) out of the hall," White said.

Medders explained that yesterday's session was to discuss resolutions to be submitted at the UAW's international convention in June.

"As long as I'm president

Dem hopefuls in 23d

Woo Westlake votes

Democratic candidates for Congress in the 23d District last night discussed senior citizens, Interstate I-90, the Russian wheat deal and the abundance of lawyers and businessmen in Congress.

Robert Sweeney, Arthur M. Shinn, Cleveland Ports Director Andrew C. Putka and State Rep. James P. Celebrezze, D-4, appeared before the Westlake Democratic Club at the Church of the Holy Redeemer.

Sweeney, a former U.S. representative who has criticized the federal government's failure to complete I-90, said:

"If Bob Sweeney is elected, you're going to have I-90 finished down here a darn sight sooner than 1980." That's the date Sweeney said the government expects the project to be finished.

Celebrezze pointed out he has sponsored legislation to

exempt senior citizens from the sales tax.

He asserted he has a proven track record at the polls and has the best chance of winning in November, when one Democrat will face one Republican and five independent candidates in the district.

Putka criticized giving "favored parties" treatment to Russia and other Communist countries. "They still haven't paid off their war debts," he said.

Schinn, a computer specialist at the General Motors plant in Hudson, noted that businessmen and lawyers comprise almost 90% of Congress and that only 1% are technicians like him.

Schinn also criticized President Nixon for the Russian wheat deal and said the United States must restrict its food exports to keep domestic food prices down.

Democrats to face Campanella, Voinovich

Garofoli, Sweeney in county race

MAR 26 '76 PD

By Joseph D. Rice

Anthony J. Garofoli, Cuyahoga County Democratic cochairman and former Rep. Robert E. Sweeney are the party's choice to battle Republicans Vincent C. Campanella and County Auditor George V. Voinovich for control of the county commission.

The Garofoli-Sweeney team emerged yesterday as the Democrats struggled to overcome the political fallout caused by a grand

Full page of state and local filing results on Page 16-C.

jury investigation of Commissioner Frank R. Pokorny, who filed for re-election yesterday.

The filing deadline was 4 p.m. yesterday. Candidates have until April 4 to withdraw.

The Garofoli-Sweeney ticket would represent two new faces on the Democratic ticket for commissioner for the first time since 1968, when Pokorny and Commissioner Hugh A. Corrigan were elected.

Corrigan, who had expected to run for re-election until Pokorny's decision to run again stunned the Democratic hierarchy Wednesday, decided yesterday to run for one of three new judgeships on the Ohio Court of Appeals (8th District).

Voinovich, one of the Republican party's top vote getters, and Campanella, onetime budget director for Mayor Ralph J. Perk, are unopposed in the GOP primary.



Virgil E. Brown, election director (left photo) calls a halt to candidate filing for the June 8 primary at 4 p.m. yesterday. An hour earlier, Demo-

crat Anthony J. Garofoli (arm outstretched in photo above) filed for Cuyahoga County commissioner at the crowded Board of Elections.

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Garofoli is running for the term beginning Jan. 3, 1977, as is Voinovich.

Sweeney, a Cleveland lawyer, must beat Pokorny and 12 others in the June 8 primary for the right to face Campanella for the term beginning Jan. 2, 1977.

Garofoli and Sweeney, who withdrew from the race for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 20th District to run for commissioner, took pains to avoid criticizing Pokorny. Garofoli said the news media have maligned Pokorny and urged the public not to prejudge him.

"But political reality being what it is, we believed ..."

Many after Stanton's seat; Mottl has fewer takers

FEB 17 '76 PD All
By William Carlson

Rep. Ronald M. Mottl, D-23, who won his seat with only 36% of the vote, so far has only four potential challengers, while 22 persons have lined up to succeed Rep. James V. Stanton, D-20.

The 20th District derby will get its 17th Democratic entrant today. Lawyer Robert E. Sweeney, a former congressman who lost to Mottl in the 1974 primary, will announce his candidacy today at a news conference.

Three Republicans, an independent and a U.S. Labor party candidate have also taken out petitions in that race. Only James P. Celebrezze, a Democrat, has filed petitions.

The scramble was touched off when Stanton decided to run for the U.S. Senate. Traditionally, though, many people who take out petitions do not actually file them to run.

Two other Cleveland congress-

men, Rep. Louis Stokes, D-21, and Rep. Charles A. Vanik, D-22, have clobbered recent foes and so far have only token opposition this year.

While incumbents usually are conceded an advantage, Mottl normally could have expected tough opposition this time based on his narrow win.

But since the 1974 election, his chief opponents moved from the scene. Republican George E. Mastics now lives in Florida. Maverick Democrat Dennis J. Kucinich, who ran as an independent, was elected Municipal Court clerk.

Mottl's main opponents in the 1974 primary will run this time in the neighboring 20th District — Sweeney and Celebrezze.

For 20 years, voters in the district chose Republican William E. Minshall, and now have the county's only two GOP state legislators.

Mottl's potential GOP foes are

relatively unknown. They are John D. DuRoss, a Rocky River real estate man, and Michael T. Scanlon, a North Olmsted lawyer.

"Scanlon's the leading candidate now but we're also working with some other people," said Robert E. Hughes, GOP county chairman. "We've got lots of time."

The filing deadline is March 25. Democrats who have taken out petitions for a possible primary fight with Mottl are lawyer John E.

Corrigan of Rocky River, who has run for county treasurer and state senator, and Arthur Shinn of Strongsville, who, like Corrigan, also took out petitions in the 20th District.

Among those seeking Stanton's seat are State Sen. Anthony J. Celebrezze, D-25; Cleveland City Councilmen Michael L. Climaco, D-5, and Basil M. Russo, D-19; Warrensville Heights Mayor Raymond J. Grabow, and Garfield Heights

Mayor Raymond A. Stachewicz.

Among others running are nursing home operator John T. Flanagan, who lost to Stanton in the 1974 primary; Donald T. Gallagher, who ran for Ward 33 councilman last year; anthropologist William J. Kennick Jr. of Lakeline, who ran in the 21st District in 1974; lawyer George A. Cain of Westlake; electrician Edward A. Ginley of Fairview Park, and teachers Ronald Novak and Donald J. Novak. Elec-

tronics designer Paul J. Parobek, a Republican, ran twice before.

Others who have taken out petitions are Democrat Marlene Carroll, 5402 Tillman Ave. SW; U.S. Labor party candidate Theodore G. Held, 3124 W. 68th St.; Republican Thomas L. McSweeney of Maple Heights, a county auditor's office employe, and Gordon Lee Guttschow, 3491 W. 25th St.; and independent Thomas D. Pekarek of University Heights.

Sweeney calls for county waste disposal district

AUG 19 '76 PD 67
By Thomas J. Quinn

Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney yesterday called for a county solid waste disposal district as the first step toward building facilities to generate power from trash burning.

Sweeney said he will meet soon

with the Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association to urge its support.

Under Sweeney's plan, a solid waste disposal division would be created within the county's sanitary engineer's department.

Sweeney made his proposal here before the Ohio General Assem-

bly's Committee to Study Energy Recovery from Solid Waste.

The committee, headed by State Rep. Rocco J. Colonna, D-4, was formed last year to explore the feasibility of generating energy from solid waste and to make recommendations to the next General Assembly.

Stephen J. Sebesta, county sanitary engineer, told The Plain Dealer that if a solid waste division is formed, he will first hire a full-time division chief and add staff members later.

He said the district would enable the county to coordinate disposal plans and also assure the

county of support from communities in the district for any contracts the county would enter into.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has said Greater Cleveland is among eight metropolitan areas in Ohio where recovering energy from solid waste would be favorable because land-fill sites are unavailable due to population density, high water tables or local opposition.

The county took bids from firms for building a plant to burn trash to generate steam that would be sold to industries for heating. The bids were never awarded because of legal complications.

The city of Cleveland has con-



sidered having trash burned to generate electricity for the Municipal Light Plant. Metals and other materials would have been separated from the trash and sold as scrap. City Council has balked at awarding contracts.

About 10 persons testified before the committee, which will hold other public hearings in the state this year.

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Robert E. Sweeney, newly appointed county commissioner, sits in his law office overlooking the Justice Center.

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Robert Sweeney is installed in Pokorny's post

By Terry Pederson

Cleveland lawyer Robert E. Sweeney was officially sworn in yesterday as acting county commissioner. Unofficially, he became commissioner for the rest of the term ending Jan. 1 because the Democratic party is certain to confirm him for the full term.

The nameplate of his predecessor, Frank R. Pokorny, who resigned Monday, was still in place in the commissioners' chambers at 4 p.m. yesterday as county employes, reporters and friends of Sweeney gathered for the brief ceremony.

But the plate had vanished by the time Sweeney, accompanied by his wife, Patricia, and two of their 13 children, entered the room.

Commission President Hugh A. Corrigan nominated Sweeney for the interim appointment, then turned to Republican Seth C. Taft, who said his candidate for the vacancy was Vincent C. Campanella, former Cleveland budget director who is unopposed in the Republican primary for the commissioner's term.

"Since the Democratic party has the right to fill the vacancy in five days and is not likely to go along with Campanella, I see no point in proposing him for this brief term, but will work hard for his election in the fall," Taft said.

Sweeney spoke of making county government "a source of pride, instead of embarrassment," a reference to Pokorny's indictment last week by a county grand jury for misconduct in office. Pokorny pleaded guilty to the charge yesterday and was fined \$400.

Sweeney, 51, will have no time to merely observe commission operations. Corrigan will undergo kidney surgery today in Lakewood Hospital, and is expected to be away from his office for about a month.

The party has endorsed Sweeney, who is one of 11 Democrats filed for the primary to oppose Campanella in November.

Corrigan, meanwhile, denied reports he has agreed to yield his seat to Democratic cochairman Anthony J. Garofoli, the party's other endorsed commission candidate. Corrigan is running for an appeals court judgeship.

Garofoli has lead role in Dems' cast of candidates

By Joseph D. Rice

Anthony J. Garofoli is a man of many roles. (P.W.) PRIM CAND

He was a trumpet player and head of the Melrose Square Quartet when he worked his way through John Carroll University. He is a successful lawyer today and also is co-chairman of the county Democratic party.

Garofoli now is in what may be the most demanding role of his career. It is a role that combines his candidacy for county commissioner with that of being a cheerleader and head coach for a party whose fortunes have declined in recent years. The party is facing a stiff challenge to its authority in the June 8 primary.

What happens to party-backed candidates in the primary may determine whether Garofoli's career as co-chairman continues, or whether there is a major change in the leadership.

Three months ago the Democratic ticket for commissioner appeared set. Hugh A. Corrigan and Frank H. Pokorny were expected to run as a team. Each was seeking his third four-year term.

The disclosure by The Plain Dealer that Pokorny had an interest in a bus company doing business with the county created political pressure that forced Pokorny out of the race. When Pokorny changed his mind and filed for re-election, Corrigan, fearful of political repercussions,

decided to run for a judgeship on the Ohio Court of Appeals (8th District). Pokorny later withdrew from the commission race.

The political gyrations of Pokorny and Corrigan led to the Democrats persuading Robert E. Sweeney, a former congressman, to run for commissioner instead of Congress in the 20th District. A reluctant Garofoli, who had not planned to run for any office, became the other half of the Democratic team.

To the Democratic leadership, the Garofoli-Sweeney ticket was a symbol of hope, a chance to turn disaster into victory. To the critics of the Democratic organization, Garofoli-Sweeney was the symbol of downtown and a political machine they despised.

It was shortly after 8 p.m. when Garofoli and his wife, Florence, arrived at the monthly meeting of the Broadview Heights Democratic Club. The crowd was just starting to build. The dozen candidates outnumbered spectators. Politics, Garofoli conceded, was not stimulating a lot of interest this year.

Garofoli is opposed in the primary by Cleveland Councilman James H. Boyd, D-18, and Michael E. Gallagher, who has run unsuccessfully before for mayor and county commissioner.

Garofoli, 39, is the heavy favorite to win the primary. He campaigned at the club meeting as if he had no primary opposition. His

attacks were directed at County Auditor George V. Voinovich, his Republican opponent, and the Republican party.

Garofoli told the audience, "I can assure you that the Democratic party is going full force to win the primary and general election this year. The reason we are going to win is the Democratic party has stood for the things vital to you and for improving the quality of life in the county."

Garofoli said a win at the county level would be the first step toward electing a Democratic governor. The numbers are in the Democrats' favor, Garofoli said.

"There is no reason Ralph Kreiger should be sheriff," Garofoli said. "He's an absolute incompetent."

Sweeney, 51, a gray-haired lawyer and the father of 13, is a veteran of the political circuit. Sweeney's late father, Martin E., was a congressman. Robert Sweeney served two years as a congressman-at-large.

Unlike Garofoli, Sweeney must worry about his primary opposition. Sweeney, who was appointed commissioner last month to succeed Pokorny, who pleaded guilty to a charge of misconduct in office stemming from the bus controversy, has 11 opponents in the primary.

They are Anthony O. Calabrese Jr., a lawyer and son of State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese, D-22; Cleve-

land Councilman Gary J. Kucinich, D-7; Mary Ann Geraci, a former member of the Cleveland Board of Education; Patrick L. Gerlity, a lawyer and former Cleveland police chief; John P. Marhevka, a hair stylist.

Donald J. Novak, a high school guidance counselor; Jack P. Russell, a former City Council president, and lawyers Reuben H. Sacharow, Mildred K. Schud, and Milt Schulman, and Bettie B. Baker, a college professor.

But Sweeney knows the men to beat are Calabrese and Kucinich. He, and most other politicians, view it as a tight three-way race, with Sweeney having a slight edge.

When Sweeney stopped at a recent Ward 9 Democratic Club meeting, he found Schulman busy telling the crowd he is against busing and the county 3.4-million welfare levy.

"I'm not a liberal," Schulman proclaimed. "I'm more conservative than the most conservative member of the John Birch Society."

Spying Sweeney, Schulman told the crowd that while Sweeney was a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), he pushed for public housing throughout the area.

Sweeney took a chair next to Schulman. "Don't leave, Milt," he said.

Schulman stayed as Sweeney compared him to a "guided mis-

sile, zipping into and around the atmosphere, with its guidance system all screwed up.

"If you're fed up with the system, vote for Milt," Sweeney said. "The system will go down quicker."

Sweeney, apparently as if to prove he is not all that hot for widespread public housing, said he was instrumental in firing Irving M. Kriegsfeld as CMHA director.

Calabrese, 40, is no stranger to politics. He served three terms in the Ohio House and ran unsuccessfully for Congress in the 22d District. The Calabrese name ranked high in Democratic party councils before Garofoli was a party co-chairman.

Calabrese is on the outside looking in this time. Without the party endorsement, Calabrese is running a campaign directed against the party.

He avoided Sweeney's name when he spoke before the Broadview Heights Democrats. "I don't hear people ask about qualifications," Calabrese complained before telling the crowd of his service in the legislature and his membership on the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

"We've reached a point where the old-style politics must go," Calabrese said as three women in the audience nodded their heads in assent. "Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, our first duty is to the people of this

county, the taxpayers and the voters."

Everyone knows Gary Kucinich's name. Not necessarily his first one, but his last one. His brother, Dennis J., clerk of Cleveland Municipal Court, drew the spotlight during six years on City Council and two unsuccessful tries for Congress.

Kucinich, 25, realizes his brother's fame is an asset, but while he acknowledges getting advice from Dennis, he maintains he is his own man.

Dusk approached as Kucinich walked down a street in Parma carrying leaflets. Kucinich has not received his literature yet so he was distributing some for Joseph G. Tegreene, executive assistant to his brother and a candidate for state representative.

"If you speak out like you brother, you'll get my vote promised one man," Gary said. "I will."

Like Calabrese Jr., Gary Kucinich is battling the Democratic party. He does not miss a chance to talk about the "scandal at commissioners' office."

"The corruption issue is very big with people," he said to a porter. When one young couple invited him in their home, spoke of corruption in local government and hinted of the top Democrats. The ded in assent when Kucinich the commissioner's office must be cleaned up.

Sweeney, Calabrese Jr. close

Garofoli winning commission race

Anthony J. Garofoli was headed for victory early today in the Democratic primary for Cuyahoga County Commissioner.

But his running mate, incumbent Robert E. Sweeney, was barely leading Anthony J. Calabrese Jr. for the seat relinquished by Frank R. Pokorny after a scandal tore through the office.

Garofoli, a Democratic cochair-

man, had 55,767 votes with about 65% of the precincts counted, almost four times that of his nearest contenders.

With 73% of the precincts, Sweeney had 33,477 votes and Calabrese 29,464. Cleveland Councilman Gary J. Kucinich, D-7, also was making a prominent showing with 22,414.

Garofoli and Sweeney ran as a tandem. Both were the endorsed Democrats.

Garofoli will face County Auditor George V. Voinovich in the general election. Voinovich was unopposed in the Republican primary.

The Democratic challenger for Pokorny's old seat will face City Law Director Vincent C. Campanella, also unopposed.

The present county commissioner whose seat Garofoli is seeking

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is his fellow Democratic cochairman, Hugh A. Corrigan, who is running for the appellate court.

That switch, and Pokorny's resignation, came about after Pokorny pleaded guilty to misconduct in office for having financial interest in a bus company that was under subcontract to the county.

Following Garofoli were Michael E. Gallagher, with 14,313 votes, Councilman William H. Boyd, D-18 with 13,113 and Bettie J. Baker with 9,190.

Behind Sweeney, Calabrese and Kucinich were Mary Ann Geraci, 7,403 votes; Patrick L. Gerity,

8,130; John P. Marhevka, 2,507; Donald J. Novak, 5,953; Jack P. Russell 3,820; Mildred K. Schad, 3,346 and Milt Schulman, 4,385.

Pokorny asserted March 15 that he would withdraw from the race. Corrigan then announced he would run for the Pokorny seat instead of his own.

But Pokorny filed his nominating petitions for re-election anyway and Corrigan filed for the appellate court. Pokorny then withdrew April 5, was indicted April 6, resigned from office April 12 and pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor April 13.

