

# Romney: GOP President Needed for Viet Truth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michigan Gov. George Romney says it will take election of a Republican president to guarantee that Americans will be told the truth about the Vietnam war.

The Republican governor said the Johnson administration is feeding the people "manipulated, inflated and distorted reports" about the war.

In a speech yesterday to the convention of the National Federation of Republican Women, Romney — considered a likely bidder for the 1968 GOP presidential nomination — predicted his party will win the presidency and control of the House in November 1968.

He did not document his charges about government distortion of war reports.

Romney generally has backed President Johnson's war policies.

But he scored administration policies on foreign aid, saying, "The people don't want a government that stumbles into international commitments that grow like Topsy."

"The people don't want a government that squanders American prestige, raising false fears and hopes by acting as a global policeman and global financier."

He urged instead "a better way — a government that establishes sound priorities and then commits its resources and prestige with respect for the interests and responsibilities of its allies."

Romney later was guest of honor at a federation-sponsored reception, where convention delegates lined up by the hundreds to shake his hand.

Republican Gov. John Love of Colorado told the convention, involved in a bitter floor battle for the federation's

top office, that Democrats are adept at putting down intraparty disputes in time to assure unity at the polls.

But Republicans, Love said, have a tendency to magnify small conflicts — a falling he warned could cost the GOP the presidency in 1968.

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### Another House Vote Possible

## Tax Fight May Shift to Senate

LANSING (U) — The next round in the legislative tax fight apparently will be in the Senate, although Republican leaders said yesterday they may try another vote in the House next week.

The House defeated the income tax section of their package 48-57 Thursday but yesterday reconsidered the vote and left the measure in position for another test of strength.

House Speaker Robert Waldron, R-



USING HIS HEAD — Knowing there is more than one way to unsaddle an unwanted rider, this horse makes like an ostrich and buries his head while his passenger begins to slide down his neck. The action took place during the first day of Colorado State University's annual Skyline Stampede in Fort Collins.



"What is it? Why it's my used car lot, that what it is."

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Grosjean said he may ask for a vote next week on the income tax proposal which in its present form would be even less attractive to Democrats than the version defeated Thursday.

Meanwhile, Gov. George Romney said he was disappointed, but not discouraged, by the bill's defeat, and State AFL-CIO President August Scholle said he was pleased.

"There appears to be a genuine desire on the part of a majority of the members of the House for tax reform," Romney said yesterday. "I remain optimistic that a majority of our lawmakers share this goal and intend making it a reality."

### 'DESERVED SETBACK'

Scholle told the state AFL-CIO executive board the tax plan voted down in the House was unfair to individual taxpayers and deserved to be beaten.

Echoing the argument of House Democrats, he said the program "placed almost the entire extra tax burden on individuals" and added business has received several tax breaks recently and "should now be assessed its full share."

The House, meanwhile, removed from its tax bill yesterday three provisions added in attempts to overcome Democratic objections to the measure.

Those sections increased the corporate income tax rate from 5 to 6 per cent, raised the exemption allowed under the 2½ per cent personal tax from \$600 to

\$1,000 and outlawed city non-resident income taxes.

The bill, in its present form, is a Republican-drafted package. Thursday's version, which Democrats said they liked better, drew only two Democratic votes.

The Senate went through a similar process in March, defeating an income tax bill, then reconsidering the vote and sending the entire tax package back to committee. Those bills could be returned to the Senate floor at any time.

### View of Eclipse for N. Americans

NEW YORK (U) — An eclipse of the sun next Tuesday — weather permitting — will be visible over nearly all of North America, reports Dr. Thomas D. Nicholson, an astronomer at the Hayden Planetarium.

He said yesterday the eclipse will begin at 9:21 a.m. EDT May 9, with maximum coverage at 9:49 a.m. and with the eclipse ending at 10:19 a.m.

In New York the moon will cover almost 7 per cent of the sun, and in Alaska the eclipse will reach 72 per cent, Nicholson said.

