

## Atigan, Mason attack opponent's campaign

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The Democratic and Consumer Party candidates for the 23rd Congressional District seat accused Republican incumbent William F. Clinger of running a campaign which has not focused on issues at a joint press conference yesterday.

Consumer Party candidate Douglas Mason said Clinger's performance has been strong on style, but short on substance. Democratic candidate Peter Atigan agreed with Mason's estimation of Clinger's record.

In defense of his record, Clinger said: "I see this as a last effort to spear me in the last day of campaigning. This is a bad time to spring all of this on the public. We had five debates and these issues were not raised in any of the debates."

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Mason said Clinger's stands on the issues "can be somewhat contradictory and confusing."

As an example, he cited Clinger's position on the ERA. Mason said while Clinger has supported ERA, the congressman opposed the extension of the ratification deadline because of its "possible economic deterrent effect."

Clinger, who was not at the press conference, said he was always a supporter of ERA and the deadline extension. Clinger said one theory is that women in

the marketplace can be an economic factor, but he said he did not agree with the theory.

Atigan said he thought Clinger was "playing footsie with the big oil and gas companies" because Clinger received campaign contributions from Amoco and Republic Steel, two of the "filthy-five PACs (political action committees)."

Environmental Action has named five corporations the "filthy five" because their histories of pollution violations and high levels of campaign spending.

"I received like \$700 from the 'filthy five,'" Clinger said. "That's less than one percent of my total contributions — it's like one-half percent. The oil companies would have liked me to vote against the windfall profits tax, but I didn't. I'm not aware that I've gotten much support at all from them in the elections."

Although Clinger says he voted in favor of the windfall profits tax, Mason says Clinger voted present on the three key votes concerning the tax. Mason said Clinger claimed to have had conflicts of interest that have been divested.

"But Clinger had the time from December of 1977, when he announced his candidacy, to 1979 when the vote was taken to divest himself of those interests," Mason said. "His failure to do so is a black mark in his ability to represent the people of the 23rd district."