On April 14, Sweeney was appointed to fill Pokorny's unexpired term.

The Cuyahoga County Grand

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Campanella**



**Cuyahoga
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Nominee (D)
Garofoli**



**Cuyahoga
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Voinovich**

Jury heard testimony from former Commissioner Frank M. Gorman, who had accused Pokorny of soliciting a kickback from an architect in return for a county job. But the jury cleared Pokorny of that charge.

On March 9, the jury investigation was widened to include Pokorny's interest in Personal Transportation, a bus company that did business with the county, and he was then indicted for misconduct in office.

Vote board upholds Sweeney petitions

By Terry Pederson

Lawyer Milt P. Schulman fought the system and lost yesterday at a lengthy, costly Cuyahoga County Board of Elections hearing on the validity of nominating petitions of Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney.

Schulman asked the board to subpoena 200 persons to verify his claim that signatures on Sweeney's petitions were invalid and illegally secured. Schulman is a candidate in the June 8 primary for the commission seat to which Sweeney after Frank R. Pokorny's resignation.

Far fewer than 200 persons showed up to join Schulman in what Republican board member Robert E. Hughes termed a "fishing expedition."

Those who testified established that Sweeney, tapped by the party at the last possible moment, took out petitions for commissioner the morning of the March 25 filing deadline. By that afternoon, circulators had collected 214 signatures, 64 more than needed. The

petitions were filed about 10 minutes before the 4 p.m. deadline.

Several times, Schulman depicted party leaders huddling with Sweeney, urging him to run for commissioner. Schulman also raised the image of party workers racing through city and county offices hours before the deadline, furiously gathering Democratic signatures.

Schulman was able to show that a candidate with the party behind him has a tremendous advantage. However, the party's support is not illegal, so the board, composed of dedicated party men and women, voted to dismiss the protest after more than an hour of testimony.

Schulman said he will take the issue to court. In other business, the board ruled Wyatt C. Brown be off the ballot because of petition errors. He was a Republican candidate for Common Pleas Judge James F. Kilcoyne's seat. The action leaves Judge Kilcoyne unopposed.

Dems hear pep talk

by Sweeney

Newly appointed County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney urged the Democratic party last night to take the offensive in this year's county elections.

Sweeney, 51, gave the pep talk as he was formally named to succeed Frank R. Pokorny at a meeting in the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel of the party's county executive committee.

Sweeney has been acting commissioner since the resignation early this month of Pokorny, who had been indicted for misconduct in office. He later pleaded guilty of the misdemeanor, whose penalty included forfeiture of office.

Sweeney said the party had nothing to be ashamed of, citing many Democratic officials who have served the public well. He predicted the Democrats would retain control of the county commission.

Party cochairman Anthony J. Garofoli, Sweeney said, would defeat County Auditor George V. Voinovich for a commission seat. He said nothing about his race against Vincent C. Campanella, but the other seat on the three-man commission is held by Seth C. Taft, like Voinovich and Campanella, a Republican.

3 county officials to take oaths of office

Swearing-in ceremonies for Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Justice Center Galleria. The oath will be administered by Probate Judge Ralph S. Locher, recently elected an Ohio Supreme Court justice.

County Auditor George V. Voinovich will take the commissioners' oath from former Sen. Frank J. Lausche at 10 a.m. Monday in the Galleria.

Ronald A. Stackhouse will be sworn in at 1 p.m. Monday as county engineer by John I. Maxwell, administrative judge of the domestic relations division of Common Pleas Court. Ceremonies will be in Cleveland City Court chambers.

Garofoli, Sweeney get nod for commission

The vice chairmen of the Cuyahoga County Democratic party have endorsed Anthony J. Garofoli, party cochairman and former Rep. Robert E. Sweeney as their choices for the two county commission seats.

The 24 vice chairmen who met Saturday also said the party will take over sponsorship of the annual party steer roast at Berea Fairgrounds. The Democratic county commissioners have sponsored the event in the past.

Commissioners Frank R. Pokorny and Hugh A. Corrigan, who will still be in office, will not get to sponsor the annual pre-election event.

The two moves appear to be an attempt to remove any doubt that the party has fallen in behind Garofoli and Sweeney and will not support Pokorny in his attempt to win the Democratic nomination in the June 8 primary.

Pokorny, despite the fact the grand jury is investigating charges

he sought a kickback in office, surprised the party last week by joining the field of candidates seeking the nomination. The party came up with the team of Garofoli and Sweeney to replace Pokorny and Corrigan.

Corrigan is running for one of the three new judgeships on the Ohio Court of Appeals (8th District).

Walter (Bud) Minch, a spokesman for the vice chairmen and an administrative aide to U.S. Rep. Ronald M. Mottl, D-23, said the Democratic party "has put forth a strong and experienced ticket and one that will be enthusiastically received in all areas of the county by the voters."

The vice chairmen announced that they will have a fund raising breakfast in May and will invite all Democratic presidential candidates to speak. A national Democratic party leader will keynote the breakfast.

Dates for the breakfast and the steer roast have not been set.

Survey gives Sweeney edge; 28% undecided

An informal telephone sample of voters this week shows Democrat Robert E. Sweeney with a slight lead in the county commission race against Republican Vincent C. Campanella. The survey also showed a large undecided bloc, said James Foster, Campanella's campaign manager.

Sweeney had 38% and Campanella 34.5%, with 27.5% undecided, Foster said. In the other commission race, Republican George V. Voinovich had 56% and Democrat Anthony J. Garofoli 31%, with 13% undecided.

Sweeney, an appointed incumbent, has been favored, but the margin and the large undecided bloc were unexpected.

The survey also showed that voters consider welfare and unemployment the county's most important problems, Foster said.

The random sample of 200 voters selected by telephone exchanges was conducted Tuesday night and Wednesday by volunteers who did not identify themselves as Campanella campaigners.

Official figures show 38 suburbs voted for Sweeney, 11 Garofoli

Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney carried 38 of 59 suburbs in winning Nov. 2 while his Democratic running mate, party co-chairman Anthony J. Garofoli, carried only 11 in his losing bid.

Sweeney, who was appointed a commissioner this year, defeated Cleveland Law Director Vincent C. Campanella, 291,028 to 191,173, according to official figures released this week by the board of elections. County Auditor George V. Voinovich beat Garofoli, 297,377 to 236,083.

Garofoli defeated Voinovich in Cleveland, 90,793 to 70,672. But Voinovich beat him in the suburbs,

226,705 to 145,290. Sweeney led Campanella in Cleveland, 100,612 to 42,005 and in the suburbs by 190,416 to 149,168.

The suburbs Garofoli carried were Bedford Heights, Brooklyn, Brook Park, East Cleveland, Garfield Heights, Warrensville Heights, Linndale, North Randall, Oakwood, Woodmere and Riveredge Township.

Voinovich defeated Garofoli in Euclid, Maple Heights and Parma, three Democratic strongholds. Sweeney carried these three suburbs, however, as well as suburbs like Berea and Strongsville, where Voinovich also trounced Garofoli.

Sweeney in line today for post Pokorny quit

APR 13 '76 PD

By Terry Pederson **A1**

County Commissioners Hugh A. Corrigan and Seth C. Taft will meet at 4 p.m. today to appoint an acting commissioner to succeed Frank R. Pokorny, who resigned yesterday, 10 days after a county grand jury indicted him for misconduct in office.

The commissioners probably will appoint former Rep. Robert E. Sweeney, a candidate for election to

Pokorny's seat. Their choice will be guided by the expectation that the Democratic party's central committee will name Sweeney to fill out the term, which expires Jan. 1. The party endorsed Sweeney for nomination in June last week.

Ohio law says the party must act between five and 15 days after a resignation.

Pokorny made his announcement, in a four-paragraph news release,

issued just before the commissioners' regular Monday meeting. He did not attend the meeting. The release said, in part:

"Over the last 19 years I have had the rare privilege of serving the people of Cuyahoga County, first with 10 years in the legislature and then here as a county commissioner. They have been good years and I am proud to have somewhat contributed to the growth of our county.

"I have had the pleasure of serving with two fine gentlemen, Hugh Corrigan and Seth Taft, and a fine complement of county officials and employees. . . .

"I leave with no animosity, only the highest regard for all of you. . . ."

The indictment followed allegations that Pokorny had a financial interest in a bus company that held

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county subcontract for four years. The misdemeanor charge carries a maximum penalty of a \$400 fine



Sweeney

Pokorny

and forfeiture of office. Pokorny is to be arraigned Friday.

Pokorny seemed crushed by the allegations. He continued to attend commission meetings, but was often silent, in contrast to earlier days,

when he participated actively. He said last week he has been unable to concentrate on future plans.

He did, however, take some surprising actions during the weeks the grand jury investigation was in progress. After announcing he would not run for re-election, he filed his nominating petitions, forcing Corrigan out of the commission race and into a contest for one of three new judgeships on the Ohio Court of Appeals (8th District).

Pokorny then withdrew from the commission race April 5.

The timing of his resignation as commissioner gave his colleagues a problem. He resigned effective 12:01 p.m. today, but Asst. County Prosecutor John L. Dowling ruled a successor could not be appointed until tomorrow because a vacancy

technically would not exist until the day after the resignation.

Corrigan is scheduled to undergo surgery in Lakewood Hospital tomorrow, ruling out the possibility of a meeting. Commissioners then decided to ask Pokorny to make his resignation effective at 11:59 last night. He agreed.

Sweeney joins race in 20th District

Hoping to return to Washington after 10 years, former Rep. Robert E. Sweeney declared his candidacy yesterday to succeed Rep. James V. Stanton, D-20. FEB 13 '76 PD A10F

Sweeney, 51, served as congressman-at-large in 1962 and 1966 losing the job when it was abolished under redistricting. His father, Martin L. represented the 20th District, which had different boundaries then, for 11 years until 1942.

In becoming the 17th Democrat to express interest in the seat held by Stanton, who is running for the Senate, Sweeney said he will stress his experience, the issues and vigorous campaigning to win the job.

He said he opposes busing because it has not improved integration and is expensive. "Most people, white and black, are against it," he said. Sweeney said he supports neighborhood schools and centralized special schools.

An incorporator of the Ohio Right to Life Society and the father of 13 children he said he opposes abortion and favors constitutional amendment banning abortion.

Sweeney called for "compulsory wage and price controls because the economy won't stabilize by itself." Wage hikes are eaten up by inflation, he said, because the President and Congress have yielded control of the economy to Arthur Burns, Federal Reserve chairman.

Sweeney also accused the nation's banks of creating disaster in the construction industry by manipulating credit and interest rates.

On foreign policy, Sweeney said, "We have had too much of the Gromyko-Kissinger detente, which has benefited no one but the Russians." He opposed exporting nuclear power.

Sweeney said news coverage of the CIA probe is endangering national security.

A labor lawyer and Bay Village resident, Sweeney's first race was for mayor of Cleveland in 1955. He has also run for governor, attorney general (three times) and for the U.S. House in the 23d District.

Garofoli has lead role in Dems' cast of candidates

MAY 16 '76 PD

By Joseph D. Rice

Anthony J. Garofoli is a man of many roles. **Sweeney, Robert**

He was a trumpet player and head of the Melrose Square Quartet when he worked his way through John Carroll University. He is a successful lawyer today and also is cochairman of the county Democratic party.

Garofoli now is in what may be the most demanding role of his career. It is a role that combines his candidacy for county commissioner with that of being a cheerleader and head coach for a party whose fortunes have declined in recent years. The party is facing a stiff challenge to its authority in the June 8 primary.

What happens to party-backed candidates in the primary may determine whether Garofoli's career as cochairman continues, or whether there is a major change in the leadership.

Three months ago the Democratic ticket for commissioner appeared set. Hugh A. Corrigan and Frank R. Pokorny were expected to run as a team. Each was seeking his third four-year term.

The disclosure by The Plain Dealer that Pokorny had an interest in a bus company doing business with the county created political pressure that forced Pokorny out of the race. When Pokorny changed his mind and filed for re-election, Corrigan, fearful of political repercussions,

decided to run for a judgeship on the Ohio Court of Appeals (8th District). Pokorny later withdrew from the commission race.

The political gyrations of Pokorny and Corrigan led to the Democrats persuading Robert E. Sweeney, a former congressman, to run for commissioner instead of Congress in the 20th District. A reluctant Garofoli, who had not planned to run for any office, became the other half of the Democratic team.

To the Democratic leadership, the Garofoli-Sweeney ticket was a symbol of hope, a chance to turn disaster into victory. To the critics of the Democratic organization, Garofoli-Sweeney was the symbol of downtown and a political machine they despised.

It was shortly after 8 p.m. when Garofoli and his wife, Florence, arrived at the monthly meeting of the Broadview Heights Democratic Club. The crowd was just starting to build. The dozen candidates outnumbered spectators. Politics, Garofoli conceded, was not stimulating a lot of interest this year.

Garofoli is opposed in the primary by Cleveland Councilman James H. Boyd, D-18, and Michael E. Gallagher, who has run unsuccessfully before for mayor and county commissioner.

Garofoli, 39, is the heavy favorite to win the primary. He campaigned at the club meeting as if he had no primary opposition. His

attacks were directed at County Auditor George V. Voinovich, his Republican opponent, and the Republican party.

Garofoli told the audience, "I can assure you that the Democratic party is going full force to win the primary and general election this year. The reason we are going to win is the Democratic party has stood for the things vital to you and for improving the quality of life in the county."

Garofoli said a win at the county level would be the first step toward electing a Democratic governor. The numbers are in the Democrats' favor, Garofoli said.

"There is no reason Ralph Kreiger should be sheriff," Garofoli said. "He's an absolute incompetent."

Sweeney, 51, a gray-haired lawyer and the father of 13, is a veteran of the political circuit. Sweeney's late father, Martin E., was a congressman. Robert Sweeney served two years as a congressman-at-large.

Unlike Garofoli, Sweeney must worry about his primary opposition. Sweeney, who was appointed commissioner last month to succeed Pokorny, who pleaded guilty to a charge of misconduct in office stemming from the bus controversy, has 11 opponents in the primary.

They are Anthony O. Calabrese Jr., a lawyer and son of State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese, D-22; Cleve-

land Councilman Gary J. Kucinich, D-7; Mary Ann Geraci, a former member of the Cleveland Board of Education; Patrick L. Gerity, a lawyer and former Cleveland police chief; John P. Marhevka, a hair stylist.

Donald J. Novak, a high school guidance counselor; Jack P. Russell, a former City Council president, and lawyers Reuben H. Sacharow, Mildred K. Schad, and Mill Schulman, and Bettie B. Baker, a college professor.

But Sweeney knows the men to beat are Calabrese and Kucinich. He, and most other politicians, view it as a tight three-way race, with Sweeney having a slight edge.

When Sweeney stopped at a recent Ward 9 Democratic Club meeting, he found Schulman busy telling the crowd he is against busing and the county 3.4-mill welfare levy.

"I'm not a liberal," Schulman proclaimed. "I'm more conservative than the most conservative member of the John Birch Society."

Spying Sweeney, Schulman told the crowd that while Sweeney was a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), he pushed for public housing throughout the area.

Sweeney took a chair next to Schulman. "Don't leave, Mill," he said.

Schulman stayed as Sweeney compared him to a "guided mis-

sile, zipping into and around the atmosphere, with its guidance system all screwed up.

"If you're fed up with the system, vote for Mill," Sweeney said. "The system will go down quicker."

Sweeney, apparently as if to prove he is not all that hot for widespread public housing, said he was instrumental in firing Irving M. Kriegsfeld as CMHA director.

Calabrese, 40, is no stranger to politics. He served three terms in the Ohio House and ran unsuccessfully for Congress in the 22d District. The Calabrese name ranked high in Democratic party councils before Garofoli was a party cochairman.

Calabrese is on the outside looking in this time. Without the party endorsement, Calabrese is running a campaign directed against the party.

He avoided Sweeney's name when he spoke before the Broadview Heights Democrats. "I never hear people ask about qualifications," Calabrese complained before telling the crowd of his service in the legislature and his membership on the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

"We've reached a point where the old-style politics must go," Calabrese said as three women in the audience nodded their heads in assent. "Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, our first duty is to the people of this

county, the taxpayers and the voters."

Everyone knows Gary Kucinich's name. Not necessarily his first one, but his last one. His brother, Dennis J., clerk of Cleveland Municipal Court, drew the spotlight during six years on City Council and two unsuccessful tries for Congress.

Kucinich, 25, realizes his brother's fame is an asset, but while he acknowledges getting advice from Dennis, he maintains he is his own man.

Dusk approached as Kucinich walked down a street in Parma, carrying leaflets. Kucinich has not received his literature yet so he was distributing some for Joseph G. Tegreene, executive assistant to his brother and a candidate for state representative.

"If you speak out like your brother, you'll get my vote," promised one man Gary said he will.

Like Calabrese Jr., Gary Kucinich is battling the Democratic party. He does not miss a chance to talk about the "scandal at the commissioners' office."

"The corruption issue is very big with people," he said to a reporter. When one young couple invited him in their home, he spoke of corruption in local government and hinted of indictments of top Democrats. The couple nodded in assent when Kucinich said the commissioner's office must be cleaned up.

Rebel Sweeney taken into Democratic fold

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The last time most Cuyahoga County residents heard from Robert E. Sweeney was in 1974, when he was vying for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 23d District.

Sweeney, who did not get the nomination, created a minor sensation in the primary campaign by taking out full-page newspaper advertisements to protest a congressional pay raise bill. The ads featured a photograph of Sweeney,

his wife and 13 children, headlined "We'll squeeze by on \$42,500."

Sweeney, whose political career dates to 1955, has often built his campaigns around challenges to the party and the established order. Today, as an interim commissioner who will soon be named by the party to fill Frank R. Pokorny's unexpired term, he is part of that order.

Sweeney was graduated from

Cleveland Marshall Law School. He served in the Cleveland law department before he ran unsuccessfully in 1955 as an "independent Democrat" for mayor of Cleveland.