It will be visible from most of North America, he said, except in part of Newfoundland and the Florida peninsula. Parts of Europe also will see the phenomena, he added.

### Teamster Chain of Command Move Disputed

WASHINGTON (U) — Vice President Harold Gibbons of the Teamsters Union disputes reports that union leaders are moving to reestablish a union chain of command long ignored during the rigid one-man rule of President James R. Hoffa.

Gibbons, president of St. Louis Joint Council 13, said yesterday the reports are inaccurate.

With Hoffa now serving a prison term, top Teamsters officials were reported earlier yesterday to have agreed in a secret Chicago session to bar bypassing of local, city and regional leadership levels by members with complaints.

Under Hoffa's decade at the Teamsters helm, sources said, members were encouraged to report problems directly to the top man.

This undermined the authority of officials at lower command levels — but kept Hoffa in personal contact with members throughout the 1.8-million-member union.

### AGREEMENT THURSDAY

The new agreement reportedly was reached Thursday in Chicago, with the Teamsters general vice president, Frank Fitzsimmons, Hoffa's handpicked successor, reportedly taking part.

Hoffa still holds the title of president, but Fitzsimmons is occupying his office.

"Fitzsimmons feels the office of the general president can't deal with all problems," one high-placed Teamster source said.

The agreement is said to include the threat of disciplinary action against any member who tries to "short-circuit" the chain of command.

### Sunny and Warmer Forecast for Sunday

Scattered brief showers forecast for today will end tonight, leaving skies partly cloudy.

Temperatures will gradually warm up over the weekend.

The U.S. Weather Bureau prediction for the Pontiac area looks like this:

TODAY — Variable cloudiness and mild with a chance of scattered brief showers. High 52 to 58. Partly cloudy and cool tonight, the low 38 to 44.

SUNDAY — Mostly sunny and warmer.

MONDAY — Mostly sunny and a little warmer.



Bobby Besieged For Autographs

## Record Dem Crowd Hears RFK Speech

By JIM LONG

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy told an audience of more than 3,000 in Detroit last night that the Democratic party must begin to shape a fresh set of goals and

programs or it will be "discarded as an instrument of national leadership."

The warning of the junior senator from New York was met with little response, however, from the largest crowd ever to attend the party's fund raising Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner held at Cobo Hall.

Generally, the reaction from a number of persons who paid \$30 a plate was, at best, polite.

The biggest ovation came when Kennedy introduced his prepared remarks by preceding and endorsing for the legislature James Hoffa Jr., the son of the Teamster president now serving a prison sentence for jury tampering.

The senior Hoffa's trouble with the government began when Kennedy was a member of the McClellan committee and later continued when Kennedy was U.S. attorney general.

### LOOK FOR ANSWERS

Kennedy, who was introduced by Sen. Philip A. Hart of Michigan, said that, in his travels, he finds people are "groping for answers to problems they barely understand; searching for a purpose in the midst of baffling change, confusion and danger."

"We are losing the young to extreme movements or public indifference — for their fears and expectations have no answers in the politics of the past."

The older generation, said Kennedy, are turning away toward conservative movements because they lack confidence in their ability to protect the future and are "hoping at last to protect what they already have."

As countermeasure, Kennedy said, the party must find ways to liberate and enhance the importance of individual lives and action, "to protect ourselves against the giant organizations — sprawling government bureaucracies, huge impersonal corporations, and universities as big as cities — which threaten to overwhelm and obliterate the importance and value of individual man."

### SLAP AT JOHNSON

At one point, Kennedy took a slap at President Johnson's Great Society.

"Our greatest failure toward those who have been denied American justice is not simply that our poverty programs are pitifully and shamefully inadequate; our greatest failures have been our refusal to recognize their rights as individuals."

"We have given welfare handouts to mothers and children — but we have refused to create jobs for husbands and fathers, and thus have forced families to break up in order to receive the bounty."

Public housing units have been built by the thousands, Kennedy continued, but nothing has been done to help poor people own their own homes "free of bureaucratic management, and control over their localities."

