

POLITICAL CIRCUIT

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M'Carthy clan fighting hard

The new politics engendered by the presidential quest of Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy last year is having a lasting and viable effect in Massachusetts.

Whether McCarthy makes another go for the White House in 1972 or not, the people he drew into politics here have evidently been gripped by an insatiable thirst for the heady business.

In generous number, the McCarthyites are striking off on their own in the upcoming city elections, either as candidates or in the vineyards of workers for municipal office seekers.

Also, they are deeply involved in the campaign of State Rep. Michael J. Harrington, the Democratic liberal locked in a tight duel with State Sen. William L. Saltonstall in the Sept. 30 special election for the North Shore's 6th Congressional seat. This was a natural. Harrington was with McCarthy from the start of the presidential campaign. McCarthy returned the support with his endorsement of Harrington and, along with it, went the McCarthy legions.

But it is at the local level that the McCarthy forces are showing intense political fervor that is surprising the pros who had viewed the Minnesotan's attraction a passing fad.

Organized into the Citizens for Participation Politics, the McCarthyites are engaged in municipal contests across the state for mayor, councilor, alderman and school committee.

Universally, their rallying point continues to be the war in Vietnam and the restructuring of the nation's priorities to the socio-economic problems at home.

In Boston, Councilor Thomas I. Atkins, is the indorsed choice of the CCP in his bid for a second term. But McCarthy people are also working for former City Councilor Christopher Iannella, and for school committee candidates Ulysses Shelton and Mrs. Jean Scheinfeldt.

Likewise in other cities, there's a candidate or two favored by the energetic "new politics" brigade of Gene McCarthy. By cities, here's a sample across the state:

—**Newton**, Rep. Irving Fishman, among the first elected officials in Massachusetts to indorse McCarthy last year and in the hierarchy of the senator's organization here, running for mayor.

—**Quincy**, John Gillis, a CPP coordinator and cabinetmaker, for ward councilor.

—**Fall River**, Rev. James Hornsby, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, for school committee.

—**Cambridge**, Mrs. Barbara Ackermann, a member of the CPP state committee, Massachusetts issues coordinator for the McCarthy campaign, and former school committee member, running now for the city council.

—**Lynn**, school teacher Janice Sloan, former member of the Massachusetts McCarthy staff, for school committee.

—**Worcester**, Richard Campbell, member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Council of Churches and the first black candidate for city office in more than a decade, for city council.

—**Brockton**, Atty. Melvin Lewison, a planning board member, for mayor.

—**Somerville**, Rev. Lester Ralph, a Northeastern University professor, for mayor, and Salvatore Albano, for school committee.

—**Lowell**, Paul E. Tsongas, nominated last week for the city council.

In addition to spurring these favored McCarthy-styled local candidates, the political force energized here by the senator is planning a full scale involvement in the 1970 state election.

The CPP is already organizing this effort, seemingly with more enthusiasm than are the Democratic and Republican regulars. The "new politics" outfit will hold its own state convention next Spring ahead of the chartered parties and intends to be vocal through the state campaign.

Call it political insurgency or whatever, the McCarthy force means to stay alive, and any political fight, for high office or local, is enough to make it move.