In 1959, he was appointed a special counsel for the Ohio attorney general. He was the Democratic nominee for attorney general in 1962, but was defeated by William B. Saxbe.

Two years later, Sweeney beat

incumbent Oliver P. Bolton in the race for Ohio's at-large congressional seat. During the campaign, he vigorously defended President Lyndon B. Johnson's Vietnam policy.

He left Washington in 1966, when the at-large seat was abolished, and again lost the Ohio attorney general contest to Saxbe.

Sweeney re-entered public life in 1970 when he made a bid for the Democratic nomination for

governor, but was defeated by John J. Gilligan. In the intervening years, he made headlines by challenging the commissioners' authority to impose a 0.5% piggy-back county sales tax.

Sweeney received his political training from his father, the late Martin L., a maverick Democrat who served in Congress during the 1930s.

The commissioners appointed

him to the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority board in 1972. He resigned in 1974, urging the commissioners to appoint a tenant in his place.

Sweeney filed earlier this year for the congressional seat being vacated by James V. Stanton, D-20. He withdrew from that race to run in tandem with Anthony J. Garofoli as the party's choices for the two commission seats to be filled this year.

Democrat commission slate has industry plan

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An industrial park on 200 acres of county-owned land near the county airport was proposed yesterday by the Democratic candidates for commissioner.

Their plan for creating jobs also includes proposals for solving Euclid Creek flooding, low-cost bonds to help attract industry and efforts for a cancer research center.

Democrats Anthony J. Garofoli, county party co-chairman, and Robert E. Sweeney, an appointed commissioner, released the plan as part of their platform.

The other planks, to be released later in the campaign, will deal with reform of county government, the welfare system, aid to the elderly, informing the public about county government, property tax reform and development of a solid waste disposal plant, a spokesman said.

The candidates said the county should take the lead in providing low-cost land to aid industrial expansion and attract new industry.

Federal funds could be used to improve the land near the airport in Richmond Heights and Highland

Heights, they said.

Federal public works money and block grants also could be used to solve two regional problems, installation of sewers and elimination of flooding, they said.

Establishment of the industrial park could be used as another justification for obtaining \$2 million in aid for flood control, Garofoli and Sweeney said. Creation of jobs is one of the federal criteria for granting such aid.

The Democratic tandem called for creation of a legal mechanism to provide long-term, low-interest financing for industry. As models, they cited a Philadelphia project that has provided 100,000 jobs since 1958 and Pennsylvania's successful effort to lure a Volkswagen plant.

Garofoli and Sweeney said their goal is to start at least one new industrial park in the county by 1980.

In addition, Sweeney pledged to work for a \$2 million public works grant to help build a cancer research center at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital.

The changes at City Hall

APR 14 '76 PD A17

It is a loss to the city that Cleveland's law director, James B. Davis, has resigned. Davis is a high-principled attorney whose determined investigations at City Hall often led to clashes with fellow cabinet members.

Mayor Peck has named a successor. He is Vincent C. Campahella, the very capable former budget and management director in the Peck administration. **EDITORIAL**

However, Campanella is a candidate for county commissioner. Putting him in the law director's seat could be regarded as a political ploy to assure him of greater public exposure. But he will be in the possibly embarrassing position of full-time law director while running hard for another office.

At a special meeting yesterday, the commissioners named Robert E. Sweeney acting commissioner to replace Frank R. Pokorny, who

resigned and pleaded guilty to a charge of misconduct in public office. If named as expected by the Democratic party to fill out Pokorny's term, which expires Jan. 1, Sweeney — like Republican Campanella — will be campaigning from a power base.

Davis' probing made him an abrasive part of city government. Late in February, Mayor Peck himself went over Davis' head in the city's \$320 million lawsuit with the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. The mayor went to see U.S. District Judge Robert B. Krupansky about the suit without telling Davis.

That may have been the sign of the permanent break which came yesterday. Davis may not have been the most popular man at City Hall but he tried to put the city's best interest first. He should be an excellent member of the law firm in which he is taking a partnership.

Voinovich fund tops Garofoli-Sweeney's

JUL 27 '76 PD A1

George V. Voinovich and Vincent C. Campanella, the Republican candidates for county commissioner, have a financial advantage over their Democratic opponents, Robert E. Sweeney and Anthony J. Garofoli.

The Voinovich for Commissioner Committee had \$22,194 on hand and the Campanella for County Commissioner Committee \$1,194 according to reports filed with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

The Garofoli-Sweeney for Commissioner Committee had \$962. The committee owes Central National Bank \$20,000. Garofoli and Sweeney have personally guaranteed repayment of the loan.

Voinovich and Campanella, who were unopposed in the primary, spent \$7,894 and \$8,094, respectively. The Garofoli-Sweeney ticket, which had opposition, spent \$23,815.

Voinovich said he hopes to raise \$100,000 for his campaign. Garofoli said no budget has been set for his and Sweeney's campaign.

Fresh face assured on county commission

MAY 30 76 PD II-8

By Thomas S. Andrzejewski

There is one incumbent, of 6½ weeks' tenure, running in the June 8 Democratic primaries in the two races for Cuyahoga County commissioner seats.

He is Robert E. Sweeney, a lawyer. He earlier had announced his intention to run for the congressional seat being vacated by Rep. James V. Stanton, D-20.

The rest of the county commissioner candidates are newcomers, although some of the names have been on ballots before.

Sweeney, 51, changed his mind about the Stanton seat and decided to run for commissioner when a scandal involving his predecessor, Frank R. Pokorny, threatened a Democratic victory.

The confusion took place between Feb. 27 — when

The Plain Dealer began running stories about the scandal — and the 4 p.m. filing deadline for nominating petitions on March 25.

But it was not over. Pokorny, who at first said he would not run and then said he would, filed his petitions and then withdrew from the race April 5. He was indicted for misconduct in office April 6.

Pokorny pleaded guilty on April 13, the day after he resigned from the office he held nine years. The next day, Sweeney was appointed commissioner.

The scenario of the fall of Frank R. Pokorny also included the wavering of his running mate, Commissioner Hugh A. Corrigan. Corrigan first said he would run for Pokorny's seat, but then withdrew to run for appellate judge.

Pokorny and Corrigan had been



Kucinich



Novak



Gallagher



Sweeney



Calabrese Jr.



Marhevka



Schulman



Russell

considered a sure bet for re-election until the scandal.

County Auditor George V. Voinovich, running for Corrigan's seat, and Cleveland Law Director Vincent C. Campanella, bidding for the old Pokorny seat, are unopposed in Republican primaries.

A list of the Democratic candidates follows:



Gerity



Ms. Baker



Mrs. Geraci



Garofoli



Mrs. Schad



Boyd

(Jan. 2 Term)

Anthony O. Calabrese Jr., 40, is a lawyer who lives in Solon. He was a state representative from 1960 to 1966 and has been a member of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority since 1968.

Mary Ann Geraci, 55, was defeated for a new term on the Cleveland Board of Education last fall after having served four years. She is a Cleveland housewife.

Patrick L. Gerity, 56, is a Bay Village lawyer. He was a Cleveland policeman from 1942 to 1971, serving 15 months as chief. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 1971.

Gary J. Kucinich, the 25-year-old brother of Dennis J. Kucinich, clerk of Cleveland Municipal Court, was elected to his brother's Ward 7 council seat last fall.

John P. Marhevka, 59, is the owner of the Sears Arcade Barber Shop, 10900 Lantain Ave. A Parma resident, he has been active in Democratic politics for 38 years.

Donald J. Novak, 36, lives in Cleveland and is a guidance counselor at Lakewood High School. He is a member of the board of the West Side Mental Health Center and a member of Common Cause.

Jack P. Russell, 61, represented Ward 16 in Cleveland City Council for 28 years until he was defeated in 1971, eight years as majority leader and eight years as president of council.

Mildred K. Schad, 36, is a Beachwood

lawyer who was law director for Orwell, O., from 1973 to 1975.

Mill Schulman, 69, of Shaker Heights, is a lawyer and advocate for inner-city property owners. He has been active in Democratic politics in Shaker Heights and in the county.

Sweeney, who lives in Bay Village, served as a congressman-at-large 1945 and 1966. The seat was abolished through redistricting. He was a member of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority board from 1970 to 1972.

(Jan. 3 Term)

Betty J. Baker, 54, of Warrensville Heights, has never run for public office but has been active in several campaigns.

She is an associate professor of history and political science at Cuyahoga Community College.

James H. Boyd, 54, is Cleveland's Ward 18 councilman. He was first elected in 1971. He lives in his ward.

Michael E. Gallagher, 74, ran for several offices in the 1950s. He has been a deputy county auditor, an appraiser for Probate Court and a real estate salesman. He lives in Cleveland.

Anthony J. Garofoli, 39, lives in Cleveland Heights and is a lawyer. A former Cleveland City Council president, he represented Ward 19 for seven years and is presently co-chairman of the county Democratic party. He resigned as from the county board of elections to run

Candidates stuck

Bumper stickers won't stick

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Supporters of the two Democratic candidates for Cuyahoga County commissioner will have no trouble removing Robert E. Sweeney, Anthony J. Garofoli bumper stickers after the election.

They will have trouble putting the stickers on.

Because of a printer's error, the backs of 3,000 stickers are not

adhesive. The glue was put on the protective paper that is peeled away when the stickers are applied.

The stickers were rushed for a recent picnic, said Robert E. Hagan, campaign manager.

Unless someone comes up with an ingenious thought, I can't imagine what we'll do with them," he added.

Hard jabs thrown by candidates for commission seat

OCT 23 '76 .PD 1/3

A stinging exchange between Anthony J. Garofoli and George V. Voinovich highlighted the debates yesterday at the City Club Forum of the four candidates for county commissioner.

Occasional humor marked exchanges between County Commissioner Robert R. Sweeney, a Democrat, and his opponent, Vincent C. Campanella, the Republican law director of Cleveland.

Garofoli, the Democratic county cochairman, aid of Voinovich, the Republican county auditor, He tries to portray himself as a Lone Ranger who's never fallen off a horse. It's time to unmask the Lone Ranger for his monumental bad judgment at taxpayers' expense."

Voinovich said Garofoli never mentioned how he planned to do a better job.

"I've never seen a campaign with more below-the-belt comments, lies and innuendoes," Voinovich said.

Voinovich said it is time for a change after 1 years of Democratic rule. He was critical of Justice Center cost overruns, suspected payroll padding and the indictment of a former commissioner.

Garofoli cannot change the system because it is part of the Democratic problem, Voinovich charged. He accused Garofoli of a conflict through his law partners but said he, Voinovich, has a record of hiring on merit, streamlining spending and encouraging business expansion.

If the auditor wants to be judged on his record, then let's do it, Garofoli replied. He assailed Voinovich for hiring two ex-convicts for sensitive jobs, hiring "the same man who blew it last time" to handle property reappraisal, using different standards to evaluate residential and industrial property and having a conflict because a family's architectural firm does business with the county.

As auditor, did Voinovich ever stop payment on checks or inquire into contracts for the Justice Center? Garofoli asked. Voinovich partisans yelled back, "Yes! Yes!"



Voinovich



Garofoli



Campanella



Sweeney

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rectly to the people, he said. There must be reform on a metropolitan basis, he said.

Meanwhile, the commissioners must fill the void, he said. Sweeney cited physical improvements and programs that have helped people under county direction.

"My opponent talks as if he is not a county commissioner," Campanella replied. "He tells

what is wrong. He represents 44 years of leadership and then he says now we are going to change it."

"I think we've got to put an end to this Perk-sponsored cold war between cities and suburbs and rationalize metro government on that basis," Sweeney replied. "We cannot play one against the other."

During a question period, Garofoli proposed a \$25 million rollback in revenues that had been added by the reappraisal. Savings would be passed on to property owners. Garofoli said Voinovich would support the idea if he truly is a friend of homeowners.

"That's nothing but a political ploy," Voinovich replied. He called for changing the law, which now allows schools, cities and counties to raise additional money through reappraisal without a vote of the people.

Campanella also used the time-for-a-change theme. He said it is time for less government, not a regional plan or annexations. He said Cleveland's fiscal status is so good it has attracted a high bond rating and outside investors.

He supported welfare reform, adding elderly members to public boards and passage of a sunset law requiring agencies to justify their existence or close up.

Sweeney joked about Campanella's boast of fiscal responsibility. "Everybody in town knows he and Mayor Ralph Perk have sold everything but City Hall," he said.

County government is obsolete and has too many boards whose members do not answer to

Robert Sweeney is installed in Pokorny's post

By Terry Pederson ^{AL}

Cleveland lawyer Robert E. Sweeney was officially sworn in yesterday as acting county commissioner. Unofficially, he became commissioner for the rest of the term ending Jan. 1 because the Democratic party is certain to confirm him for the full term.

The nameplate of his predecessor Frank R. Pokorny, who resigned Monday, was still in place in the commissioners' chambers at 4 p.m. yesterday as county employes, reporters and friends of Sweeney gathered for the brief ceremony.

But the plate had vanished by the time Sweeney, accompanied by his wife, Patricia, and two of their 13 children, entered the room.

Commission President Hugh A. Corrigan nominated Sweeney for the interim appointment, then turned to Republican Seth C. Taft, who said his candidate for the vacancy was Vincent C. Campanella, former Cleveland budget director who is unopposed in the Republican primary for the commissioner's term.

"Since the Democratic party has the right to fill the vacancy in five days and is not likely to go along with Campanella, I see no point in proposing him for this brief term, but will work hard for his election in the fall," Taft said.

Sweeney spoke of making county government "a source of pride, instead of embarrassment," a reference to Pokorny's indictment last week by a county grand jury for misconduct in office. Pokorny pleaded guilty to the charge yesterday and was fined \$400.

Sweeney, 51, will have no time to merely observe commission operations. Corrigan will undergo kidney surgery today in Lakewood Hospital, and is expected to be away from his office for about a month.

The party has endorsed Sweeney, who is one of 11 Democrats filed for the primary to oppose Campanella in November.

Corrigan, meanwhile, denied reports he has agreed to yield his seat to Democratic cochairman Anthony J. Garofoli, the party's other endorsed commission candidate. Corrigan is running for an appeals court judgeship.

Carney pulls out of race for county commissioner

James Carney Jr. withdrew yesterday as candidate for the Democratic nomination for Cuyahoga County commissioner and urged Democrats to support Robert E. Sweeney.

Sweeney is the party's candidate for nomination to the seat now held by Frank R. Pokorny, who is under grand jury investigation for alleged kickbacks. ^{MAR 28 '76 PD}

Carney said, "I decided to withdraw because the party had another good candidate, and it appeared that the party is going to unite behind him."

Republicans take offensive in race for commissioner

OCT 4 '76 PD ^{AS}

Republican candidates for Cuyahoga County commissioner, who have been on the defensive much of the campaign, tried to gain offensive punch over the weekend against their Democratic foes.

Auditor George V. Voinovich said the present commission, controlled by Democrats, has used federal jobs money to pad the payroll at campaign time. He said other county officials were told a hiring freeze is on.

Vincent C. Campanella, Cleveland budget director, challenged Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney to debates, including some in hostile territory such as Democratic ward clubs.

The Republicans are running separate campaigns. Sweeney is running in tandem with Anthony J. Garofoli, the Democratic party's county cochairman.

Voinovich said the commissioners have hired more than 400 people, including 150 since June 1, under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

The new employes were hired for custodial, security and welfare jobs, but also are required to work in the Democrats' campaigns, Voinovich said.

Sweeney, the lone incumbent running, countered that Voinovich should not talk about hiring practices after employing an ex-convict now under investigation for check fraud.

The Justice Center, which both Republicans have condemned for cost overruns, has required more custodial and security people, Sweeney said. Some CETA people were hired for expanded welfare services, but CETA staffs have decreased since Labor Day, he said.

"With unemployment in the 18-25 age group running 40% among blacks and 22% among whites, this is a strange area to criticize," Sweeney said.

As for debates, Sweeney said there would be a price: Campanella would have to see that Cleveland paid the \$7 million owed the county for its share of the Justice Center.

City Council blocked Campanella's attempt last week to release \$5 million. Sweeney shrugged that off.

"Any homeowner knows that if you don't pay your bills you can balance a budget," Sweeney said in reference to Campanella's theme as a budget master.

As a second debate condition, Sweeney said tongue-in-cheek that he would come "if it does not conflict with any trips I have to Barcelona, Naples or Casablanca."

Campanella had charged last week that Sweeney lacks integrity for the job because he took a Mediterranean junket in 1966 at taxpayers expense while a lame duck congressman.

Yesterday, Campanella said Sweeney's reply showed "a cavalier attitude." The \$7 million price tag "is even more expensive than his junket," Campanella said.

In an apparent attempt to rebound from Garofoli's persistent criticism of the real estate tax reappraisal, Voinovich said that if H.B. 920 had not passed, taxpayers would be paying twice as much as they do now.

As chairman of the Ohio Auditors Legislative Task Force, Voinovich said he lobbied hard for the bill. Tax breaks for utilities and businesses paying tangible personal property tax were eliminated, he said.

But he criticized the legislature for not going far enough. "They failed to prevent schools, cities and the county from getting additional money without a vote of the people in a reappraisal year," he said.

Voinovich argued that reappraisals, which often result in people paying higher taxes, amount to "taxation without representation."



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Robert E. Sweeney, newly appointed county commissioner, sits in his law office overlooking the Justice Center.

Sweeney robbed of car, recorders

County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney was robbed of his Lincoln Continental, two tape recorders he valued at \$800 and \$5 cash about four blocks from where lawyer Gilbert Savransky was shot and killed, police reported yesterday.

Sweeney said the robbers came up behind him as he approached his car parked at E. 9th St. and St. Clair Ave. NE at 11.30 p.m. Tuesday.

Two of the robbers had guns. After taking his wallet and attache case, they tried to make him get into the car.

At that point, he said, he remembered his friend Savransky and ran away. The robbers entered his car when an acquaintance stopped at the station wagon and picked up Sweeney.