## Decision Date Draws Near on Sports Complex at Fair

By DICK SAUNDERS

How about a domed stadium right across the street from Oakland County? And an indoor racetrack to boot?

There's been a lot of behind-the-scenes activity along these lines for two years. It's been a period of idea-hatching and careful study.

The time for action is near.

One of the major figures behind plans for a recreation complex on the Michigan State Fairgrounds just across the Wayne-Oakland county line on Woodward Avenue is Alfred Glancy Jr.

He feels that 1967 is the year of decision.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Glancy, a real estate developer and financier with offices in Detroit, is chairman of the Michigan State Fairgrounds stadium committee, one of several groups studying the feasibility of a new stadium for the Detroit area.

Another supporter of a sports complex at the fairgrounds is Democratic Rep. Arthur J. Law of Pontiac, who has worked with several legislative committees studying the matter for the past two years.

Both men agree that more than a new stadium is involved.

They envision a sports-recreation complex developed to draw year-round attendance to a vast array of activities ranging from a showplace for antique and new-model automobiles to major sports events.

While both have been working on the over-all concept of a recreation complex for several years, each has narrowed his sights to a pet project.

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TRENCH MOUTH? — A police dog rips away at a coat worn by a youth during a riot in downtown Boston early today during the showing of a James Bond movie. Over 20 were arrested, and 75 police were called out to quell rioters.

Movie promoters had offered free admission to all who showed up in James Bond-style trench coats. (See story, page A-2.)

# Marine Toll Heavy in Chain of Battles for Key S. Viet Hills

KHE SANH, Vietnam (AP) — U.S. Marines, their fatigues soaked with sweat, gazed wearily at the shell-torn hilltop they won Friday after 12 days of savage fighting.

Of the 1,400 Marines engaged in the chain of battles for three hills, 100 had been slain and 745 had been wounded. The Leathernecks had killed at least 577 North Vietnamese regulars. That many had been confirmed. Marine officers estimated 610 others may have died.

## N. Viets Down 3 Yank Planes

SAIGON (AP) — Three U.S. Air Force F105 Thunderchiefs were shot down by Communist ground fire Friday during raids close to Hanoi, U.S. headquarters announced today.

All the flyers were listed as missing.

Radio Hanoi claimed that eight U.S. planes were shot down in the Friday raids. It said three of the pilots were produced at a news conference.

Hanoi identified them as Cmdr. James Lindbergh Hughes, 40, of Iowa; Lt. (j.g.) James Richard Shively, 25, of Texas and Cmdr. Gordon Albert Lersol, 40, of Minnesota.

**THAI BASES**

The three men, Hanoi declared, had taken off from Thai land bases, Hughes and Lersol from Korat and Shively from Takli.

The agency gave no details of how the planes were shot down or what condition the pilots were in when captured. It said the captured pilots were seen by numerous foreign and Vietnamese newsmen.

The Hanoi broadcast gave the commander and lieutenant junior grade rankings, which would mean two of the captured pilots are Navy flyers. However, the Communist report also said the planes took off from Thailand, where only Air Force pilots are based.

## \$250 Is Stolen at Scrap Yard

More than \$250 was stolen from a cash register in an office at the Sam Allen Scrap Yard, 22 Congress, it was reported yesterday.

Stewart Allen, 37, told Pontiac police a man entered his office under the pretense of meeting a friend, then apparently took the money when left alone in the room and fled.

