Mitchell scores McCarran Act

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D.-7th, Md.) spoke Thursday before the House Judiciary Committee on the repeal of the Emergency Detention Act (McCarran Act), the law which established detention camps for Japanese-Americans during World War II.

The text of Mr. Mitchell's remarks follows:

"The McCarran Act has been the law of the land for 25 years now. That is a fact of which the members of the assembled Congress ought to be ashamed. Perhaps no other legislation in all our American history has been so basically violative of American concepts of civil liberties.

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"There is the obvious analogy to the German emergency detention centers. Many of us here today are old enough to recall American concentration camps of World War II, where Japanese-Americans were incarcerated. As a black man, I cannot overlook the racist nature of that crime. The Japanese, unlike the Germans and the Italians, were different in physiology and therefore dangerous.

"Just three years ago, Sen. Eastland introduced the Internal Security Act of 1968. Thomas I. Emerson, of the Yale Law School faculty, described it as the 'legal foundation for a police state.'

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"Just three years ago, Edwin Williams, chairman of the defunct House Un-American Activities Committee, proposed indentification cards for ghetto dwellers to provide for the 'control and organization of the inhabitants.'

"When men of such position seriously propose such totalitarian measures I must sit up and take notice. It is obvious that there are men of power in this country who regard the concentration camp as a legitimate method of dealing with contrary political opinion, especially when the political opinion is held by a person or persons of a different race.

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It is important that we never regard concentration camps as a legitimate means of dealing with political diversity.

"Twenty years have given us the historical distance to understand the forces which resulted in the McCarran Act. But to understand is not to forgive.

We must reject the fears of the '50's, and destroy forever the idea of legal camps.

"I comment Cong. Matsunaga, and support him wholeheartedly in this effort."

WOMEN LEGISLATORS, Delegates Lena K. Lee (above) and Hildagardies Boswell, both of Baltimore, are flying in an all-expenses-paid trip in a few days to Hollywood to appear on the Merv Griffin nationwide TV show (scheduled to be shown Thursday March 25) regarding their Contract Marriage Bill which has attracted world attention due to a 3-year trial marriage period misinterpreted as "free love." Mrs. Lee, the attorney who drew up the bill says the trial period under strict contract strengthens marriage rather than setting it upon a "free love" live-in arrangement.

House, Senate at odds over reapportionment

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — The House of Delegates has gotten the very sticky Senate version of reapportionment of the General Assembly, and does not like what it sees.

The Senate bill would reduce the House from 142 to 120 seats, and the upper chamber from 43 to 40 senators, coming from single member districts.

The House has its own version that would result in no such reduction.

It has long been anticipated that the House and Senate would be at odds over necessary reapportionment, even more so than congressional redistricting.

Gov. Marvin Mandel said at a press conference last week he doubted that this Assembly would pass any reapportionment bill that would reduce its membership.

What the governor stopped short of saying, but implied, was not just area representation but the increased salary of $11,000 for Assembly members.

MARCH 26

The Towson State College Tutorial Project under the direction of the Black Student Union will present "To Be Young, Gifted and Black," featuring black contemporary music, Friday, March 26, at 8 p.m., at the Mt. Pisgah C.M.E. Church, Fulton and Riggs Ayes. in Baltimore. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Provident Hospital bill set to advance

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Marvin Mandel's bill to grant a $1.5 million loan to Provident Hospital appears set for smooth sailing through this General Assembly session.

Senate and House committee hearings this week produced no opposition of note.

At the Senate Finance Committee hearing Tuesday, Ronald H. Schreiber, legislative aid to the governor, said the need for the funds was "critical."

He said necessary bank loans to Provident would be assured by the pending authrozied bond issue through the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Schrieber told the committee, of which Sen. Verda F. Welcome (4th Balto.) is the lone black member, Gov. Mandel wanted the bill passed as introduced, to help tide the hospital over a money shortage.

While there were several hospital officials present, Mr. Schrieber was the only one called to testify before this committee.

Marshall seeks ordinance to identify bar employees

In the City Council this week, Councilman Robert Marshall (D-4th) introduced an ordinance which require all liquor license holders in the city to prominently display in their premises the identification of all persons selling alcoholic beverages to the public.

Mr. Marshall said, "The shooting death of a 16-year-old boy has drawn my attention to the fact that this legislation is long overdue.

"My ordinance would require that an identification card with a photograph and fingerprint of all liquor licensees and employees who handle alcoholic beverages be issued to such persons and a copy kept by the police department."

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He noted, "This would be similar to the identification cards issued to taxicab drivers and would allow the public to identify these persons. This law would give protection to both the public and those who would sell alcoholic beverages."

Marshall told the AFRO that a certain business on 'The Block' was uncooperative during recent investigations by the police into the slaying of Michael McCray several weeks ago.