Savransky was killed by a blast from a sawed-off shotgun 10 months ago, when robbers stopped him and three companions outside Park Centre, E. 1700 E. 13th St.

Commission plans crackdown on business trips by employees

By John Nussbaum

Cuyahoga County commissioners are cracking down on out-of-town travel by employees and elected officials — an item that costs an estimated \$120,000 a year.

However, the commissioners are not agreed on the extent of the crackdown. Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney suggested, "Let's stop sending anyone to professional conferences, courses and seminars for a period like a year and see whether the county survives."

But Commissioner George V. Voinovich advocated discretion to distinguish between the few trips that may be necessary and the many that are not.

"We could use a meat ax, but I'd prefer to use a scalpel," he said.

Sweeney and Voinovich also personally swore future travel at taxpayers' expense. But Seth Taft, president of the commissioners, who received approval for a trip yesterday, said:

"When I am required to travel on county business, I will continue to expect to have my expenses paid."

Taft pointed out that unlike Voinovich and Sweeney, he does not have a county car for his personal use.

"I don't travel when it is not necessary, but

when it is necessary then the expenses should be paid," Taft said. "Ralph Perk made the same sort of statement when he became mayor, and it lasted about a month."

Sweeney raised the issue during a meeting in which commissioners were asked to approve seven trips ranging from three to six days, for 13 officials and employees at a total cost of \$3,587.

"When I was in Congress, we used to call it junkets at taxpayers' expense," Sweeney declared. "But on the county level it is called educational and professional conferences, supposedly of benefit to county government."

Sweeney estimated commissioners have been approving travel expenses at a rate of \$10,000 a month.

On July 31, 1972, The Plain Dealer reported that county records showed that during the first six months of that year commissioners had approved travel expenses totaling \$28,487.

Taft was authorized to spend up to \$500 to attend a National Association of Counties conference Sunday through Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Voinovich, who next week will lead a seminar during a two-day conference of the International Association of Assessing Officers in Toronto, withdrew his expenses — \$225 — from the agenda of yesterday's meeting.

Taft, Sweeney vow renewal of cooperation on city goals

Affirming that "county government can no longer be an observer of municipal efforts," the two Cuyahoga County commissioners who promised yesterday to renew cooperation with Cleveland.

Robert E. Sweeney, who will be the "top Democrat" on the three-member commission, said he hopes commissioners can meet soon with Republican Mayor Ralph J. Perk "to negotiate a better understanding and end the cold war relationship between the city and county."

As a gesture of good faith, Sweeney and Commissioner Seth C. Taft discussed contributing \$2 million of the \$10 million in local funds needed to match a federal grant for a downtown elevated people mover.

Cleveland is one of 11 cities being considered for the demonstration project. Three will be selected.

The county cannot legally allocate \$2 million from its general fund to the project. However, the county might provide part of its share by purchasing city property, such as the site of its Huntington Park underground garage, Taft said.

The county leases the garage site at W. 3d St. and Lakeside Ave. NW for \$97,000 a year. Taft estimated purchase of the city land would cost about \$1 million.

In other business, County Administrator William S. Gaskill reported the county's property tax rate will decrease next year for the first time in six years. The expected 0.9 mill decrease will occur because of

the expiration of a capital improvements levy and because of higher property values. State law says that when values rise, the tax rate must be reduced.

Commissioners also agreed to retain Squire Sanders & Dempsey to represent them in a test case to determine whether part of the proceeds from county-issued revenue bonds may be used to retire the private debt of Deaconess Hospital. The county prosecutor will represent the auditor, who agreed to be sued by commissioners to test the point.

If there is a favorable ruling, about \$15 million from the \$26 million issue will be used to fund hospital improvements.

Balance of power up for grabs

OCT 24 '76 PD II-1
By William Carlson

The campaign for two seats on the Cuyahoga County commission is one of survival for the Democrats and hope for the Republicans.

For the first time in 44 years, the GOP may win control of the three-member board. Besides changing hundreds of patronage jobs, a Republican victory would have a psychological impact in a predominantly Democratic county.

The Democrats have been trying to rebuild after a rocky start in early 1976. Commissioner Frank Pokorny was forced to resign because of a conflict-of-interest scandal. Commissioner Hugh Corrigan opted for a judicial race rather than an uphill re-election fight.

The new Democratic team includes Anthony J. Garofoli, the county cochairman who is running for Corrigan's job, and Commissioner Robert K. Sweeney, who was appointed to fill Pokorny's slot.

Garofoli opposes Auditor George V. Voinovich. Sweeney faces Vincent C. Campanella, the Cleveland law director.

Garofoli and Sweeney prevailed in a wide-open primary under a "landslide" banner aimed at reviving the faithful's faith in the party.

Campanella's headquarters countered with a tongue-in-cheek slogan of "earthquake."

The issues have been a property tax revaluation and personal qualifications. There have been charges of bossism, lack of integrity, over spending and lack of human concerns.

The campaign has blurred the matchups so much that many voters do not know who is running against whom.

That is partly because Garofoli and Sweeney are running in tandem — even to the point of riding a tandem bicycle in parades.

GOP hopes and Democrats' survival riding on county commissioner races

From the West Side Market through shopping centers and street corners, Voinovich was stopped by people asking, "Are you the guy who raised our taxes?"

Meanwhile, Garofoli was being asked if he was running against the guy raising taxes.

Simultaneously, Voinovich supporters told him they believed in him and would stick by him. To critics, Voinovich replied he was only doing his job.

He argued that the law should be changed because revaluation is really a tax hike for schools, governments and libraries without a vote of the people.

"Can you sell your house for what it's appraised at?" he asked. Many said yes.

Those who still were not satisfied were told to send in cards asking for a recheck. He got 14,000 returns out of 390,000 residential notices, he said. That compares with 48,000 in 1970.

Voinovich said he thinks most people believe the reappraisal was fair and they will see through the Democrats' smokescreen. He thinks the issue has subsided.

But Hagan and the Democratic team believe the tax issue has had an indelible impact, turning a Voinovich runaway into a possible Garofoli victory.

Most importantly, they believe they have soiled the previously immaculate Voinovich image.

The auditor, meanwhile, has tried to paint Garofoli as a downtown political boss.

"People are fed up with a combined officeholder and political boss," he said.

Voinovich and Campanella have used the skyrocketing cost of the Justice Center as a hammer to beat on the heads of the Democrats.



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That is partly because Garofoli and Sweeney are running in tandem — even to the point of riding a tandem bicycle in parades.

Republicans Voinovich and Campanella have run individually. Voinovich has had his own operation for years, a product of many races and year-round campaigning.

Campanella is a protege of Mayor Ralph J. Perk. He is the underdog against Sweeney, whose last name is familiar to voters and often is confused with other Sweeneys in public life.

The Voinovich-Garofoli race is considered closer and more crucial. With Democrat Sweeney favored and Commissioner Seth C. Taft, a Republican, in midterm, the balance of power may hinge on the Voinovich-Garofoli results.

Voinovich started far in front but Garofoli has closed the gap through hard work and backlash from the real estate reappraisal ordered by the auditor.

As in many elections, the key may be voter turnout, particularly among blacks.

Council President George L. Forbes, D-20, a party cochairman, is working with other black leaders to get out the vote for the Carter-Mondale national ticket as well as local candidates.

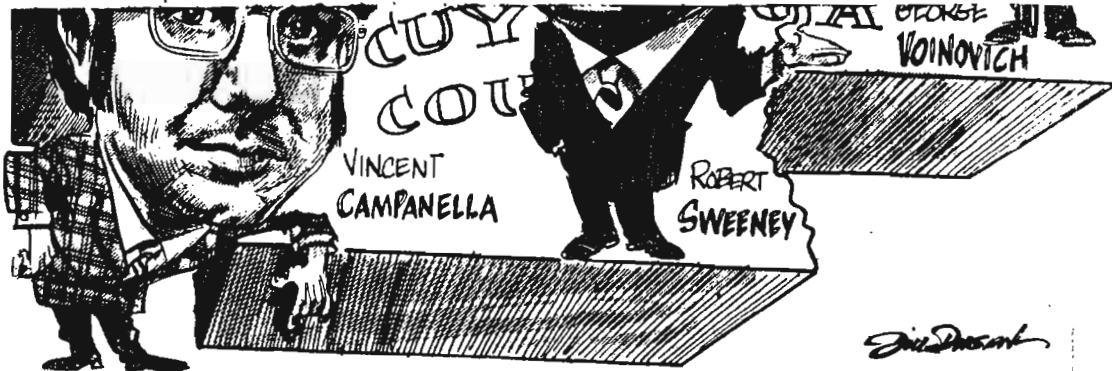
Forbes' help is important among those who remember Garofoli as a council ally of Rep. James V. Stanton, D-20, a former council president viewed by some as antiblack.

The tandem's campaign manager, Robert Hagan, downplays that factor in view of the recent Forbes-Garofoli efforts.

The Democrats also have accused Voinovich of a racist record as a legislator in failing to support fair housing legislation.

Voinovich says he has strong support among black leaders "who really count" and has a good record of hiring minorities.

Among the GOP overtures to blacks have been a Voinovich reception at the Park Plaza Hotel and Campanella's appearances in black



unsuccessfully to campaign at a Polish luau. Couples in Hawaiian shirts and leis danced to a polka band.

During the long rides between stops, the loquacious candidate and his manager got into a running dialog on political philosophy.

Sweeney's smiling, hand-pumping, backslapping style on the stump reminded one political pro of Frank Skeffington, a character in the book, "The Last Hurrah."

Sweeney, a successful lawyer, has won only once in his many tries for office. He served two years as a congressman-at-large, a job that was abolished at the end of his term through redistricting.

Campanella, 34, has had 14 years of government experience. He started in the auditor's office under Perk and later headed the county budget commission, which reviews budgets of all municipalities, schools and libraries.

He served four years as the city's budget chief and mayor's adviser before becoming law director.

Campanella sees the commissioner's job as a budget management post. Having handled \$300 million budgets for the city, he feels he is the most qualified to handle the county's \$500 million. But he has had a tough time gaining recognition for work that initially had been credited to Perk under City Hall

lor. "It just tells people more about you," he explained.

The personal touch is used by all the candidates. All four have platoons of family members involved in the campaign.

When Garofoli introduced his wife, Florence, to Lions Club members at a Solon picnic, he noted they have seven children. "But Sweeney has 13. He needs the job worse than I do," Garofoli said, laughing.

Crisscrossing the county in a minibus, Garofoli cracked one-liners all afternoon about politics, the minibus, campaigning and people in general.

His schedule once again included no time for lunch. The rotund candidate joked that his scheduler is Dr. (Irwin) Stillman, the diet doctor-author.

Garofoli, a lawyer, stepped into the breach when party fortunes were waning. He has worked hard for a job he had not planned to seek early this year.

Under the circumstances, some observers think Garofoli cannot be hurt too badly if he loses but would be a hero if he wins. Others believe a loss, especially a double loss, could tarnish him as a party leader.

Garofoli has been the chief critic of Voinovich. But the tandem arrangement has cut the Democrats' costs.

Though Garofoli is a formidable foe, Voinovich believes people will wonder where Garofoli has been all these years.

"You've got to build a foundation," Voinovich said over a McDonald's cheeseburger. "Every day you lay another brick."

Voinovich believes his community support is strong enough to weather campaign storms.

Like the other candidates, he spends his weeknights at political or civic meetings. On weekends he fills a rented bus with his four children and campaign volunteers and visits shopping centers.

(Sweeney has a family bus which volunteers use to precede the tandem and circulate leaflets or put up signs.)

Voinovich was shaking hands one day in a Chinese restaurant on the West Side when one woman snubbed him. She was angered with politics after Ronald Reagan lost his presidential bid.

Then she gave Voinovich a second glance. "You're good looking," she said. Before his head could swell, she noticed his daughter, Betsy, and said, "You're cute. You must take after your mother."

Betsy, 11, recently was elected student council president at Longfellow School.

The hottest issue of the campaign

dential, industrial and commercial property.

The Democrats charged that residential owners bear the burden and that there are inconsistencies and exorbitant increases.

In a calculated risk, Voinovich brought on the public wrath in August and September by sending out notices of the revaluations earlier than he needed to do by law.

This action gave people time to file complaints and get the matter resolved before the tax is due, Voinovich said. Protests could not have been resolved informally between a November mailing and a December due date, he said. His office could not have handled the load in only three weeks, he said. But his main reason went deeper.

"If I had withheld the notices until after the election, which I could have done legally, then people would have said, 'You're just like all the rest of them.'"

And being just like the rest of the politicians is contrary to the image Voinovich has cultivated for a decade.

"If we win, and still did what was right, oh how sweet it is," he said. "Most politicians take the easy way out. But we took the bumpy road."

The Democratic team has made the most of it. As the reappraisal notices went out, they sent hundreds of volunteers right behind the mail-

BOSS, HE SAID

Voinovich and Campanella have used the skyrocketing cost of the Justice Center as a hammer to beat on the heads of the Democrats.

The county would be in better shape on the project if Campanella would see that the city pays its share, Sweeney has said. Amazingly, just as the new center was leaking and criticism was renewed, Perk decided to praise Campanella for his role in getting the project going.

All the candidates have called for welfare reform. All favor plans to create jobs.

The Democrats have offered a seven-point plan as a positive complement to their attacks on Voinovich.

Besides jobs and welfare, the plan covers property tax reform, aid to the elderly, county government reform, a better informed public and a new solid waste disposal plant.

The Republicans have accused the Democrats of wasteful spending. The Democrats have accused the Republicans of being unfeeling about human needs.

The campaign has seen a forest of Garofoli-Sweeney signs because they had little money for television spots. Voinovich is doing the most with media.

Campanella, who needed to get his name known, had hoped for early endorsements as one means to attract money for ads. But he has been using television exposure at City Hall, with Perk's help, successfully enough that many people now tell him they recognize him from television.

Which way will the election go? It may depend on voter turnout.

"Republicans never win elections; Democrats lose them," Hagan said. "I don't mean that to be cute. It's just that the Republican vote is steady. They come out. Democrats lose when they don't get out and support their candidates."

churches on Sundays.

But much of the campaign has been waged in traditional ward clubs, civic meetings and ethnic social events:

Picnics, parades, ox roasts, clam-bakes, kielbasa feasts and card parties.

One Saturday night in Lakewood, Sweeney walked into a Polish tavern and a Slovenian serenaded him with "Mother Machree."

Surprised, Sweeney joined in a loud duet and an encore to the bemused stares of the non-Irish clientele.

Later Sweeney tried

credited to Perk under City Hall protocol.

Campanella has accused Sweeney of lacking integrity. He cited a Mediterranean junket Sweeney took as a lame-duck congressman as an example of Sweeney's disregard for the taxpayers' money.

Enthusiastic about his first race, Campanella went clear into Geauga County one Sunday for a Slovenian outing at a Croatian picnic grounds, where he met plenty of voters from the wrong county.

When he meets people at a picnic or a senior citizens card party in Parma, he tells them not only about his job but also that he is a bache-

Between them, Garofoli and Sweeney have hit as many as 24 stops on a Saturday or Sunday. Campanella has been happy with six or eight. Importantly, both members of the tandem mention the other wherever they go.

One night Sweeney went to a teachers' gathering. Mischievously, he asked the host to tell the dinner-goers later that both he and Garofoli had been there. At the time, however, Garofoli was a mile away at another function.

Voinovich believes the slump his campaign faced a month ago has been reversed and he is confident of victory.

The hottest issue of the campaign has been the real estate reappraisal conducted earlier this year.

Ohio law requires revaluation every six years. The auditor's office usually contracts with a private firm.

The Garofoli-Sweeney team has accused Voinovich of a questionable deal in awarding a \$2.3 million contract without bids to Sabre Systems & Service Inc. This was a new firm founded by former officials of the company that did the controversial 1970 appraisal.

Garofoli sued to block the mailing of new tax bills. He asked for a new appraisal on grounds that different methods were used to appraise resi-

notices went out, they sent hundreds of volunteers right behind the mailman. Handing homeowners a scathing leaflet, they said, "Mr. Garofoli and Mr. Sweeney would like you to have some information about the reappraisal."

The Garofoli-Sweeney headquarters could tell where the volunteers had been by the angry phone calls and donations that followed. By election day, Hagun estimated, 500,000 leaflets will have been distributed.

A month ago, Voinovich was assailed at every stop. Some people refused to shake his hand, shooing him away with a disgusted wave of the hand.

Voinovich triumph gives GOP county control

NOV 3 '76 PD A19
By Joseph L. Wagner

County Auditor George V. Voinovich triumphed last night over Democrat Anthony J. Garofoli, giving Republicans control of the Cuyahoga County commissioner's office for the first time since the Depression.



Cuyahoga Commissioner Voinovich
Cuyahoga Commissioner Sweeney

Voinovich claimed victory at 12:50 a.m.

Garofoli's running mate, Robert J. Sweeney, former congressman, scored a convincing victory over Cleveland Law Director Vincent W. Campanella, a Republican making his first try for elective office.

With 1,700 of 1,727 polling places counted, Voinovich led Garofoli 293,550 to 231,201.

Sweeney led Campanella 284,918 to 186,891 with 1,700 polling places counted.

The election gives the GOP a 2-1 majority in the commissioners' office. Commissioner Seth C. Taft, a Republican, is in midterm.

Garofoli's loss to a Republican in

said there were encouraging signs in the election that held promise for Democrats to regain political losses within two years.

He said there was unity among Democrats on both the East and West sides, a factor he said would help oust Republican Mayor Ralph J. Perk next year.

The following year, Sweeney predicted, Democrats would regain the commissioner's office by ousting Taft.

After Sweeney and Garofoli spoke, Garofoli's wife, Florence, and Cleveland City Council Clerk Mercedes Cotner tearfully embraced.

Democratic supporters trickled out of the hall.

Euphoria prevailed at Voinovich's victory party in the Carter-Manor Apartments, 1012 Prospect Ave. SE.

Voinovich told the crowd: "The Republicans haven't taken over county government; the people have taken over county government."