## The Weather

**Full U.S. Weather Bureau Report**

PONTIAC AND VICINITY: Variable cloudiness and mild today with a chance of scattered brief showers. High 52 to 54. Partly cloudy and cool tonight. Low 38 to 44. Sunday: mostly sunny and warmer. Variable winds veer to 14 miles today, becoming light and variable tonight. Outlook for Monday: Mostly sunny and a little warmer.

| Today in Pontiac                         |               |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Lowest temperature preceding 8 a.m.      | 42            |
| At 8 a.m.: Wind Velocity 7 m.p.h.        | 42            |
| Direction: Variable                      |               |
| Sun sets Saturday at 7:38 p.m.           |               |
| Moon rises Sunday at 5:22 a.m.           |               |
| Moon sets Saturday at 4:30 a.m.          |               |
| Moon rises Sunday at 4:30 a.m.           |               |
| Downtown Temperatures                    |               |
| 6 a.m.                                   | 38            |
| 8 a.m.                                   | 41            |
| 10 a.m.                                  | 44            |
| 12 m.                                    | 52            |
| 2 p.m.                                   | 54            |
| 4 p.m.                                   | 52            |
| 6 p.m.                                   | 44            |
| 8 p.m.                                   | 41            |
| 10 p.m.                                  | 38            |
| Friday in Pontiac<br>(as recorded below) |               |
| Highest temperature                      | 52            |
| Lowest temperature                       | 37            |
| Mean temperature                         | 44            |
| Weather:                                 | Partly cloudy |



**NATIONAL WEATHER** — Showers and thunderstorms are forecast tonight in a large portion of the southeastern section of the country. Showers also are expected from Washington through Montana with snow flurries due in the mountain areas. It will be cooler along the southern tier of states from California into western Texas.



**VILLAGE LUNCHEON** — Oakland County Probate Court Judge Norman R. Barnard, featured speaker at a luncheon yesterday honoring supporters of Children's Village, and Mrs. Barnard (center) greet Mrs. Gene Schelz of the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Ladies Guild, Walled Lake. Nearly 100 persons attended the luncheon at the village.

## Laymen Head \$2,650 Outlay Ok'd for Airport Lighting

Expenditure of \$2,650 in county funds for installation of strobe lights at Oakland-Pontiac airport was authorized yesterday by the ways and means committee of the County Board of Supervisors.

Two of the flashing lights will be installed at each end of the east-west runway and the other eight lights will form an arrow at the west approach of the runway.

J. David VanderVeen, airport manager, told members of the

ways and means committee the strobe lights would upgrade the safety factor which will be further improved by installation of a partial instrument landing system within 18 months.

**LOSS PREDICTED**

Daniel T. Murphy, chairman of the County Board of Auditors, told the committee the airport which the county bought from Pontiac last Jan. 1 is expected to operate at a loss this year and maybe next.

He was optimistic, however, that the long period of deficit operation while under city ownership would soon end. "It will be in the black," Murphy said.

## Utica Burglar, Owner of Bar Trade Gunfire

The owner of a Utica bar and an intruder exchanged gunfire last night after the latter had attempted to break into a safe in the basement of the downtown establishment.

Neither man was injured in the incident which took place at 8:30 below the jam-packed Shamrock Bar, 7715 Auburn. The burglar escaped.

**Robert White, owner of the business, told Utica police he had gone downstairs to get some liquor when he spotted the burglar trying to pry open the safe.**

White said he pulled a revolver on the hoodlum and told him to stand against a wall.

But, as White turned his head to telephone the police, the man drew a gun. Both men fired, and missed. The burglar fled, and White took another shot at him.

The car went out of control in soft dirt and apparently rolled over, stopping on its side, deputies said.

Judith Ann reportedly told Oakland County sheriff's deputies she was traveling south when she passed a truck and went off the right side of the road after returning to her lane.

The township would have 28 lights installed on the west side of Telegraph, between Voorheis and the traffic light at the entrance of Pontiac Mall. The annual service charge to the township would be \$2,208.

**CITY LIGHTS**

The city would have lights installed on the east side of Telegraph from Orchard Lake Road to the traffic light at the 24th north entrance and on the west side of Telegraph from Voorheis to Orchard Lake.

## Agreement on Land-Fill Waterford Board Topic

The Waterford Township Board Monday night will consider entering into an agreement with Pontiac which would enable township residents to use the city's sanitary land-fill site on West Kennett.

Following a request by Township Supervisor Elmer R. Johnson, the City Commission passed a resolution to initiate a contract with the township late last month.