DAUGHTREY

Marriage permits

ZAMBIASI-BRANDERBURG—William J., 24, technician, Glen Burnie; Carolyn Sue, 20, Glen Burnie

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REAVIS-BULLOCK — Carrel Jr., 21, 4221 Robeky; Clerk Linda E., 19, 3202 Baker

WILLIAMS-FARROLL — Barney D., 20, factory worker, 2530 W. Coldspring Lane; Shirley D., 19, 2534 W. Coldspring Lane

BODENHEIMER-LEVI — Monty M., physician, 35, 8069 Western Run; Elaine, 24, 2303 Kennak

STALKNECHT-BOWBON — Isaac, 19, 5501 Alhambra, laborer; Alzene J., 18, 1801, 5101 Longston

BUDRECKI-MARX — 22, Joseph A., factory worker, 842 S. Kenwood; Carol L., 20, 928 S. Binney

LEE-FERGUSON — Willie, 20, USAF, 225 N. Payson; Deborah E., 18, 11 Doris

SHARP-DAVENPORT — Ernest S., 26, plumber, 408 S. Pulaski; Gail M., 24, 333 S. Payson

MILLER-CARY — James W., 24, 3115 Cristenton Pl.; Clerk Mary C., 21, 3810 McDowell Lane

WHITE-COWARD — Bernard, clerk, 24, 5230 Denmore; Lucille, 23, 830 McAleer

HOLMES-TAYLOR — Abel, 35, landscaper, 3835 W. North; Frances, 28

WILLIAMS-LLOYD — Hudie E., 34, adm. spec., 6739 F. Towsbrook; Lena E., 27, 3402 Oakfield

TURNER-KRALL — Charles C., 31, factory worker, 4413 Powell; Sylvia L., 31, 1615 Lyle

KIRBY-FIGRIEL — George A., 26, teacher, Calif., Md.; Kathleen R., 25, 3311 Grenadon

ESKUT-COOPER — Frank J., student, 318 N. Ellwood, 23; Peggy L., 18, 301 N. Ellwood

HEIGHT-MULLEN — Ronald, 23, custodian, 1603 E. Hoffbrook; Carol A., 23, 605 Richwood

MARKEY-BROOKS — Robert J., 31, clerk, 2406 Marbourne Wilms E., 21, Pasadena, Md.

WILLIAMS-SMITH — 32, James E., Cook, 811 St. Paul; Shirley E., 24

GRIGUOLO-SAMBOLIN — Carlo, 41, shoermaker, 209 S. Ellwood; Clotilde M., 27, 1014 Old Eastern

RIDLEY-GRAY — Lawrence E., 32, station att'd, 1615 Sulgrave; Minnie, 23, 1535 Bayswin

PENNING-SUAREZ — Fernando E., 35, operator, Queens, N.Y.; Maria A., 30, Queens, N.Y.

CARSON-SPRIGGS — Robert E., 34, manager, York, Pa.; Glenda L., 25, York, Penna.

WEBER-URCHEY — Charles G., 34, manager, Pittsburg, Penna.; Mary C., 19, Bridgeville, Penna.

DISCON-GEASHEN — Roger D., 21, U.S. Army, Fort Holabird, Md. Patrick K., 18, 1042 Dummers

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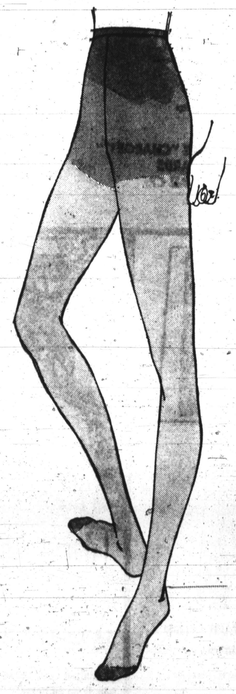

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Mitchell attacks county for inequity in housing

"George Mahoney, speaking to suburbanites, said, 'Your home is your castle.' Richard Nixon, speaking to the poor, is apparently saying 'Your home is your hovel.'"

With these strong words, Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, (D. 7th, Md.) ended a speech before the Pikesville-Randallstown Human Relations Council Wednesday night, in which he called for assurances that civil rights conditions attached to lifting of a freeze on federal housing grants in Baltimore County will be met before the freeze is lifted.

He also asked for a public guarantee by county executive Dale Anderson that the conditions will be met. He said he was dissatisfied with the "token" actions of the county government thus far in the matter.

He also stressed that the Nixon administration is in "direct conflict with the letter and the spirit of the 1968 Civil Rights Act," and that it has put pressure on the Department of Housing and Urban Development not to comply with that statute.

This, he feels, in turn allows the county government to suppose there is no reason for meeting the requirements of the law regarding fair housing.

"There is still no housing (or low income groups in the county, or plans for any," he said. "Anderson publically opposes it.

"The important thing, of course, is not what the (county) Council says but what it does or doesn't do. If it fails to enact at least the key recommendations, it will be important to see what HUD does.

"But if the council already is confident of pressure upon HUD from the Nixon administration, it is unlikely to act."

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Dr. Buffkins Chancellor at Princess Anne

The University of Maryland today (Friday) named Dr. Archie L. Buffkins of the University of Maine as chancellor of its Eastern Shore campus at Princess Anne, Md.

He will take office June 1, 1971 and is currently executive assistant to the chancellor of the eight-campus University of Maine System.

MARCH 22

Frederick Douglass High School alumni meeting will be held Tuesday 8 p.m at the school, room 122. If you are a Douglass graduate, you are invited to attend.

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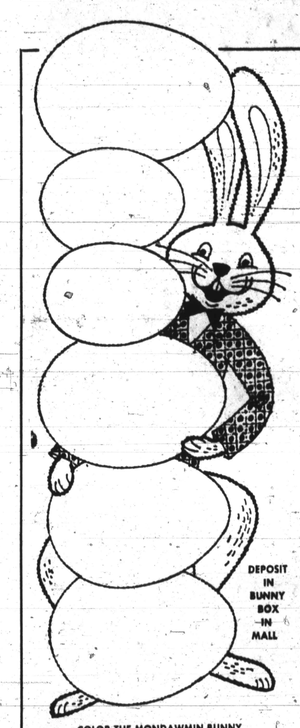

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