He said he would restore honesty

and integrity to county government and make it more responsive to people.

The Democrats have controlled the county government for 44 years. The county's \$500 million budget and hundreds of patronage jobs are keys for a powerful political base.

Asked what his immediate political plans were, Voinovich said, "Not a damn thing."

He said it would take four to six years to overhaul the county government and this would rule out a bid to run next year for mayor of Cleveland.

The first major break in the commissioners race went to the Republicans as a conflict-of-interest scandal shattered the Democratic ticket.

Commissioner Frank R. Pokorny resigned before pleading guilty to misconduct in office. Commissioner Hugh A. Corrigan abandoned the race to become a candidate for the Ohio Court of Appeals (8th District).

The Democrats hurriedly re- Continued on Page 20-A

The two Democrats, whose party has controlled the county government for four decades, called for reform of the civil service system.

Sweeney said:

An institute of geriatrics could be set up in cooperation with local universities to train people and do research in aging. Garofoli and Sweeney said:

They called for tighter security in housing projects with photo-electric beams and television monitors.

To improve budgeting, they urged a management-by-objectives system wherein budgets are approved only after goals are set for spending the money. Annual reports would measure success. Garofoli and Sweeney also supported the zero base budgeting idea that is gaining some backing among national Democratic leaders. The plan requires officials to justify their entire appropriation request each year and to set priorities.

The two are running against Republicans George V. Voinovich and Vincent W. Campanella, respectively.

300,000 Greater Cleveland age 60 or older.

ing students and active older persons to accompany the elderly from offices on errands

The program, financed by federal

Demns ask merit job rule, aid to aged

and would provide jobs for two groups hard hit by unemployment still widespread.

They also called for new hiring practices, incentives for employee and management and a personnel study.

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credited Garofoli and Sweeney, installing the latter as Pokorny's successor.

The Republican attack on the new pair was fierce. Voinovich pictured Garofoli as a powerful downtown lawyer and Democratic party boss who was out of touch with common folk. Campanella assailed Sweeney as an unscrupulous public official, using as an example Sweeney's Mediterranean junkie while a lame duck congressman.

They both tried to blame Justice Center cost overruns on Sweeney and Garofoli.

Campanella and Voinovich campaigned hard on the

state representative.

Then they made use of Ohio law, which requires the county auditor to revalue property every six years.

Thousands of Cuyahoga County residents saw their taxes go up because of the revaluation, and the Democrats pointed the finger at Voinovich.

They said he had hired an appraisal firm without competitive bidding, which is legal, but conjured up the image of sinister backroom dealings, the same image Voinovich was trying to cultivate for the Democrats.

On the Justice Center issue, Garofoli and Sweeney accused Voinovich of shirking his duty by not

pay more attention to the needs of

Anthony J. Garofoli and Robert J. Sweeney and the county should

Republicanism of Cuyahoga County civil service with a merit system

and creation of a security corps to escort the elderly were proposed yesterday by the Democratic candidates for county commissioner.

Regional government Sweeney's top priority

JAN 5 '79 PD
By John Nussbaum A12

A push for regional government for Cuyahoga County is the top priority of Robert E. Sweeney, new president of the commission.

Sweeney said yesterday the time was ripe for it because Cleveland's troubles have created a popular desire for stable and efficient government.

Out of this chaos might come a new determination on the part of the man on the street for a new beginning," he declared.

Sweeney also wants to streamline county departments and expand the Administration Building to create additional office space.

Sweeney became president yesterday at the commissioners' 1979 organization meeting. He was nominated by Edward F. Feighan, the only other commissioner at the meeting.

George V. Voinovich, the third commissioner, had resigned effective yesterday and took office as Ohio's new lieutenant governor. The county Republican organization will pick his successor Jan. 20.

Sweeney said the regional government plan should reflect a consensus of county and municipal po-

litical leaders and the expressions of citizens at public meetings. Recent legislation permits commissioners to place a proposal for a new government for the county on the ballot at their own initiative.

His own preference, he said, is for an executive branch headed by an elected county executive, an appointed professional administrator and a county general assembly, some of whose members are elected by congressional districts and some at-large.

Sweeney said he does not seek to wipe out what he called "municipal identity." He said police and fire protection, zoning and land use planning, and education should remain prerogatives of local communities.

But he added that "area-wide problems dealing with community development, with keeping the community from decaying, call for officials who are more than just part-time administrators."

Among governmental functions that he said could best be handled on a regional basis, Sweeney listed building codes, sewers, water system, purchasing, training academies for police and firemen and animal care.

'Ivan the Terrible' Sweeney returns as county panel boss

He recalled that the dreaded 18th-century czar of Russia had started his reign as "a benevolent ruler, very popular and beloved of his people," but after a while tired of his duties and withdrew to a monastery.

His people flocked to him and begged him to leave the monastery and return to the palace. He did, but after that he became a terrible man who abused his power and subjected the population to all kinds of tortures," Sweeney said.

MAR 29 '79 PD
By Robert E. Sweeney A17
Sweeney, assuming his seat as president of the Cuyahoga County commissioners yesterday, humorously compared himself to Ivan the Terrible.

Explaining at a news conference why he rescinded his resignation of two weeks ago, Sweeney claimed that people from all segments of the community — Democrats and Republicans, leaders of industry and labor — had appealed to him not to leave.

Sweeney says he erred on Middlburg Heights debt

FEB 17 '79 PD
By Robert E. Sweeney A18
Sweeney, president of the Cuyahoga County commission, said yesterday he erred when he asserted last week that Middlburg Heights owes the county \$120,000 for operation of the city's waste water treatment plant.

"My statement was based on wrong information given me by the sanitary engineering department at the budget hearings," Sweeney said.

"I was misinformed and I owe the man (Mayor Stephen Tymcio) a public apology."

Tymcio denied Sweeney's charge on Thursday, saying the city always pays its bills on time.

"I had no political motivation and no other reason for the statement but that I was misled by the information," Sweeney said.

Sweeney will stay as commissioner

MAR 29 '79 CP
By BRENT LARKIN A1
County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney has changed his mind and will not resign his seat.

The Press learned that Sweeney, at the urging of fellow Commissioner Edward Feighan, has told friends he will remain a commissioner, at least through the end of the year.

Sweeney, however, is not expected to retain his position as president of the commission and will support Feighan for the job.

Although Sweeney decided yesterday not to step down on Apr. 1 as he had announced earlier, he is expected to delay a formal announcement of his plans for several days.

Sweeney's decision would mean that local Democrats will avoid a bitter party struggle at a convention scheduled for Apr. 7 where Sweeney's successor was to have been chosen.

Already various factions of the Democratic party, notable those wanting a black or a woman in the slot, were jockeying in support of

their favorite candidates and offering criticism of party leadership for announcing a choice before the convention.

Sweeney, acknowledging he is reconsidering his resignation, today declined to comment on Feighan's request until he meets with him and Democratic Chairman Tim Hagan later today. However, Sweeney added he "never anticipated at the time that my resignation would cause such a flap."

Feighan said he asked Sweeney yesterday to reconsider his earlier announcement that he would resign on Apr. 1, but Sweeney did not give him an answer at the time, Feighan said.

Sweeney had wanted to quit his post on the county commission in order to devote more time to his private law practice.

After Sweeney announced his resignation, Hagan called for a party convention of 1,700 precinct leaders to choose Sweeney's successor.

Hagan later announced support of

former city councilman Michael Cimmaco for the post but only after having privately offered his backing to Common Pleas Court Judge George White, a black, who turned down the offer stating he preferred to remain a judge.

Other candidates were County Treasurer Francis E. Gaul, Ward 3 Councilman Mary Zone, State Rep. Francine M. Panehal, Ward 29 Councilman Earle B. Turner, Ward 19 Councilman Basil Russo and State Rep. Dennis E. Eckart.

Sweeney wins lung disease lawsuit

By BETTY KLARIC

Cleveland attorney, Robert E. Sweeney, has won another lawsuit involving a worker who suffered lung

disease as the result of exposure to asbestos fibers.

A Federal court jury in Knoxville, Tenn., awarded \$75,000 to a 56-year-old man who worked with asbestos insulation in nuclear power plants.



SWEENEY

Five of 13 defendants — all manufacturers of asbestos products — settled before the trial for an additional \$33,000.

About a year ago, Sweeney won 1.86 million for 26 insulators, or their heirs, in a settlement of a case led in the Federal Court in Cleveland. **PRESS JAN 9 79**

Sweeney, a Cuyahoga County Commissioner, said his firm — Sweeney, Mahon and Vlad — represents 51 other insulators allegedly injured through their exposure to asbestos at Oakridge and Tennessee Valley Authority nuclear plants.

Another 18 cases are pending in Federal Court here and 91 in a New Jersey court, said Sweeney. He also is involved in suits in New York and other states.

There have been an additional dozen settlements by Sweeney of occupational health cases involving asbestos elsewhere.

In an article published recently by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America in Trial magazine, Sweeney said:

"The tragic story of the epidemic of asbestos dust disease in the U.S. is just now unfolding. What we are looking at is Act I, Scene I of a health tragedy that could have been avoided.

"I predict that we will be hearing much more about this health epidemic as more and more American men and women die at early ages from asbestos dust exposures that could have been avoided."

Sweeney calls sheer nonsense asbestos industry officials' claims that they were not aware that asbestos was harmful until about 1960.

Sweeney, in his article, cited work on pulmonary disease associated with asbestos exposures that dates back to the early 1920s.

He said the Knoxville case has national significance because it was the first one in which "credible incriminating letters were written in which the plaintiffs alleged, substantiated proof of a corporate conspiracy to deny the public access to medical research and scientific data indicating that asbestos fiber exposure was injurious to pulmonary health."

He said the 1934, 1944, 1955 cases were uncovered in a search of asbestos industry files in New Jersey provided as part of the pre-trial discovery process.

Asbestos suit asks for \$4 million

Cleveland attorney Robert E. Sweeney has filed another lawsuit in Common Pleas Court here, this one for \$4 million against 18 defendants connected with the asbestos industry.

Plaintiff in this suit is Curt L. Myles of Toledo, a firebrick layer for 30 years at various steel mills, blast furnaces, ovens and factories.

Sweeney charges that Myles' exposure to asbestos fibers from the products he used caused complete disability. The suit claims this was due to the gross negligence and indifference of the defendants, all manufacturers, retailers, processors and merchants of asbestos products. **PRESS FEB 15 79**

Commission needs Sweeney

It's good to see that County Commissioner Robert Sweeney has changed his mind about resigning and will stay on the board. Good move. **PRESS MAR 29 79**

Sweeney's short and angry sabbatical from the County Justice Coordinating Committee and his organizing over continuing as a commissioner have made him look indecisive of late.

Over the long haul, though, that is not the real Sweeney. And, ironically enough, it is the quality of stability which Sweeney has that the board of commissioners needs. That and a sense of continuity.

Without Sweeney, the board would have two men — Edward Feighan and Virgil Brown — who have a total of five months in office. While Feighan and Brown are both able and intelligent public servants, they are short on experience in their particular positions.

It has been said of Sweeney that if you ask what time it is, he'll tell you how to make a watch. His natural loquaciousness aside, he has a sharp mind, decent instincts and a capacity for hard work.

Sweeney entertained thoughts of leaving because the commissioner's job — though advertised as part-time, really demands full-time attention, especially if one is the

president of the board. Sweeney is, and this cuts heavily into Sweeney's lucrative law practice. This was something Sweeney must have known, though, when he signed on as commissioner.

Sweeney's staying on as commissioner also relieves Democratic Chairman Tim Hagan of a king-size headache. Hagan endorsed former Cleveland Councilman Michael Climaco as Sweeney's replacement, even going so far as to make this choice a test of confidence in his own party's stewardship.

There were immediate screams of anguish from a number of Democrats who felt they deserved an open shot at the job without the party chairman trying to use his muscle to anoint a successor. This began a typical Democratic bloodletting.

A move by Sweeney also would have an effect on Feighan's future. Without Sweeney on the board, it is difficult to see how Feighan could accept a "draft" to run against Mayor Kucinich in the fall, leaving the commission with three neophytes.

Even with Sweeney aboard, an exit by Feighan, after less than a year, would be somewhat sticky, though still possible.

It does seem a mite strange that the politically astute Sweeney did not immediately realize all the complications that a resignation would lead to.

Middleburg mayor denies charge

from Sweeney about nonpayment

By Pauline Hanson
and John Neenan

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Sweeney paid for excavation during road award involving the city's \$5 million waste water treatment plant, Middleburg Heights owns the plant and the county operates it.

Middleburg Heights Mayor Stephen Tynico, learning he had been blasted yesterday by a county commissioner for nonpayment of sewer plant bills, headily denied the charge.

He and Finance Director Mildred C. Babich retaliated with charges of their own. They said not only does the city not have any past due bills, but it was only yesterday that the county's sewer plant bill for the last quarter of 1978 arrived at City Hall. And it was too high, they contended.

"The bill was dated Feb. 7, 1979, and was for \$33,944," Mrs. Babich said. "I almost had a heart attack when I opened it. It's the highest bill for any quarter we have ever received."

Commissioner President Robert E.

"I want you to tell Mayor Tynico that he is not paying his share," Sweeney added. "He owed us \$80-

000 last year and he owes me \$120,000 by now."

Tynico said he was "deeply hurt" that he would make those comments. We are always prompt in our payments. We owe nobody. We have an agreement with the county that we pay an invoice within 15 days of receipt. We always have done that."

It may take a little longer to pay this one, Mrs. Babich said she will not send the county any money until she receives details of expenditures at the plant.

Sweeney asked for an explanation. Kathleen Schenckow, of the county sanitary engineer's department said only one firm had bid because the access road to the plant is narrow, and only certain trucks can negotiate it.

Sweeney replied that Tynico's road problems should not cause plant costs to escalate.

"I want you to tell Mayor Tynico that he is not paying his share," Sweeney added. "He owed us \$80-

Sweeney quits crime job

Protests lack of emphasis on citizen-sponsored programs

Feb 21 79 PM

By W.C. Miller

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County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney resigned as chairman of a county crime-fighting group yesterday to protest a lack of emphasis on citizen-sponsored crime prevention programs.

Sweeney quit after members of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Greater Cleveland rejected a plan to spend about \$382,000 in federal money on citizen efforts against crime. They cut the amount to \$260,000 and channeled the rest into other areas.

The money is part of \$1.5 million from the U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) earmarked for 1980 programs sponsored by private groups and government agencies in Cleveland, the suburbs and county.

Officials of the administration of Mayor Dennis J. Kucinich and suburban police chiefs led a movement in the 33-member council to spend more money on police-sponsored programs. Police departments, they said, should receive as much crime-fighting money as citizen groups. The council agreed, raising the police allocation from \$210,000 to \$280,000.

The council is made up of political leaders, judges, police, citizens and criminal justice officials. Sweeney had been chairman almost two years.

"It is very distressing to see this program moving in the direction it is," Sweeney told the group before bolting its meeting. "You're going to look for a new chairman."

After Sweeney's exit, the meeting was adjourned. More sessions will be called later to discuss specifics of the revised budget.

Sweeney later said council members showed an appalling lack of confidence in citizens' ability to curtail crime.

Sweeney, who has testified at U.S. Senate subcommittee hearings on LEAA funding and citizen participation, said the council is ignoring a national emphasis on citizen involvement.

Sweeney wanted approval of a \$150,000 program to combat residential burglary in four Cleveland neighborhoods: Woodland Hills, Corlett, East Central and Mount Pleasant.

The program would have united residents, merchants, community and neighborhood groups, police

and clergy in an attack on crime, Sweeney said. Special emphasis would have been placed on involving youths and elderly persons, he said.

Block watches, security inspections and other citizen-oriented crime prevention measures would have been started, Sweeney said. He claimed the program could have been a model for the nation.

But the council members, including Asst. Safety Director Tonia Grdina, said the money should be spent on police-sponsored programs instead.

Ms. Grdina and Safety Director James W. Barrett also protested a proposed \$28,000 grant to continue a two-year-old program for citizens in the Cudell Ave. neighborhood. The effort stressed citizen involvement in fighting burglary, robbery, rape and auto theft.

Barrett said the area, on the near West Side, is not a high-crime location, although Sweeney insisted that burglaries and drug abuse plague the neighborhood.

"I'm convinced the Kucinich administration has an antagonism toward working with neighborhood groups," Sweeney said later.

Barrett disagreed. "That's the most ludicrous thing I have heard in a long time," he said.

Sweeney also found himself opposing members of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association, who want a \$40,000 grant to coordinate activities among area police departments. Sweeney said the association should pay for the project, leaving the \$40,000 for citizen groups.

But Bay Village Police Chief Peter J. Gray, association president, cautioned Sweeney that spending more money on citizen programs for crime prevention does not guarantee a reduction in crime.

Sweeney said such grass-roots programs might reach and reform the people he claims make up 85% of the Justice Center's incarcerated population: inner city blacks, 18 to 26, with little education.

Gray asked the council to distribute the crime-fighting money evenly in the areas of law enforcement, citizen-sponsored crime prevention, juveniles, courts and corrections. The measure passed, 11 to 9, prompting Sweeney's resignation.



From First Page

Garofoli is running for the term beginning Jan. 3, 1977, as is Voinovich.

Sweeney, a Cleveland lawyer, must beat Pokorny and 12 others in the June 8 primary for the right to face Campanella for the term beginning Jan. 2, 1977.

Democrats seeking Pokorny's \$22,000-a-year job are:

Bettie J. Baker; former State Rep. Anthony O. Calabrese Jr.; James M. Carney Jr., son of the former Cleveland mayoral candidate; Mary Ann Geraci, a former member of the Cleveland Board of Education, and former Cleveland Police Chief Patrick J. Gerity.

Also, City Councilman Gary J. Kucinich, D-7; John P. Marhevka, a hair stylist; Donald J. Novak, a high school guidance counselor; former City Council President



Voinovich

Campanella

Jack P. Russell; Reuben H. Sacharow, a lawyer seeking office for the first time; Mildred K. Schad, a lawyer, and Milt Schulman, a lawyer and businessman.