Under terms of the agreement, township residents would be allowed to use the land-fill on a fee basis.

In other business, the board will consider a cooperative street-lighting project on Telegraph with the city of Pontiac.

## News Briefs at a Glance

**DETROIT (AP)** — Black nationalists plan to hold a national conference in Detroit June 29 to July 2.

But Detroit black nationalist leaders disclaim any knowledge of the posters that recently appeared in the area, urging Negroes to join the "Black Guard."

### Pollution Hearings Set

**OTTAWA (AP)** — The International Joint Commission has scheduled public hearings on air pollution in the Detroit-Windsor and Sarnia-Port Huron areas. They will open June 20 in the Hency McMorran Memorial area at Port Huron, Mich., and June 21 in the Cleary Auditorium at Windsor.

### Nothing Is Sacred

**MURPHY, N.C.** (AP) — While this town's lone police car was disabled and parked along-side a building awaiting repair, thieves removed the siren and revolving dome light.

### Man Fatally Shot on Job

**KALAMAZOO (P)** — A Kalamazoo man was fatally shot at the place where he worked yesterday, when he pulled a gun on a detective who tried to serve a warrant on him.

Detective Capt. Riley Stewart said James Terpstra, 31, drew the gun when Detective Edward McKenna told him he was under arrest for check forgery. Terpstra was married and had four children. The shooting was ruled justifiable homicide.

### Parents OK Paddling

**MOORPARK, Calif.** (AP) — Teachers at Moorpark elementary schools were given permission to paddle pupils after a poll of 500 families showed that most of them favored it as a last resort. Teachers may choose the weapon to be used.

### Probe Honesty Urged

**DETROIT (AP)** — A 20-member citizens committee has been told to be "honest and forthright" in its investigation of the Wayne County Child Development Center. "My only interest is to have the center made into the best facility of its kind in the state," said Mel Ravitz, chairman of the board of supervisors, as he issued the order.

### Faces Indecency Charge

**CHARLEVOIX (AP)** — Virginia Yell, 20, of Petoskey will hold yesterday on a charge of gross indecency in a warrant signed by her father, Abe. The charge grew out of a shooting incident in which she was wounded at a Charlevoix motel last Feb. 27. Connie Louise Nichols, a friend of Miss Yell's, was killed in the motel shooting by a rejected suitor, Mr. Nichols. The motel owner, Frank Smith, since has been charged with gross indecency and pandering.

### Man Dies in Trailer Fire

**SOUTHFIELD (AP)** — Herbert Southard, 49, died in a fire in his trailer home yesterday in Southfield's Valley Gardens Trailer Court. Southard lived alone. Firemen said he apparently was asleep when the fire broke out.

### 2 Golden Anniversaries

**DETROIT (AP)** — In a double ceremony 50 years ago, brothers Francis and William Seythre married sisters Cecilia and Antoinette Bretz in Detroit's St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Tomorrow, the two couples celebrate a double golden anniversary at the same church.

### Teens Protest at Paper

**BOYNE CITY (AP)** — The Boyne City Citizen was the object of a demonstration yesterday by teen-agers who objected to a headline in the weekly newspaper. It read: "Boyne City Teens Hooked on Glue." The teen-agers claimed only an isolated case was involved and that the newspaper created a bad image of them generally. Probate Judge John Maycul of Charlevoix County, however, said glue sniffing was a serious problem and that he knew of a number of such cases.

## Birmingham Area News

## Search for Postmaster Is On in Bloomfield Hills

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** — A search here for a new postmaster is under way by the U.S. government.

Applications are being accepted until May 23 by the Civil Service Commission for a man to replace Herbert Dwyer who left the post for another job last year.

## 10,000 Youths Riot in Boston

**BOSTON (AP)** — An estimated 10,000 college-age youths responding to a movie theater promotion rioted for almost three hours early today in the congested honky-tonk district downtown.