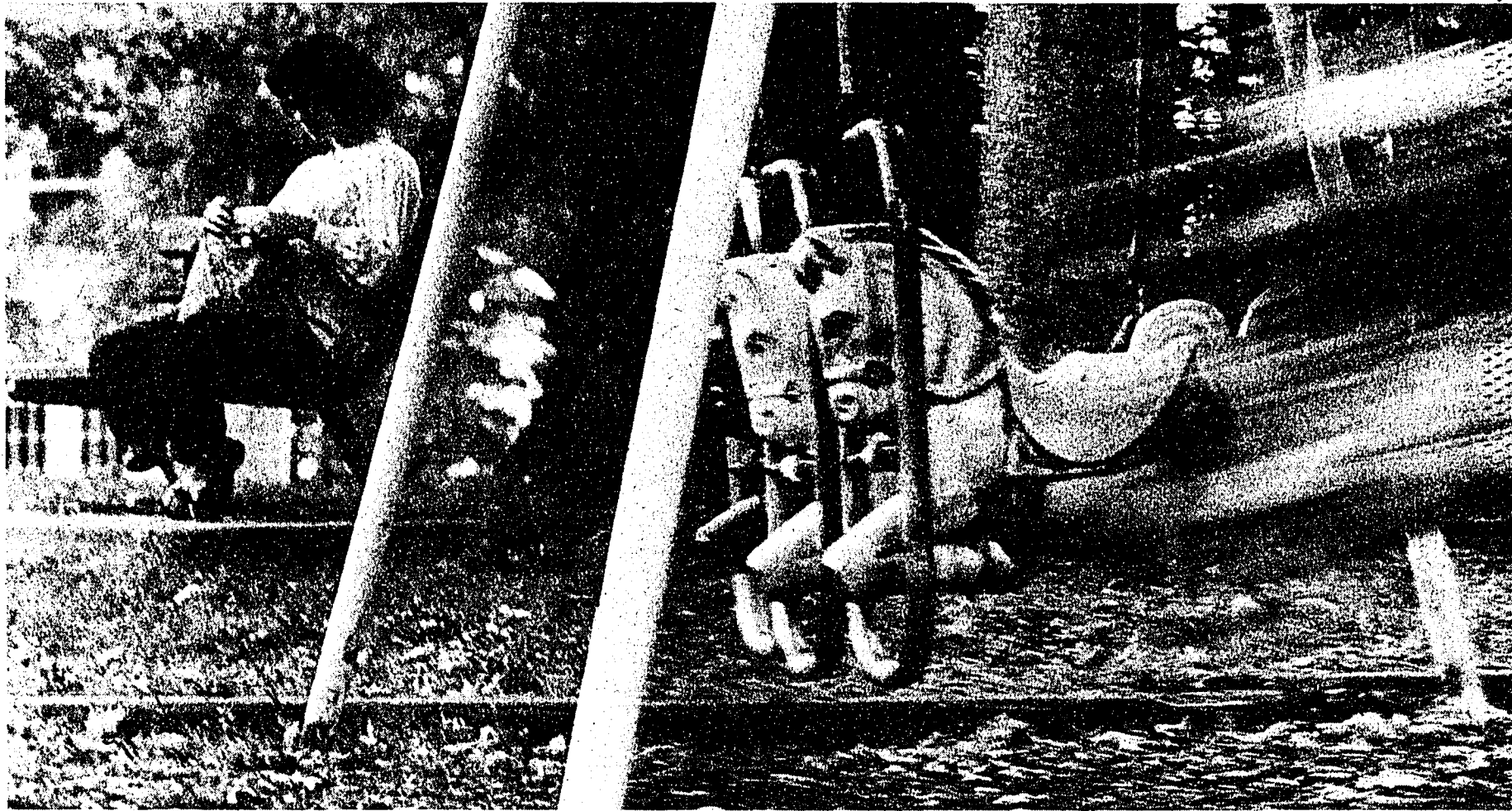
Clinger said he got rid of his interests "as fast as legally possible."

"When the original votes on passage of the bill out of the House were taken," he said, "I could not vote either way because I was in the process of getting rid of my interests. On the final bill though, I voted in favor of the tax."

Atigan said Clinger is avoiding the environmental issue because of mineral rights that the Congressman owned but has since signed over to his family.

Clinger said, "I just deny that. I am representing what I believe is the majority stand on this issue. I am not voting in any personal interest, because I don't have any."

Atigan said that he and Mason waited until now to make their accusations because they "figured sooner or later the media would find the facts, but they haven't, so we decided to let the people know the truth."



*They're off*

No, it's not jockeys Willie Shoemaker or Eddie Arcaro. But it is a child enjoying the day on the swings at Holmes-Foster Park while his mother looks elsewhere.

Photo by Stel Variss

## IFC makes no endorsement for 77th District seat

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The Interfraternity Council made no endorsement last night for the 77th District state legislative seat, although Michael G. Day, independent candidate for the seat, addressed the council.

Day, who asked to attend, spoke briefly on the major issues of the campaign.

He criticized the incumbent, Gregg L. Cunningham, R-Centre County, for his stands on abortion and women's rights, and his record in the Legislature.

Day, who has been endorsed by the State College Borough Democratic Committee, said that Robert C. Brazill, the Democratic candidate, is ineligible and

that he (Day) is the only legitimate Democratic choice for the seat.

Marty Baker, IFC president, said the council does not regularly endorse candidates for office; however, he personally supports Day.

"He had the interest to contact us and speak to a major student organization about the issues," Baker said.

In other business, Baker criticized some member houses for not complying with the regulation passed two weeks ago requiring fraternities to clean up the areas surrounding them.

Many houses have been fined with noise violations and have been at odds with their neighbors, Baker said. This regulation is an effort to reach a com-

promise with the community, he said.