When Garofoli filed at 3 p.m., he told reporters, "I'm not running in tandem with anyone. I'm not supporting anyone in that race."

Later, he told a Plain Dealer reporter, "I'm going to recommend the endorsement of Robert Sweeney to the executive committee.

"We believe we complement each other in many ways, such as our experience in government and our attitudes on making government work. We're going to campaign throughout the county as a team."

Garofoli and Sweeney, who withdrew from the race for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 20th District to run for commissioner, took pains to avoid criticizing Pokorny. Garofoli said the news media have maligned Pokorny and urged the public not to prejudge him.

"But political reality being what it is, we believed we had to promote a new image for the party," Garofoli said.

Garofoli's decision to run, a decision observers said was thrust upon him by recent events, means he must relinquish his seat as a Democrat on the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. State law prohibits an election officer from being a candidate for office, with the exception of the secretary of state.

Garofoli said he will recommend the party appoint James A. Marniella, 36, the party's executive director, to fill the \$12,500-a-year board spot. Garofoli said he expects to resign next week.

Garofoli said he will retain his party cochairmanship but indicated the party, which has had three cochairmen since 1972, may have only one chairman after its organizational meeting in June. Observers expect Garofoli to be the chairman. His cochairmen are Corrigan and Council President George L. Forbes, D-20.

Corrigan said at his news conference yesterday he will not seek re-election to his party post. As a judge, he could not hold it, anyway. Corrigan said he could not run on a ticket that would include Pokorny. The grand jury is probing charges Pokorny sought a kickback from an architect seeking a county job and had a financial interest in a bus firm that was a subcontractor on a county contract.

The Garofoli-Sweeney ticket gives the Democrats a ticket comprised of Italian and Irish extractions, a political balance the Democrats sought. Campanella is of Italian and Voinovich is of Slovenian and Serbian descent.

Sweeney gives pitch for restructuring county government

APR 5 '79 PD 11
Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney told a City Club audience yesterday that he hopes to put a county charter proposal on the November ballot and urged bipartisan support for a "restructured" county government.

Sweeney advocated a 15-member council and an elected county executive. His proposal would retain the elected posts of county prosecutor and auditor, but would abolish other elected offices including treasurer, sheriff, recorder, clerk of courts, coroner and engineer. These functions, Sweeney said, should be performed by hired professionals.

Cleveland and suburban governments, school districts and basic municipal functions like police and fire protection and zoning and land-use planning would be kept intact, Sweeney said. The county would take over "those areas in which municipalities cannot provide good service," he said, such as human services and health delivery and planning.

The City Club originally invited Sweeney after he announced he would resign as a commissioner. The date was kept even though Sweeney withdrew his resignation.

In introducing him, City Club President Annette G. Butler praised Sweeney for "his substantial contribution to the women's movement" by "removing the stereotype that has been laid on us (women) of always changing our minds."



Undecided
Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney isn't sure whether he will quit Sunday as announced. He says a lot of people have asked him to reconsider resigning. Story on Page 12-A.

Bay threatened by Sweeney, police chief charges

By W. C. Miller

Bay Village Police Chief Peter J. Gray has accused County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney of using strong-arm tactics to win back his job as chairman of a county crime-fighting group.

Gray told about 35 Cuyahoga County police chiefs Thursday that Sweeney, through an intermediary, has threatened to withhold county funding from Bay Village because Gray led a movement to cut a Sweeney-sponsored crime prevention program.

Told of Gray's charges, Sweeney said last night: "Gray lies if he says that. That would be a vindictive action on my part that would

be totally uncalled for."

Sweeney, vice chairman of a national crime committee, found himself without a local position Tuesday after he quit the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Greater Cleveland.

The council, a 38-member panel of political leaders, judges, police, citizens and criminal justice officials, channels federal money into public and private crime-fighting efforts here.

Sweeney quit after the council, led by Gray, rejected a plan to give top priority to funding citizen-sponsored crime prevention programs next year.

Gray, according to several police

chiefs, later accused Michael V. Schaffer, the council's executive director, of relaying Sweeney's threats to Gray and Bay Village Mayor James H. Cowles on Wednesday.

Schaffer denied making or delivering threats, but said he has been trying to woo Sweeney back to the council. His efforts started, he said, when he met Sweeney at a prayer breakfast Wednesday.

After the breakfast, Schaffer said, Sweeney indicated he would return if the council agreed to fund his proposal for a \$150,000 citizens' crime prevention program targeted at reducing burglary in four Cleveland neighborhoods.

Schaffer, saying he was acting as a peacemaker, then met with Gray and Cowles that afternoon.

Gray outlined details of that meeting to the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association the next day. Several chiefs, who asked not to be identified, said that Gray accused Sweeney of using Schaffer to:

- Threaten to hold up county funding for Bay Village sewer and road repair projects unless Gray asked the council to fund the \$150,000 program

- Threaten to end county participation in a \$1.1 million program to link suburban police departments by computer.

- Offer to channel an additional \$20,000 in crime-fighting money into police programs in return for approval of the \$150,000 citizen program.

The chiefs said they warned Gray that Schaffer could have acted without Sweeney's sanction. The chiefs said they advised Gray to meet with Sweeney before going public with his story.

Both Gray and Cowles declined comment yesterday. Schaffer insisted the story told at the police chiefs' meeting is "miles away from the truth."

"Bob Sweeney is not the kind of guy who needs a lackey to go out and threaten people," Schaffer said.

Schaffer said he told Gray and Cowles that the computer program might be in jeopardy, but denied ever broaching the issue of Bay's street and sewer projects.

Sweeney said he has no desire to return to the council, claiming members are off-base in giving police programs as much priority as citizen crime-fighting efforts.

The council plans to begin a series of meetings Monday to decide how \$1.5 million in 1980 federal funds will be allocated.

Sweeney to urge Rhodes to dissolve water board

Robert E. Sweeney, president of Cuyahoga County commissioners, said he will urge Gov. James A. Rhodes today to break up the much-criticized northeast Ohio water quality organization.

The governor and state environmental protection officials have invited officials of Cuyahoga and Summit counties and Akron and Cleveland, all of whom have been critical of the organization, to the meeting, Sweeney said.

Sweeney said he will urge the governor to allow communities to form their own water pollution control plans and will ask that the Cuyahoga River basin be placed under a separate organization.

E. B. Long, program manager of the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency's water quality control planning project, said he was aware of the meeting but that NOACA had not been invited. He suggested Sweeney's plan was politically motivated.

"The county commissioners are interested in becoming a regional entity, and I suspect there is some competition here (with NOACA) and maybe that is behind his action," Long said. Cuyahoga County led the adoption by NOACA of a water quality control plan for the area, arguing that it usurps local enforcement, planning and land use legislation prerogatives.

Robert Sweeney to resign as county commissioner

MAR 1 1979 PD

By John Nussbaum A1

Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney plans to announce at a news conference today that he is resigning to devote full time to his law practice.

Sweeney, a commissioner for three years and commission president for the last three months, confirmed his plans last night.

"I cannot pretend to the people of Cuyahoga County that the commissioner's office is a part-time job," he said.

Sweeney, an international authority on environmental law and the cancer-causing effects of asbestos, said he will concentrate on those fields. He said he does NOT plan to seek any other political office in the near future.

Sweeney said completion of work on the county's \$142 million budget, which is scheduled for adoption this morning, caused him to assess his work.

He said he would like to leave his post April 1, but that actual date will depend on when the Democratic party picks his successor.

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"I am fluid enough to accommodate the desires of the party within a matter of weeks," he said.

County Democratic Chairman Timothy F. Hagan was out of town last night and could not be reached for information on how a successor will be selected.

Explaining his decision to quit, Sweeney said that "working day and night, putting in eight hours over here (the county) and then eight hours at the law office, becomes a burden I can't shoulder any more. I find myself flying all around the country. It is something

that I've got to honestly admit I can't take care of."

He said he will retain an interest in his pet social programs — community action on crime prevention and a comprehensive alcoholism and drug addiction program for the county — but that beyond that "I am just going to be a good environmental litigator."

Of his accomplishments as a county commissioner, Sweeney said he was proudest of the elimination of "two per cent clubs" and political patronage.

"At the time I came over there was a lot of public discouragement about county government, and I think we brought it up a notch or two," he said.

Sweeney became a commissioner when the party executive committee picked him in April 1976 to replace Frank R. Pokorny, who resigned after he was indicted on a charge of misconduct in office. Pokorny later pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor.

That November, Sweeney was elected to a full term which runs to January 1981. His replacement will be up for re-election in November 1980.

Sweeney served as an at-large representative from Ohio in 1965-66. The statewide seat was abolished through redistricting after that one term. Sweeney served as a member of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority from 1970 to 1972.



Robert E. Sweeney

JAN 29 1979 PD A3
AND THEY SAY... The moving spirit behind the George Plagenz prayer breakfasts to help save the city is County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney.

The idea was supposedly born when Sweeney was discoursing to associates on how impressed he used to be with the weekly Congressional prayer breakfasts when he was a congressman.

Sweeney has been active behind the scenes helping Plagenz, religion writer for the Press, recruit public figures, including Catholic Bishop James A. Hickey to endorse and attend the breakfasts.

Sweeney back in crime fight, will push citizen plan today

MAR 8 1979 PD A21
By W.C. Miller

County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney, who quit a county crime-fighting group with a roar two weeks ago, plans to return with anything but a whimper today.

Sweeney said he does not regret walking out on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Greater Cleveland, and has no plans to apologize.

"I've never regretted anything I did in public life," he said yesterday. "Everything I did in public life, I'd do over again."

But Sweeney hedged when asked if he will quit the council's chairmanship a second time if members still refuse to give his citizen-sponsored crime-fighting programs top priority next year.

"That would be a threat," he said. "Let everybody vote their own conscience."

The council, a 33-member city-county group, channels federal money into public and private programs here.

Members will meet this afternoon to reconsider Sweeney's proposed 1980 budget, a package that was voted down 11 to 9 two weeks ago.

The council, led by Bay Village Police Chief Peter J. Gray, rejected the budget after saying that police programs deserve as much money as citizen efforts.

Gray said Sweeney later threatened to withhold county funding from Bay Village unless that city agreed to sponsor his citizen action programs.

Sweeney, who denied making any threats,

said he is coming back because Bay Mayor James H. Cowles agreed to support his proposed budget. Cowles and others asked him to return to the council, Sweeney said.

Today's meeting could turn into a showdown between police and neighborhood groups, with both sides planning to pack the Justice Center meeting room.

The Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association asked suburban chiefs to attend the session in uniform as a show of strength for Gray's position.

Gray, saying Sweeney's budget probably will be passed, said the meeting more than likely will resemble a policeman's funeral. "I'm hoping for a miracle," he said.

Dems' diversity in job fight

By Joseph D. Rice
MAR 25 '79 PD A1

"I'm not a member of any organized party — I'm a Democrat," is the Will Rogers joke Democrats have repeated for years to illustrate the diversity of their party.

The battle touched off when

News Analysis

County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney announced his resignation reflects that diversity. With Sweeney's decision to withdraw his resignation, a dogfight convention might be avoided, but the divisions

it revealed will not go away.

The line began forming the morning of March 15, when Sweeney announced he planned to quit. County Democratic Chairman Timothy Hagan had 42 phone messages waiting for him when he got to his office that morning.

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Sweeney job fight

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Seven principal candidates quickly lined up for the job:

County Treasurer Francis E. Gaul; State Reps. Francine M. Panchal, D-5, of Cleveland, and Dennis E. Eckart, D-18, of Euclid; Cleveland Councilmen Mary Zone, D-3; Basil M. Russo, D-19, and Earle B. Turner, D-29, and former councilman, Michael L. Climaco.

Hagan raised a furor when he said he supported Climaco for the vacancy. Hagan intimated he believed Climaco could raise the money for a campaign, could win, and had been loyal to him in past political battles, such as Edward F. Feighan's campaigns for mayor and county commissioner.

"He doesn't hesitate to call me when he wants to sell \$500 worth of tickets to a reception," grumbled Sheriff Gerald T. McFaul. But he gave his support to Gaul.

Bypassing party leaders irritated many of them, and Hagan admitted later he might have made a mistake. Hagan's goal was to stamp his imprint on the party and draw attention to his chairmanship, which he believed many Democratic leaders had ignored.

"They'll know there's a Democratic organization after this," Hagan said.

With the Republicans having named Virgil

E. Brown, a black, to the commission in January, and with Hagan committed to having a black and a woman on the ticket in 1980, the pressure was on from those groups to appoint someone of their choosing to the vacancy.

But neither blacks nor women could agree on a single candidate. Turner, one of 13 black councilmen, quickly announced his candidacy and drew the support of two other black councilmen, John E. Barnes, D-30, and Terence E. Copeland, D-13.

But four other black councilmen — Michael R. White, D-24; David Collier, D-17; Ceasar

Moss, D-27, and E.T. Caviness, D-25, announced they were supporting Russo, who had defended blacks indicted in the carnival bribery scandal. The Cuyahoga Women's Political Caucus voted 46 to 45 to support Mrs. Zone over Mrs. Panchal and Judy Sheerer. Mrs. Sheerer withdrew and endorsed Mrs. Zone, but Mrs. Panchal stayed in.

Some persons who worked together on past campaigns wound up on different sides this time. Former Lt. Gov. Richard F. Celeste joined Secretary of State Anthony J. Celebrezze Jr. and Rep. Mary Rose Oakar, D-20, and State

Sen. Charles L. Butts, D-23, in supporting Mrs. Zone, an old friend. Gail Channing, Celeste's county campaign manager in his unsuccessful bid for governor last year, endorsed Eckart.

The fighting has some Democrats worrying that it is a preview of the fall mayoral campaign. If divisions are not healed by then the party would likely fail in its main task this year, beating Mayor Dennis J. Kucinich.

But Hagan doubts there will be any permanent scars. "If we weren't fighting, they'd say we're dead," Hagan said. "When we're fighting they say we're divided."

Commissioner Sweeney says he'll stay in office

MAR 25 '79 PD A1

By John Nussbaum
Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney will withdraw his resignation today and announce he will finish his term.

His decision, Sweeney will say, was motivated by considerations of good county government and the good of the Democratic party. Choice of a successor has been threatening to start a serious battle within the party.

Sweeney's resignation, which he announced two weeks ago, was to come up for action today at the commissioners' meeting.

However, Sweeney said last night the urgings of personal and political friends and his own concern for some of the county programs he recently helped initiate have caused him to reconsider his decision.

"The two other commissioners have been doing excellent work, but both came to the board this year," Sweeney said, referring to Edward F. Feighan and Virgil E. Brown. "I have been convinced that my resignation at this time and my replacement by a new commissioner would leave county government in the hands of a board of very little tenure."

When he announced his resignation March 15, Sweeney had said the time he had to devote to his law practice made it increasingly hard for him to devote sufficient time to his duties as president of the commissioners.

"It turned out that adjustments I have been able to make recently in court schedules and a reorganization and hiring of additional help in my law office will make it possible for me to put in the time I have been accustomed to devote to county government," he said last night.

Sweeney wins battle over crime council budget

MAR 9 '79 PD

By W. C. Miller

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The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Greater Cleveland met again yesterday, and this time County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney stayed.

Sweeney, who ended the 33-member group's last meeting by stomping out when his budget was not approved, finally won his way.

Sweeney returned to the chairmanship he had resigned after some members privately told him they would reconsider his \$1.5 million budget for 1980. The council ap-

proved the budget yesterday, 21 to 7.

The council, a city-county group, channels federal money into private and public crime-fighting efforts here.

Sweeney, who argued that citizen programs deserved top priority in 1980, had little problem staving off opposition from Cleveland and suburban police chiefs. Sweeney not only collected more votes than police, but also more applause from the 200 persons attending the Justice Center meeting.

"I see a stirring — street by street, neighborhood by neighborhood — demanding citizen action," he bellowed, to the delight of cheering persons in the audience.

Most citizens were from the Cudell Ave. area, lobbying to continue a two-year-old citizen crime-prevention program in their neighborhood. The group received \$28,000 under the new budget.

Bay Village Police Chief Peter J. Gray, who led the opposition, won no ovations by saying police

deserve as much money as citizens. But 25 suburban chiefs did show up as a sign of support.

"Police are an anti-crime program, too," said Gray, who did not oppose the Cudell effort. "You can't buy citizen participation."

After the council's last meeting, Gray contended Sweeney was threatening to withhold county funding from Bay Village unless the city agreed to endorse his budget. Mayor James H. Cowles eventually decided to support Sweeney instead of his chief.

Sweeney has denied making threats, and Gray did not mention them at yesterday's meeting.

The new budget includes \$200,000 for a \$1.1 million program to link suburban police departments by computer.

The rest of the money is divided among 28 programs, with citizen efforts taking up the largest share.

Seven citizen programs will receive \$382,330, including \$150,000 for Sweeney's pet project, a plan to fight burglary in four target neighborhoods in Cleveland.

Five police programs will share \$210,000. Another \$225,000 is for programs against juvenile delinquency, \$255,400 for court-sponsored programs and \$227,270 for jails.

Although Gray left the meeting a loser, he was consoled by a lineup of chiefs who congratulated him for his effort.

"You win a few, you lose a few," Euclid Chief Frank W. Payne told Gray. "You've got to roll with the punches."

Sweeney leans to retaining county post

MAR 28 1979 PD A6

Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney was reported last night leaning toward reversing his decision to quit by Sunday. If Sweeney stays, it is expected to increase the pressure on Commissioner Edward F. Feighan to run for mayor of Cleveland.

"I really have come to no judgment on it," Sweeney said last night after having dinner with Feighan and County Democratic Chairman Timothy F. Hagan.

But sources close to Sweeney said he is leaning toward staying in the job he has held three years.

Sweeney must decide by tomorrow, when the commissioners meet and are scheduled to act on his resignation.

Sweeney, who announced March 15 he planned to quit to devote more time to his law practice, said he received a steady flow of telephone calls yesterday urging him to stay.