Police Capt. Joseph Hanley, who made the crowd estimate, said the melee was "out of control for a while" until a hastily assembled group of more than 75 policemen could disperse the rioters.

More than 20 persons were arrested.

At least five persons were taken to hospitals. Three were treated for cuts and two for dog bites. Police said two dogs from the Canine Corps were at the scene, but it was not known whether those bitten were injured by these or by other dogs seen in the area.

**ADMISSION OFFER**

The riot followed an offer of the Savoy Theater to admit free anyone clad in a James Bond-type trench coat to a special preview showing of "Casino Royale."

The showing was scheduled for 4 a.m., but the crowd "came so huge," said house manager John P. Sullivan, that the doors were opened at 1:30 a.m.

Sullivan said the theater was filled to its 2,856 capacity by 1:45 a.m. and the showing of the hour and 15-minute film began.

A second passenger, Dennis Shukie, 17, of 8821 Hendly, Sterling Township, was treated at the hospital and released.

Wood was arrested for reckless driving and was issued a summons on a charge of minor in possession of a car.

## Area Man Is Killed Fighting in Vietnam

A 21-year-old Macomb County man was killed in action Wednesday in Vietnam the Defense Department reported today.

The victim was Marine Lance Cpl. David B. Koenig, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Koenig of 69100 Powell, Armada Township.

A 1964 graduate of St. Augustine High School in Richmond, Koenig joined the Marines in April 1965 and had been in Vietnam since last November.

He was one of four Michigan servicemen listed as killed in recent actions in Vietnam.

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# Time for Action Near on Sports Complex

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Glancy is working primarily on a new domed stadium designed for general sports.

Law, of 27 Miami, has confined much of his interest to a second stadium which would be designed specifically for indoor harness and thoroughbred horse racing.

One of the biggest problems is cost.

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"We estimate it will cost between \$30 and \$40 million to build a stadium such as the one we're proposing," said Glancy. "That doesn't include parking facilities."

## 10,000 SPACES

"To provide parking for 20,000 cars as we propose, would cost another \$26 to \$30 million," he noted.

Glancy's proposal calls for 10,000 parking spaces on a deck which forms a collar around his stadium, and another 10,000 in surface lots around the stadium.

"As we see it now, financing construction would have to come through issuance of revenue-type bonds. In other words, the bond issue would have to stand on its own two feet."

## NO POSSIBILITY

"We couldn't expect it to be paid through any general obligation tax levied at the state, county or city level."

While Glancy sees no possibility of financing through additional taxes, he is realistic. He doesn't claim his stadium alone will create enough revenue to pay off the bonds.

"It will obviously take a form of subsidy," he commented. "We're working closely on this with state legislators."

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That's where Law's proposal for a horse racing stadium comes into the picture.

## ENOUGH REVENUE

Although there is a gap between their respective cost estimates, Law feels a racing facility would be able to produce enough revenue to cover the cost of his and Glancy's proposed structures.

"If a sports stadium could pay for itself, we wouldn't have to think about anything else," said Law. "But it's just not feasible to expect a sports stadium would pay for itself."

"So our job is one of trying to raise monies for a recreational complex from other sources to supplement revenues generated by the stadium facility."

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Law, who has previously proposed greyhound racing as a means to raise money to build a recreation complex, now feels horse racing is the best answer.

## CURRENT LIMITATIONS

The thoroughbred and harness racing seasons in Michigan are currently limited, primarily to good-weather months.

Law proposes that the state construct an indoor track at the fairgrounds for both thoroughbred and harness racing, and then lift limits on the racing season to allow indoor racing at the new building.

Prior to this move, the ban on both horse racing and sale of alcoholic beverages at the fairgrounds would have to be eliminated, Law said.

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He has introduced two House bills this year to do this. Both are still in committee.

## LAW'S PLAN

Under Law's plan, racing at the new indoor

track would commence when the season ends at the other area racetracks.

He figures this would give the indoor facility a potential of 142 days thoroughbred racing and 71 days for harness racing.

