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Michigan Democrats Lose Chairman in Row

LANSING, Mich. (UPI)—The Michigan Democratic party today sought a new state chairman who will be more in tune with Johnson administration policies.

Zolton Ferency, who ran against Gov. George Romney last year and lost, resigned yesterday as state chairman because, he said, he struck a "sour note" in Michigan Democratic politics by calling for an alternative to President Johnson and his domestic and foreign policies.

"In recent days and weeks, it has been made graphically and irrevocably clear to me . . . that Democratic leaders in our state are committed to the renomination and re-election of Lyndon Baines Johnson as President of the United States," he said.

No Desire to Continue

"I have no consuming desire to continue sounding the one sour note in an otherwise well-rehearsed political symphony."

Ferency, 45, said he would leave his \$22,500 post officially Jan. 15 unless the State Central Committee names a successor earlier.

Ferency apparently resigned rather than submit a new call by John Bailey, national Democratic chairman, to quiet dissent within the party ranks against Johnson.

Ferency said he would contin-

ue to support Sen. Eugene McCarthy, D-Minn., as an alternative to Johnson. "I think he would be a worthy challenger for the presidency."

Wallace Efforts Continue

In Atlanta, meanwhile, former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace said efforts to get his name on the presidential ballot in most states will continue although he will not decide until early next year if he will run as a third-party candidate.

(However, Wallace hinted strongly that he will run, the Associated Press reported. Wallace said that in a few months, it would be too late to get his name on the ballot if he decides to run.

(A conservative platform by the Republicans would satisfy him, he said, if "they say they're going to turn back to the states control of democratic institutions" such as schools.)