The Democrats had scheduled a convention April 7 at the State Theater to pick a successor. Some of the calls came from people who had hoped to succeed him.

County Treasurer Francis E. Gaul met with Sweeney and urged him to stay. Former Cleveland Councilman Michael L. Climaco sent word through Hagan that he would like Sweeney to stay.

Gaul and Climaco are considered the leading candidates to succeed Sweeney, if he should resign. The other candidates are State Reps. Dennis E. Eckart, D-18, of Euclid, and Francine M. Panehal, D-5, of Cleveland, and Cleveland Councilmen Mary Zone, D-3; Earle B. Turner, D-29, and Basil M. Russo, D-19.

Feighan and Hagan urged Sweeney last night to stay. Feighan said a Sweeney departure would leave a void in the commissioners' office. Hagan noted that Sweeney has made personal and financial sacrifices to keep the job.

Several sources said Feighan's statement that he would not accept a draft to run for mayor played a major role in Sweeney's decision to reconsider quitting.

If Sweeney quits, Feighan, who has been in office since early January, would be the senior

member of the commission. Some Democratic leaders believe this would make it more difficult for Feighan, the Democratic candidate for mayor in 1977, to run this year.

Both men denied any connection between the mayoral race and Sweeney's decision.

"I am first, last and always an admirer of Ed Feighan's public contribution but my decision on whether to be a county commissioner will be based primarily on what contribution I could make to county government," Sweeney said.

Sweeney acknowledged that he would be among the leaders of those who want Feighan to run for mayor. Feighan said last night his decision on whether to run would be made without regard to Sweeney's decision.

"I'm not a candidate and I have no plans to be one," Feighan said. But he did not definitely close the door on it.

"If Sweeney stays, it's safe to say Feighan will have more maneuverability in deciding if he wants to run," one Democratic leader said last night.

Sweeney return to crime council job may face a challenge from Kucinich

MAR 1 79 PD A27
By W.C. Miller

County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney, who verbally resigned as chairman of a county crime-fighting group last week, now says he is back in power.

Sweeney's return may be challenged, however, by Mayor Dennis J. Kucinich, who succeeded Sweeney as head of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Greater Cleveland.

The council, a 33-member city-county group, channels federal money into public and private crime-fighting programs here.

Andrew M. Juniewicz, the mayor's news secretary, said Kucinich will research the council's bylaws before deciding if he will surrender the post.

Sweeney has never submitted a resignation letter. He announced he was quitting after the council, led by Bay Village Police Chief Peter J. Gray, rejected his plan to give top priority to

funding citizen-sponsored crime prevention programs next year.

Gray later accused Sweeney of threatening to withhold county funding from Bay Village road and sewer projects unless the citizens' programs were approved. Sweeney denied the charge.

Yesterday, Sweeney said he is returning because Bay Village Mayor James H. Cowles agreed to ask members to vote for the citizens' programs at the council's March 8 meeting.

Cowles, who met with Sweeney Tuesday, said the county's projects in Bay Village played no part in his decision to support Sweeney. He said he is convinced Sweeney made no threats. Cowles voted against Sweeney's programs last week.

Gray had charged Sweeney's threats, which he said were relayed to Gray and Cowles by the council's executive director, Michael V. Schaffer, would be carried out unless Bay Village led a

move to win back Sweeney's programs.

Both Sweeney and Schaffer insisted that county projects to repair Bay Village streets and sewers were never the subject of threats.

"I don't know how those ever got in the act," Schaffer said. "They didn't come from my lips."

Gray said Sweeney asked him to co-sponsor Cowles' action, but he refused.

"The more I get into politics, the more I don't like them," Gray said. "It's a dirty game. It's scary."

Sweeney won't run; a plus for Voinovich

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By Joseph D. Rice and Thomas K. Diemer

County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney will announce this morning he is not running for mayor, a decision that increases the likelihood Lt. Gov. George V. Voinovich will enter the race.

Sweeney, 52, said his responsibilities to his family, his law firm and to the people of Cuyahoga County outweighed his desire to run for mayor. Sweeney, who said in March he was quitting as a commissioner only to rescind the decision a few weeks later, said he will seek re-election in 1980.

"Quite frankly I'm enjoying myself immensely, and I'm very satisfied with my working relations with my colleagues," he said last night.

Sweeney had told Voinovich he would not run if the lieutenant governor did, and the two talked yesterday. Sweeney refused to discuss the conversation but insisted Voinovich's decision would not have any effect on his.



George V. Voinovich

Voinovich, 43, last night conceded Sweeney's decision increased the probability he might run but insisted he has not decided.

Voinovich said he will discuss the

mayor's race today in Columbus with Gov. James A. Rhodes.

"Sure it's a plus (for me)," Voinovich said of Sweeney's decision. "I have a lot of respect for Bob Sweeney."

The two were commissioners together until Voinovich was elected lieutenant governor last year.

Voinovich also said yesterday he was canceling a trip to China, which had been scheduled for August, but told reporters not to assume it meant he was running for mayor.

Rhodes said last night he has no objection to Voinovich's remaining lieutenant governor while campaigning for mayor.

"It doesn't matter," Rhodes said. "It wouldn't hurt."

One source said Rhodes told Robert E. Hughes, county Republican chairman, he would encourage Voinovich to run.

Voinovich is a Republican, and Rhodes and other state GOP leaders

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would like an ally in Cleveland City Hall for the 1980 elections.

A Republican poll showed Voinovich as the first choice of county Republicans to run for mayor, ahead of County Auditor Vincent C. Campanella and former Mayor Ralph J. Perk.

Many politicians say Voinovich, with Commissioner Edward F. Feighan out of the race, could be Kucinich's toughest opponent because both have many ethnic followers.

Dems split over Muny

Feighan and Sweeney urge voters to keep light plant

FEB 22 '79 PD

By John Nussbaum

Cuyahoga County's two Democratic commissioners broke with the local party yesterday and urged Cleveland voters to retain the Municipal Light Plant.

Robert E. Sweeney and Edward F. Feighan said that regardless of the outcome of Tuesday's vote, they would continue to press for public ownership of Muny Light and for its expansion beyond the city limits.

They reiterated their earlier plans to explore buying the system if residents vote to sell it, or to arrange to run it for the city if it is retained.

County Democratic Chairman Timothy F. Hagan, who along with the party's executive committee had endorsed the sale of Muny Light, said he was disappointed in the action.

Republican Commissioner Virgil E.

Brown said he will take no stand.

"After the election I will go along with any plan that is beneficial for the county," he said.

He did not disclose how he would vote. All three commissioners live in Cleveland.

Feighan recalled that he opposed sale of Muny Light to Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. in 1977 and 1978.

"The Muny Light system is a direct benefit to only a small number of Clevelanders," Feighan said. "Its expansion to suburban communities, especially for street lighting and other municipal purposes, would make it a more profitable system and provide cheaper power to more county residents."

Both Democrats conceded that there may be legal hurdles to county operation of the system. Under Ohio law a

county may only do what the constitution and laws authorize it to do, and there is no law empowering counties to run power plants.

"However, if the voters of Cleveland decide to mandate the sale of Muny Light, I am confident that the Ohio Legislature will act quickly to eliminate the statutory impediments," Feighan said.

Feighan went to Columbus on Tuesday to seek the help of the Cuyahoga County delegation, but reportedly was told that special legislation before the Tuesday election was untimely.

Sweeney said that if the way cannot be cleared for the county to buy Muny Light, it might be possible to get legal approval of a long-term lease.

"A 99-year lease to all intents and purposes is as good as a purchase," he said.

What next for Sweeney?

APR 8 '79 PD

When Robert Sweeney, the president of the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners, purchased a house on Edgewater Dr., just inside the Cleveland line, last year, the move did not go unnoticed by political observers.

The general conclusion reached by the really shrewd onlookers was that Sweeney had moved from Bay Village into Cleveland so that he would be in position to run for mayor.

The theory is yet to be discredited, but it certainly was weakened considerably when Sweeney startled the political establishment a few weeks ago by announcing his intention to resign as county commissioner because of the pressure of his law practice.

Then, in the best Cleveland tradition, Sweeney changed his mind. Thousands of eager politicians who had hastily launched campaigns to succeed Sweeney and who were milling about in front of the building housing the Democratic party were taken by surprise. Two or three jumped off the Detroit-Superior High-Level Bridge, four or five just as recklessly jumped onto RTA buses, not caring where their careers took them. The rest scattered for home to await the next opportunity.

It isn't certain any more that Sweeney will end his political career when his term as county commissioner is up. He has shown his ability to tack to the political winds and there are those who still believe that he had the Cleveland mayoral post in mind when he moved back into the city.

It may be, even, that fate is responsible for the move and that fate, the kiss of Kismet, may be firmly guiding him toward a run



George E. Condon

for City Hall. People who consult the past and find a pattern of parallels would not shrug off the notion.

Fate, after all, has played a prominent part in the Sweeney fortunes up to this time, as well as in those of the political families with whom his career has been so closely intertwined.

Bob Sweeney's father was a famous Cleveland politician, Martin L. Sweeney, who served as a U.S. representative from the 20th District during the Depression years of the 1930s and into the 1940s.

Martin Sweeney was a judge of the Municipal Court from 1924 to 1931. When the longtime congressman from the 20th District, Charles A. Mooney, died in 1931, Sweeney won the special election to serve out the unexpired term. Then, in 1932, he won a full term in Congress. From that time on he served in the Washington seat until 1942, when he lost to Michael Feighan.

The political differences that separated the followers of Martin Sweeney and Michael Feighan lasted a long time, but the fires finally died down. In recent years, the parallels and coincidences involving the two families are hardly noticed.

At the same time that Michael Feighan was serving in Congress as the representative of the 20th District, Bob Sweeney was elected as a representative-at-large. He

served in that capacity in 1965-66, at which time the at-large seat was abolished.

After taking a few years away from politics to build up his law practice, Sweeney returned to the public scene in 1976 to fill the unexpired term of County Commissioner Frank Pokoray. He was elected to a full four-year term as commissioner in 1977.

A year later, he was joined on the board by a new commissioner, Edward Feighan, nephew of Michael Feighan, the man who had unseated Martin Sweeney.

Meanwhile, by way of heightening the fateful list of coincidences, Bob Sweeney had purchased on Edgewater Dr. the home that once had belonged to Charles A. Mooney, the man whom Martin Sweeney had succeeded in Congress.

Now there are those who say that one more link remains to be forged in the chain of coincidences.

Martin L. Sweeney once made a bid to become mayor of Cleveland. He ran against Ray T. Miller, the Democratic incumbent, in a three-man race in 1933. The vote was so badly split that Harry L. Davis scored an upset victory.

If the chain is going to be completed, father to son, Bob Sweeney would seem to have no choice but to run for mayor and keep up the Sweeney tradition.

On the other hand, it could be that the chain has gotten too heavy and too tiresome to be lugged around any longer.

What we'll all have to do is wait for another Sweeney announcement and then, wisely consulting the history of past surprises, expect anything at all.

County moves to stop U.S. job exodus

County commissioners will meet next month with representatives of the Federal Executive Board in an effort to stem what Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney called the exodus of federal agencies from Cuyahoga County.

The board consists of directors of U.S. offices here.

Noting that with 23,000 employees the U.S.

government is the third-largest employer in the county — after the steel industry and medical services — Sweeney termed the loss of federal jobs a serious problem.

He cited recent closings of the Cleveland offices of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Securities and Exchange Commission and the threatened phasing out of the regional Defense Contracts and Supply Services offices.

Sweeney puts off decision to run for mayor

JUL 8 1979 PD
By Mary Jaya Wege

Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney said yesterday he will announce within the next two weeks whether he will be a candidate for mayor of Cleveland.

Sweeney, a Democrat, was expected to make the announcement today, but delayed, he said, until he could get a feel for the sentiments of the community and determine "if city residents can unite under one leader."

Sweeney, 54, a Cleveland native and West Sider, said he does not

know how a campaign would affect his family and private law practice.

He told The Plain Dealer he has talked with fellow Democratic commissioner Edward F. Feighan about the race and Feighan Friday night recommended Sweeney enter the race. Feighan said recently he will not run for the office.

Sweeney also said he received a telephone call yesterday morning from Mel J. Witt, president of the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of

Labor, informing Sweeney that labor would support him.

Rep. Mary Rose Oahar, D-20, of Cleveland, said Friday she is not seeking the job.

Councilman Basil M. Russo, D-19, State Sen. Charles L. Butts, D-23, of Cleveland, and businessman James D. Nolan are Democrats who have announced for the job.

Candidates' attitudes towards the black community were discussed during a meeting of black leaders from Greater Cleveland Friday.

Another meeting is scheduled for 7 a.m. tomorrow at the Coach Light Room, 13207 Miles Ave. A spokesman for the group said, "We're going to find out what can be done to merge all people in the city and see how the black community fits into city unity from the standpoint of the candidates."

Some prospective candidates have been interviewed and others will be asked to meet with the group in the future, the spokesman said.

Home tax reductions for asking proposed

By John Nesbitt
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An official tax rebellion, in which homeowners could have their taxes cut for the asking, was proposed yesterday by Robert E. Sweeney, president of the Cuyahoga County commissioners.

Sweeney said he would ask County Treasurer Frank E. Gaul to include tax complaints with the tax bills to be mailed in December and would instruct his Board of Revision hearing officers to grant any tax reductions asked by homeowners.

"We have the authority to reduce valuations," he said, "and before homeowners are going to take increases of 47%, I am personally going to be down there cutting taxes."

Gaul and County Auditor Vincent C. Campanella responded cautiously to the specific suggestion, but they welcomed Sweeney to their tax reform fight.

The three officials by law make up the

Board of Revision. They name representatives to hearing panels which rule on tax complaints.

Formal complaints are filed during the December-January tax collection. After the 1979 reappraisal, 45,000 complaints were received.

Gaul and Campanella are preparing to gather signatures to force a statewide vote on a constitutional amendment changing the tax structure if the legislature fails to act. They are also seeking a freeze on tax valuations, but that must come either from the legislature or by court order. A lawsuit by Campanella asking for a freeze is pending before the Ohio Supreme Court.

"We are not going to stop for anything less than a constitutional amendment in the nature of Proposition 13," Campanella declared.

Gaul said he feared Sweeney's proposal might create "a diversion from the root cause of this problem."

County tries to sink port authority's try for increase in power

JUL 13 1979 PD
By Terry E. Johnson

Two county commissioners threatened yesterday to disband the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority if the agency continued to back legislation giving the port authority power to issue revenue bonds.

"Their (the port authority's) actions are serious and could undermine the great relationship they have had with the county," Commission President Robert E. Sweeney said.

During a sometimes heated meeting between county commissioners and the nine-member port authority board, Sweeney said if board members continued to push for the bill's passage without speaking first with the commissioners, he would support a move to disband the authority. He said the port authority members have not sought commission approval.

Commissioner Edward F. Feighan concurred. He also said he believed the bill had little support among state legislators.

The bill, which cleared the Ohio House last month on a 69-27 vote, allows the port authority to issue

invited bonds for public improvements, such as piers, plus permanent tax abatement on port improvements.

Supporters of the bill said the authority, and others like it around the state, could copy European examples of building parks, recreation facilities, office buildings, hotels, trade centers and even businesses away from waterfronts.

"This bill dramatically increases the port authority's power," Sweeney said. "It amounts to a sweeping tax abatement program. It takes away the right of the people to vote on a bond issue."

Commissioner Virgil E. Brown said he thought the bill would give too much power to the appointed port authority board, but he declined to support the threat to disband the agency.

The port authority is on Cleveland land and was run by the city until the joint city-county authority was created about 10 years ago. Earlier, Mayor Dennis J. Kucinich announced his opposition to the bill and threatened to disband the authority if it continued to lobby for its passage.

Code of ethics for county officials is proposed by Sweeney

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By John Nussbaum

Robert E. Sweeney, who became a Cuyahoga County commissioner because his predecessor resigned under the cloud of indictment for misconduct in office, is proposing a code of ethics for county officials.

Such a code, Sweeney feels, would prevent political abuses of contract awards, hiring and public appointments and help restore waning confidence in local government.

"Maybe it is because I am a product of the Pokorny era that I feel this need, but I really think public confidence in local government has been going down," he said.

The reference was to his predecessor, Frank R. Pokorny, who

resigned in 1976 and pleaded guilty to charges involving his interest in a firm with a county contract to bus retarded students. The county Democratic party appointed Sweeney to Pokorny's job. He was elected to a full four-year term the same year.

To spark public discussion of his concerns, Sweeney, now president of the commissioners, enlisted the help of Dr. Kathleen Barber, a Shaker Heights councilman and head of the political science department of John Carroll University. She assigned the task to two senior students as part of their class work. The students, Lawrence J. Ewaska and Francis Kosir, spent several weeks observing county government and researching Ohio law.

Their draft of a proposed code of ethics will be the subject of a public hearing June 18 at 2 p.m. in the county commissioners' chambers in the County Administration Bldg.

The proposed code would provide for a four-member county ethics commission — two Democrats and two Republicans — appointed by the commissioners. It would review yearly financial disclosure statements, investigate conflict and political breaches of ethics and would have the power to recommend removal of officials from office.

Even though a code, if adopted, would merely state the policy of the county commissioners, Sweeney said he hoped other elected county

officials would espouse the code voluntarily.

"We are not proposing it for adoption," Sweeney explained. "It is being presented as a discussion document. But I hope that ultimately a code that will be proposed for adoption will emerge from the discussions."

Copies of the students' draft have been circulated to the leadership of the two political parties, various citizens groups and to other public officials. Leaders of the two parties have been invited to testify.

Ironically, the students took the commissioners to task for measures they took last year to remove appointments to public boards.

The commissioners name all or part of 17 boards and authorities.

Last year they provided that members of public bodies will not be reappointed to succeed themselves.

"The current policy of a maximum one-term limit is not advisable," the students said. They wrote that rapid turnover would impair the effectiveness of the boards and recommended a two-term limit as more efficient.