The council will continue to call warnings to the houses which are not participating, he said. IFC also discussed plans for Greek Week, which will be held the last week in April, and for the dance marathon, which will be the focal point of the week.

"The overall goal is to raise as much money as we possibly can and also to raise the aura of the dance marathon," said Dave Dixon, administrative vice president. "It's the largest of its sort in the country."

The University Concert Committee said that because of the lack of top-rate acts and the amount of money being asked for the available acts, there will probably be no concerts during December. The regular program of concerts will resume in January.

## Soviets phasing out party premier Kosygin

MOSCOW (UPI) — Workmen preparing for this week's Revolution Day Parade set up only 14 stanchions yesterday for pictures of Politburo members, a further indication that former Premier Alexei Kosygin has been dropped from that body.

The ailing Kosygin, 76, resigned late last month as premier, head of Soviet government, and in a letter to the Supreme Soviet also asked to be relieved of his seat on the Politburo, the ruling circle of the Communist body.

However, his Politburo resignation

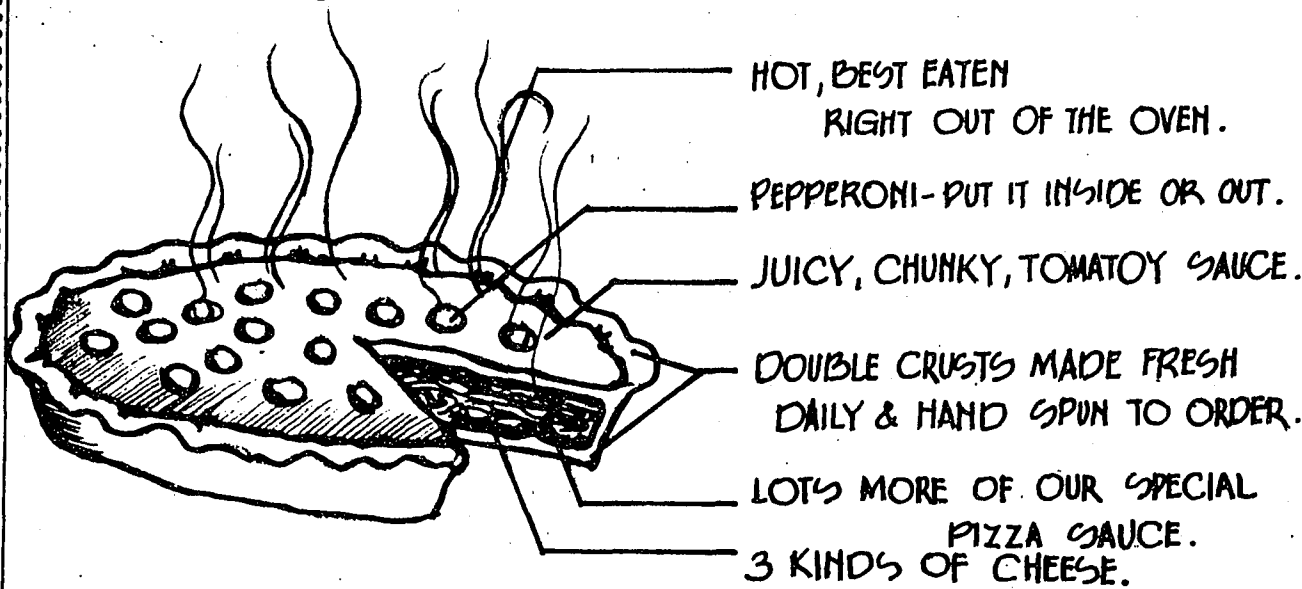
was never publicly accepted, and Kremlinologists have been puzzling over Kosygin's exact status since then.

"Technically he's still on the Politburo," said one source. "Of course, the Central Committee (of the Communist Party) could always have met in secret

session to remove him from the Politburo, but that would be unusual."

The fact that only 14 stanchions were being put up for the parade was the strongest evidence to date that Kosygin's political career has come to a complete end.

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