He states his fiscal case thusly:

"In 1965 the average daily revenue to the state from thoroughbred racing at Hazel Park Race Track was \$80,354. At 142 days this would total \$11,410,268."

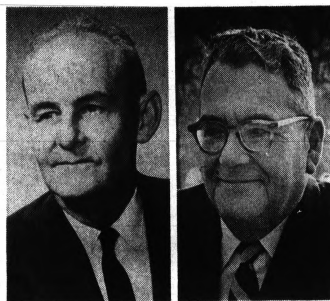
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"The same year, Wolverine Harness Raceway produced an average income of \$21,484 per day to the state. At 71 days this would amount to \$1,525,364," Law said.

## SEEMS FEASIBLE

"Therefore, based on the actual revenue from other tracks, it would seem feasible to estimate that indoor thoroughbred and harness racing at the fairgrounds could clear at least \$9 to \$10 million annually for bond payments."

Law figures that an \$80-million bond issue to cover construction of his indoor track



ARTHUR J. LAW

ALFRED GLANCY

and Glancy's stadium would require slightly over \$5 million annually to retire the bonds.

"As you can see," he said, "the estimated revenue produced by indoor racing would easily cover the bond requirements with plenty to spare."

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It might take more than \$80 million if both Law's and Glancy's current cost estimates hold up. Law estimates his indoor track would cost \$40 to \$45 million.

## \$110 MILLION

Added to Glancy's cost figures, this would probably require a long-term bond issue in the neighborhood of \$110 million.

If Law's estimates for revenue prove accurate, it is conceivable that the indoor racing would still produce enough to cover such a bond issue.

"After all, Law added, "my revenue estimates don't include any lease revenues which would be received from use of Mr. Glancy's stadium."

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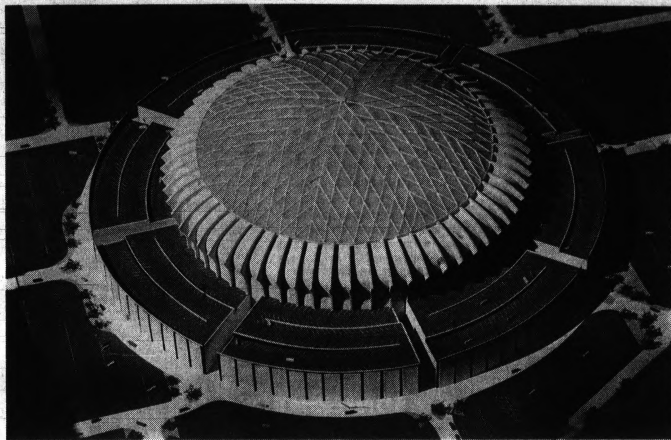
There are several loopholes in the financing.

## SIMILAR FACILITIES

First, would other tracks in the area be content to keep operating a limited season, thus assuring business at the new indoor track?

Or, if the limits were lifted, would other outdoor tracks expand, build similar indoor racing facilities and become stiff competition for indoor racing at the fairgrounds?

"This is a possibility," Law said. "We know



Model Of Proposed Domed Stadium With Deck Parking

there's a market for winter racing. Look at the success of the new Windsor Raceway last winter."

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"We estimate 75 to 90 per cent of the money wagered in Windsor was from Michigan residents. One of our biggest problems will be getting co-operation of the other tracks."

## CONTROVERSIAL MATTER

Then there's the fact that betting on horses is a controversial matter, not to mention the sale of alcoholic beverages at the fairgrounds.

Would Law's proposal be too hot to handle politically?

Would it get Gov. Romney's signature even if it did pass the House and Senate?

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"It's controversial, yes, but necessary," Law said. "Gov. Romney should not let personal convictions stand in the way of recreational development for the state."

## 'MUST BE REALISTIC'

"We must be realistic. This would be a great asset to Detroit and the entire state and an indoor race track will make the money to do the job without taking a penny from the taxpayers' pockets."

Behlen Manufacturing Co. of Columbus, Neb., has given Law plans and drawings for an arena-type stadium.