"A two-term limit would add needed continuity and would also insure against retaining dead wood, if other appointing authorities also adopted it," they said in their draft. "The two-term limit would enable useful members to continue. The ineffective members could be re-

moved by not being reappointed to a second term.

The code would bar elected officials from accepting campaign contributions from employees and bar employees from campaign work on county time. But employees could contribute to the political party of their choice through a payroll deduction system and would be permitted to volunteer their personal time for campaign work.

Yearly financial disclosure statements would be required of appointees to public boards as well as of elected officials. Appointees to public bodies also would be required to submit twice-yearly reports on the policies and programs of their boards.

The lineup: Oakar out, Sweeney set, others mull

By Joseph R. Butte

Rep. Mary Rose Oakar, D-20, is out of the mayor's race and County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney is getting into it.

Although supporters rallied in front of her home at 1892 W. 30th St. yesterday morning, Ms. Oakar later told a news conference at her office in the Old Federal Building that she will not run for mayor this year.

Sweeney, who had been expected to run if Ms. Oakar did not, has scheduled a news conference at his home at 10912 Edgewater Dr. tomorrow to announce his candidacy, political sources said.

On the GOP side, one source said that Lt. Gov. George V. Voinovich, who eliminated himself from consideration several months ago is reconsidering the mayor's race. Former Mayor Ralph J. Perk and County Auditor Vincent C. Campanella are viewed as the likely Republican candidates.

Sweeney met with labor leaders last night and is expected to meet with County Commissioner Edward F. Feighan today. Feighan has hinted he will support Sweeney and sources said Mel J. Witt, president of the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor, has pledged to back Sweeney.



Mary Rose Oakar talks to backers at a rally outside her home.

Sweeney last night refused to confirm his impending announcement. "I am studying the matter very carefully," he said.

Councilman Basil M. Russo, D-19; State Sen. Charles L. Butts, D-23, of Cleveland, and Cleveland businessman James D. Nolan already have announced their candidacies.

County Democratic Chairman Timothy F. Hagan is expected to follow Feighan's lead in supporting Sweeney, although the Democratic party itself is expected to remain neutral until after the Oct. 2 primary. Ms. Oakar also is

viewed as a potential Sweeney supporter.

It appeared a fight was shaping up in the black community over whether to support Russo or Butts.

When he announced his candidacy Thursday, Russo said he had the support of 12 of the 13 black city councilmen.

But one person who attended a meeting yesterday of black Democratic leaders said Butts appeared to have as much support among black elected officials as Russo.

Another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

Why keep names? Sweeney-Feighan ticket buyers ask

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By Gary R. Clark

The names of Cuyahoga County employees who buy tickets to a fund-raiser Saturday for Commissioners Robert K. Sweeney and Edward F. Feighan are being recorded, although Feighan and a state official disagree on whether the names are being kept for reporting or political purposes.

The fund-raiser, scheduled for 3 to 9 p.m. at Burke Lakefront Airport, is to help pay off \$12,000 in debts left from Feighan's campaign last year for commissioner, and to finance Sweeney's re-election attempt next year. The sale of tickets was the first firm indication that Sweeney intends to seek re-election.

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Generally, state law requires that contributors of \$25 or more must be reported by name. But one section of the law states: "Each statement of a campaign committee of a candidate who holds public office shall contain a designation of each contributor who is an employe in any unit or department under the

One county employe complained to The Plain Dealer that he was pressured into buying the \$15 ticket by his boss. He said the names of the ticket buyers are placed on the tickets so "they (Sweeney and Feighan) know who is buying and who isn't."

Feighan, who, as a state legislator, co-sponsored a bill revising the state's campaign finance reporting requirements, disagreed.

He said the names were recorded for door prizes, and because he understands state campaign finance reporting laws to require that the names of any employes of a candidate who contribute to a campaign must be reported.

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candidate's direct supervision or control."

"I am a very strict and conservative interpreter of the law," Feighan said.

Marc Ullom, elections counsel to the secretary of state, said neither election laws nor Internal Revenue Service rules require that the names of people contributing less than \$25 be reported or recorded.

Ticket buyers ask

He said the only reason he knew of to record those names was political — to send thank-you notes to contributors or to ask them to volunteer to work on the campaign.

"He's unquestionably, undeniably and, without reservation, wrong," Feighan said.

He said under no circumstances would he or Sweeney review the

names of those county employes who bought, or did not buy, tickets.

Sweeney was not available for comment yesterday on his re-election plans. He announced his intention this year to resign from the commission but later changed his mind.

But Feighan agreed the fund raiser was "the first real indication" Sweeney would run again.

Low-key commission debate finds only Sweeney strident

By Gary K. Clark **A6**

It was the contrast in styles more than their positions on the issues that marked debates yesterday between the four candidates running for the two seats up for election this year on the three-member board of Cuyahoga County commissioners.

The debate, held at the downtown YWCA, was sponsored by the YWCA and the Cleveland League of Women Voters.

In an election year, faced with inflation and recession, all four candidates spoke of the need to create jobs through effective economic development and of the need to effectively provide health and human services. The two Democrats supported, and the two Republicans opposed, the proposed county charter, which would replace the three commissioners with an elected executive and nine assemblymen, elected from districts.

Robert E. Sweeney, an incumbent Democrat opposed by Republican County Auditor Vincent C. Campanella, was aggressive, emphasizing the importance of keeping job- and people-oriented Democrats in power, rather than the business-oriented Republicans, whom he said were best illustrated by Ronald Reagan.

Campanella was low-key, soft-spoken and, except for an angry exchange with Sweeney over who has promoted women and blacks the most in their respective county offices, used his time to talk about his own accomplishments and to ridicule Sweeney's administration.

County Democratic Chairman Timothy F. Hagan and incumbent Commissioner Virgil E. Brown, a

Republican, refrained from personal attacks. But Hagan used his time to forcefully stress the importance of electing candidates from political parties who will promote policies on the local, state and national levels that will best serve the poor and the helpless.

Brown, like Campanella, was low-key. He stressed that the county has effectively delivered health and human services during his term, that party politics was not an issue in the commissioners' race, although he acknowledged he had attended Reagan rallies, and that he was as sensitive to human needs as any Democrat.

Brown at one point, however, took jabs at Hagan's speaking style and his party chairmanship.

"Mr. Hagan uses the term aggressive quite freely," Brown said. "I don't wave my arms. I don't get loud, but I get the job done."

Brown also said he saw a conflict between Hagan being a party chairman and a commissioner, who has the authority to hire people and oversee the budgets of other county officials.

He didn't mention that Hagan has already announced his intention to resign the chairman's post if he is elected. And Hagan said an officeholder must help formulate people-oriented policies, even "sometimes by waving your arms."

Campanella stood on his record of working for property tax reform, a campaign Sweeney called ineffective. Sweeney stood on his record of delivering services and creating jobs through the use of industrial revenue bonds.

Sweeney, waving a piece of paper at Campanella, said of those com-

missioners' employes earning more than \$20,000, 23 were women and 20 were minorities. He said Campanella had three or four women earning that amount and, with reference to minorities, Sweeney shouted, "Vince has none."

"Bob, you are sorely misinformed," Campanella replied.

Campanella and Sweeney debate again today at the City Club, and Brown and Hagan square off there next Tuesday.



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Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney had a 7,065-vote margin in Cleveland voting places over his opponent, Vincent C. Campanella, who won the Nov. 4 commissioner's race. The board of elections added the countywide absentee vote to city totals it provided The Plain Dealer for an article published yesterday. These figures prompted the incorrect statement that Campanella held a 3,800-vote edge in the city.

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"GOING HOME ... Lawyer and former County Commissioner Bob Sweeney threw a big farewell party for Bratenahl Place neighbors a few days ago. Sweeney is returning to his family home on the West Side after months of suburban living.

Practically the entire 1 Bratenahl Place building showed for the party in the building restaurant. Among them: Bob Malaga, Cleveland's "Mr. Tennis"; insurance executive Phil Geier and his wife, Jane, and RTA trustee Peg O'Neill.

Meeting planned on jobs program

Robert E. Sweeney, **A13** president of the Cuyahoga County Commission, said he will call an emergency meeting of area political leaders to help make sure Greater Cleveland gets the maximum benefits from President Carter's jobs program.

Among those expected to be invited to a meeting within the next 10 days are Mayor George V. Veinovich, Ohio's two senators and local representatives to Congress.

Sweeney has scheduled a news conference for 10 a.m. today to announce steps that might be taken to make sure the president's program benefits Greater Cleveland.

Later today, Sweeney is scheduled to meet with Vice President Walter Mondale to discuss unemployment. Mondale will be here on a campaign trip.

"The president announced a federal jobs program with special emphasis on Ohio and Michigan, yet there is not one public official in Ohio who knows what's going on," he said in remarks prepared for the news conference. "If this is going to be another federal boondoggle that spends more on administrative costs than on actual jobs, I think we ought to say on the local level. We're not falling for it."

Sweeney criticizes United Way's cut of hunger force aid

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By John Nussbaum

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Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney yesterday accused United Way Services of "backing away from the poor" because the agency has cut its support for the Hunger Task Force of the Greater Cleveland Inter-church Council.

His remarks came during the opening session of the county budget hearings.

The Hunger Task Force presented a proposed 1980 budget of \$995,209, which includes a request for a \$350,000 subsidy from the county.

Noting that the United Way allocation in the task force's budget was about \$40,000, Sweeney told the Rev. Dr. Donald G. Jacobs, task force director, that "United Way has been backing away from you like from a hot stove."

Jacobs said the task force started in 1976 with a United Way allocation of \$186,000, and added, "We have had a problem with them for some years.

"They seem to feel this is a government program and that the program no longer is remarkable," he said.

"Do you mean to tell me that people going hungry is not considered remarkable?" asked Sweeney.

"If after collecting some \$35 million in the community, they back away from the poor, maybe we should re-evaluate our relations," he added. "The county commissioners and county employes always fully supported United Way, but why should we contribute to United Way if it is not willing to buy food for hungry people."

Calvin E. Green, United Way executive director, and other United Way officials were not available for comment.

Mayor to step aside for Sweeney

Mayor Dennis J. Kucinich has decided against battling County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney for the chairmanship of a county crime-fighting group.

Kucinich became chairman of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Greater Cleveland last week after Sweeney resigned. The city-county group channels federal money into public and private crime-fighting efforts.

Andrew M. Juniewicz, the mayor's news secretary, said yesterday that Kucinich will step aside because Sweeney wants the job back.

Sweeney said he is returning because council members now are willing to give top priority to funding citizen-sponsored

crime prevention programs next year. He quit when members voted to give as much money to police as to citizens' groups.

Bay Village Police Chief Peter J. Gray, who led the vote against Sweeney, said Sweeney later threatened to withhold county funding from Bay Village unless the city agreed to sponsor his programs.

Sweeney, who denied making threats, said he is coming back because Bay Village Mayor James H. Cowles has agreed to ask the council to fund his programs.

Juniewicz said Kucinich will surrender the chair if the council's 33 members vote to accept Sweeney's return.

New mayor? Yes, say 50.3%

Poll asks 501 if city would be better off without Kucinich

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By Joseph D. Rice

More than half the people interviewed in a poll done for County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney believe Cleveland would be better off with a new mayor.

The same poll showed 55.5% of those interviewed believe Mayor Dennis J. Kucinich should fire Bob Weissman, city personnel director and the mayor's chief adviser. Firing Weissman was opposed by 14.2%, while 30.3% had no opinion.

The poll consisted of 501 telephone interviews. It was done in mid-July by Robert Dykes of Cleveland. The margin of error in the sample was 4%.

Sweeney commissioned the poll when he was considering running for mayor. He later decided not to.

Asked if things would be better if there were a new mayor, 50.3% said yes, 36.9% no, and 12.8% had no opinion.

"Almost everyone who says things would be better if there were a new mayor said they would vote against Dennis," Dykes said. According to the poll, Sweeney would have defeated Kucinich, 48.5% to 31.9%, with 19.6% undecided.

In Dykes' poll, 32.7% said they approved of the way Kucinich is doing his job. 50.7% said they did not, 12.4% had mixed feelings and the rest had no opinion.

County Commissioner Edward F. Feighan, who has dropped from the mayoral derby for health reasons, had an approval rating of 55.9% and disapproval rating of 17.6%. Lt. Gov. George V. Voinovich's figures were almost identical. About 10% had a mixed reaction and the rest had no opinion.

Sweeney had an approval rating of 36.7% and a disapproval rating of 16.6%. Councilman Basil M. Russo, D-19, had a 37.7% approval rating and 30.7% disapproval rating.

Kucinich had an approval rating of 36% and disapproval of 49% among whites, and a 27% approval and 55% disapproval with blacks.

Russo, who is counting heavily on black support, had a 45% approval rating in the black community and 15% disapproval. But among whites, only 33% approved of Russo while 41% disapproved.

County may absorb welfare personnel unit to aid staffing

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Robert E. Sweeney, president of the Cuyahoga County commissioners, said he is exploring the possible merger of the welfare department's personnel division with the general personnel department in an attempt to solve staffing problems in welfare.

The welfare department has 2,800 jobs, but only about 2,350 of them are filled, county administrator William S. Gaskill told the commissioners. The commissioners have another 1,700 employees in other departments.

Staff shortage in the welfare department — particularly about 100 vacant positions in the Social Worker II classification — has been blamed for the department's slow response to complaints about neglected and abused children.

The issue was raised by a coalition of 30 private social work groups following the death Jan. 5 of a six-year-old boy in a child abuse incident.

Sweeney made his observation during a discussion of ways to hire 100 social workers immediately, despite the absence of a valid civil service list of Social Worker II candidates. The next state civil service examination for the position is scheduled for March 5.

Gaskill outlined a plan to promote employees from the Social Worker I classification "who qualify to take the Social Worker II test but who did not do so in the past because it wasn't being given at the time."

In addition, Gaskill said, the county will hire social workers now from among persons who apply for the March 5 test.

Nobody wins

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 By Joseph D. Rice
Robert E. Sweeney is still a Cuyahoga County commissioner and County Democratic Chairman Timothy F. Hagan is a wiser man because of it.

Sweeney announced on March 15 that he was quitting as a commissioner to devote more time to his law practice, then changed his mind two weeks later, saying he believed his experience was needed in the commissioner's office.

Meanwhile, Hagan had called a party convention to choose a successor to Sweeney and had endorsed former Cleveland Councilman Michael L. Climaco for the job, a move that angered six other people who wanted it.

The only benefit to Hagan from

this mess was that he found out whom his friends and enemies were when he started rounding up votes for Climaco.

Former Lt. Gov. Richard F. Celeste and Secretary of State Anthony J. Celebrezze Jr., both of whom benefited from Hagan's help in their campaigns last year, wound up backing Councilman Mary Zone, D-3, an old friend who also had helped.

And County Treasurer Frank E. Gaul, who wanted Sweeney's job, served clear notice that he wants to be a major factor in county Democratic politics and that while Hagan may be party chairmah, his voice will not be the only one to be heard when the party makes decisions.

Sweeney and Hagan suffer in the commissioner fiasco



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The big losers in this affair were Hagan and Sweeney himself.

Hagan, by endorsing Climaco, alienated some people. If Sweeney had quit, Climaco probably would have won the job. Teamed with Edward F. Feighan, Climaco would have given Hagan two powerful allies in the board of commissioners and made him the most powerful politician in county government.

The outcome of the Sweeney affair will probably encourage Gaul and other Democrats to try to assert themselves in future party matters. A test of strength between

Hagan and Gaul is yet to come.

It is interesting to note that while Gaul called for an open convention to choose a Sweeney successor, there was none when Gaul was chosen to succeed Frank M. Brennan as county treasurer. Gaul was the choice of then co-chairman Anthony J. Garofoli and other party leaders. The central committee ratification of this choice was merely window dressing.

The fight that developed over Hagan's endorsement of Climaco developed largely because of a difference in style between Hagan and his Republican counterpart, Robert E. Hughes.

Hughes never publicly endorsed Virgil E. Brown for county commissioner when a GOI convention chose Brown to succeed George V. Voinovich as commissioner. Nor did Hughes come out publicly for Vin-

cent C. Campanella for county auditor when Voinovich left that job to become a commissioner. But Hughes worked behind the scenes for both men.

Hagan's style is not to operate behind the scenes. He prefers being out front on issues. That may be an advantage at times, but in the Sweeney case it was clearly a disadvantage.

In all of this, Sweeney came across as indecisive, hardly the kind of trait needed in public office.

Sweeney's about-face, which came largely because of pressure from Feighan, showed that there is no coordination between the party and its officeholders. Hagan was not told in advance that Sweeney was quitting and Feighan urged Sweeney to stay without consulting Hagan.

Sweeney urges metro government

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 By James Lawless
County Commissioner Robert E. Sweeney urged the formation of a regional government yesterday, saying it would solve Cleveland's racial and economic problems.

"We can't have a successful regional government with a cancerous mother city," Sweeney told a group of about 15 at the Lake Front City Forum at Bill & Wardell's Top, 1028 Prospect Ave.

He accused City Council Presi-

dent George L. Forbes, D-20, and Mayor Dennis J. Kucinich of dividing the city for their own political interests.

"Only politicians have benefited from confrontation politics," Sweeney said. "The future of the city is not dependent on the futures of Forbes and Kucinich." If they are not responsive to the people, "get rid of both of them."

He also argued that American people are lazy and quite content

to be led by mediocre local, state and national leaders.

"We have to stop pointing to cultural aspects of the past such as the museums and the orchestra, while we are falling further behind the national growth," he said. "We have to bring in industry and attack the racial conflicts."

He said he is not interested in running for mayor.

After his speech, he said he supports increasing the city income

tax and opposes the sale of the Municipal Light Plant.

His plan for metropolitan government calls for an incorporation of the transit system, the hospitals, the justice system, water, sewers, roads, utilities and the housing authority under a single elected official — a so-called county mayor.

The county would have seven to nine commissioners who would serve as the legislative branch. The system would not include schools, fire and police departments.