It would cost an estimated \$32.7 million to build and another \$10 to \$13 million to equip for horse racing, according to Law.

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The 128-by-1,640-foot structure would enclose a 5/8-mile track, with a 1/2-mile track built inside the larger track.

## PRELIMINARY PLANS

Preliminary plans provide parking for at least 28,000 cars on ground level lots around the indoor track.

Glancy, on the other hand, is against excessive ground-level parking for his domed stadium.

"Parking is a major problem," Glancy noted. "We're proposing 10,000 spaces on a deck around the stadium and 10,000 on the flat."

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"In Houston they put 21,000 on the flat and found some people wouldn't walk from peripheral parking spaces."

## WALKING DISTANCE

"Therefore, especially in our climate, we feel it is important to limit the walking distance from car to stadium."

Glancy is sold on the 160-acre fairgrounds as the best site for any sport and recreation complex.

"There are very few cities with a tract of that sort inside the city limits. Its primary function is to house the state fair once a year."

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"It's a crime it's sitting there largely unused the rest of the year. Our whole effort is toward seeing development to put it on a year-round basis."

## 'RIGHT PLACE'

Glancy describes 80 undeveloped acres of the fairgrounds as "a poor parking area at best ... begging for development."

"I sincerely feel the fairgrounds is the place for a new stadium development," he said. "One advantage is that it's free."

"By that, I mean, there would be no land acquisition cost because it's already state-owned land."

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"Another plus factor is its location. It's a central place for southeastern Michigan."

## EASILY ACCESSIBLE

Glancy also pointed to the fairgrounds as easily

accessible via freeways, Woodward Avenue and Grand Trunk Western Railroad.

What would Glancy's stadium be designed to accommodate?

"Pro football can't get enough people on the sidelines," said Glancy. "Baseball people, on the other hand, say they can't use a stadium much over 50,000 seats."

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"They want the maximum number of people between third and home and first and home."

## ROUGH IDEA

"Our rough proposal is for 63,000 seats for baseball, expanded to 67,000 for football. By putting seats on the field we could expand to about 88,000 for other types of entertainment."

Glancy feels a domed stadium is more feasible than an open stadium.

"If you were building any modern structure nowadays, unless it is air-conditioned and protected with the elements you're starting with an obsolete structure."

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"In this climate there's no question you've got to consider a domed stadium. A dome also means we could afford to install really comfortable theater-style seats."

## NOT THE ANSWER

However, he doesn't think a retractable dome is a good idea because even with it open, you don't have the equivalent of an open stadium and every-time the dome is retracted, it creates serious problems with the air-conditioning and heating.

"Controlling the air is where the costs are. Even with a domed stadium, controlling this huge expanse of air from a humidity standpoint is a big job."

Glancy said the stadium would be designed to handle the Olympic games, should Detroit ever land an Olympic bid.

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Does he feel there is a need for such a stadium in the Detroit area?

## NO NEGATIVE VOTES

"Definitely. Other big cities have built them and succeeded," he noted. "There's not a major urban area in the U.S. I know of that hasn't built a new, modern sports and recreation facility in recent years."

What about the people. Do they want a new stadium?

"We've made our presentation to many groups ranging from the Olympics to state legislative committees. We have yet to receive a negative vote," he said.

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Glancy said his group had no firm commitments from any prospective users of a stadium facility, such as the Lions and Tigers, but that his group has had "friendly discussions with several interested groups."

## HOW LONG?

How long would it take to build such a stadium if you started today?

"We're probably talking about 24 to 30 months," he replied. "It would require about 12 months to develop plans, drawings, etc., and another six months to prepare for bids. Then, it would take approximately a year to build the stadium."

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All the talking and planning is fine, but will it ever result in action?

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"I don't know," Glancy said whimsically. "You tell me. How do you get everyone off center? That's my biggest problem right now. How do you get them to move?"



Drawing Of Indoor Track Facility Proposed By Rep. Arthur J. Law