ANTI-BUSING BILL

Rep. Mitchell opposes amendment

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D. 7th), has termed the anti-busing amendment in Higher Education Bill conference report a "patently unconstitutional attempt to turn back the clock to the era of separate and unequal."

In a floor debate on the measure in Congress Thursday he warned:

"If we allow the principles upon which this nation and government are based to be disregarded in this instance, it will become that much easier to follow a similar course of expediency in the future."

A lengthy House-Senate conference committee report states the legislation contains a provision prohibiting implementation of District Court orders involving the busing or transfer of students until the appeals process has been exhausted or until July 1, 1974.

The inclusion of the anti-busing amendment prompted opposition to the entire higher education bill on the part of several prominent organizations, including the Congressional Black Caucus, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the AFL-CIO and Common Cause.

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Mr. Mitchell said the amendment is far more than an effort to sanction the continued maintenance of segregation for an additional twenty-four months.

"The constitutional rights of black children and of all disadvantaged American youth will not simply be suspended over this period, they will be forgotten.

"We cannot look upon this amendment as a palliative that will certify the desires of those who remain opposed to equal educational opportunities for all our citizens."

Congressman Mitchell quotel from the statement on the bill by the Black Caucus, which declared busing to be a necessary tool which, in part, accomplishes our aims of providing quality education for black children and abolishing inferior school programs for the poor and the black."

The Caucus, however, he told Congress, sees the proposed moratorium on busing as a means which "legitimizes inferior schools for the black and the poor."

Mr. Mitchell prefaced his remarks on anti-busing by citing provisions in the bill which will "significantly increase the opportunities for disadvantaged Americans to receive college education and also enhance the quality of learning for all students at the post-secondary level."

Having spoken on the number of mail he had received on the subject, Mr. Mitchell stated:

"It is not easy to vote no on a bill which contained such substantial benefits for institutions of higher learning. However, the principle involved in the anti-busing amendment is too great for me to support a bill which includes such an amendment."

—PEP workers

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city jobs and so far 40 have made the jump.

To ready more PEP people for regular jobs, she announced June 12 is the starting day for the program's Career Development Unit of courses at the Community College of Baltimore especially for PEP people at no cost to them.

Mrs. Schwartz told the AFRO she expects Washington to renew the two PEP grants in the fall and perhaps enlarge them.

PEP workers earn from $2 to $4 an hour at such diverse jobs as secretaries, laborers, mechanics, bookkeepers, inspectors and aids to professionals especially in City Hospitals and C.C.B.

The composition of PEP workers are: 43 per cent Vietnam veterans, 70 per cent are in the 22-44 age range, 75 per cent are men, all are city residents and over 18.

—Dogs, cats

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The locations are:

Mondawmin Shopping Center: Upper level, near Maryland National Bank.

Sears Roebuck and Co.: North Ave. and Harford Road, near garden shop.

Montgomery Ward: 1000 S. Monroe St., front entrance on Monroe Street.

Broadway Shopping Center: Orleans and Bond Sts.

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All dogs and cats over three months old will be accepted for vaccination either in Baltimore City or Baltimore County, which is holding clinics at the same time. The fee is $1.50 per animal, every dog or cat owner in the area can protect his pet, his family and his neighbors from a horrible disease that invariably ends in death.

To avoid delay, owners should bring their dog with a secure collar and leash, cats in a small box, and to have the exact sum ready. This should help keep lines moving, he said.

—Fire bomb

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first local community relations meeting will be held.

He commented meetings at districts often are inconvenient for many residents, and he may institute local meetings in all districts.

For exact time and place for the Monday meeting, to be attended by Sen. Clarence Blount, Del. Kenneth Webster and Del. Walter Dean, call Community Relations, 685-1600 ext. 216.

—AFRO chief

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nesswomen with those considering a business career.

Among the women addressing the conference are:

Mrs. Arnita Young Boswell, executive chairwoman of the League of Black Women and sister of the late Whitney M. Young;

Sally Peterson, wife of Secretary Peterson and honorary chairwoman of the conference; Inez Kaiser, national coordinator of business opportunities for women, and president of Inez Kaiser Associates, who will deliver the keynote address;

Angie Cabrera, community affairs and public relations official for Puerto Rican Forum, and Marion Corwell, North American public relations staff officer, Ford Motor Co.

The conference featured a series of concurrent workshops under three theme areas: "New Frontiers in Business," "Recognition of Barriers," and "Strategy to Overcome Barriers," chaired by women from across the country with expertise in specific business fields.

—Publishers

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timore and State of Maryland in general if we continue to tolerate the harassment by the police department because of our desire to inform the community about drug abuse, police corruption and other criminal activity that are being ignored by those in authority."

They warned they would take to the street in demonstration against further arrests, educate the community about "criminal police activities" and demand the dismissal of any officer who violates their rights.

The publishers demanded the return of their photographic equipment seized two years ago by the police "armed bandits" in the seizure of their equipment totalling about $1,300.

Narrating the incident that led to the seizure of the equipment the publishers stated in a release, they had a tip off on illegal drug exchange between a well-known drug pusher and police officers.

They claimed in the exchange, the police were to act as if they were in the process of arresting the pusher.

When a team of five photographers and reporters from their newspaper arrived on the scene and took pictures the police assaulted them and took away their equipment.

All efforts to get their equipment back since then have failed.

and stated they feel they have been victims of

Wife said hubby

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husband's cab. He was working part-time as a cab driver."

The hospital aide added when she asked her husband about the incident, "He told me I was crazy. But I told him I had seen the woman and he said, 'Big deal, you can leave'."

Mrs. Williams stated she later saw the same woman a year later in the delivery room of the hospital where she is employed.

The court was told the woman delivered a baby and named Harry Williams as the father, records disclosed.

The Williamses were married in a religious ceremony on Aug. 11, 1968 in Baltimore, court records reveal.

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FOR SECOND TIME in six days members of the David N. Wright family enter Union Baptist Church for relatives' funerals. On Saturday, Mrs. David N. Wright Sr. (Gertrude, 91,) was buried. Same day, her son, Charles Avon Wright, 61, died. Pictured at his funeral yesterday morning (Thursday) are L to R, his sister, Mrs. Roberta Clark and her husband, Hendricks Clark; his brother, David N. Wright, Jr. and his wife, Mrs. Rea Wright; his widow, Mrs. Elaine Wright. (AFRO photos by Ben Phillips)

Charles Avon Wright rites held Thursday

The lower chapel of Union Baptist Church was the scene of quiet and brief rites for Charles Avon Wright on Thursday morning.

Mr. Wright, 61, 2044 Fulton Ave., died at Provident Hospital, on Saturday evening, shortly after relatives had returned from Arbutus Memorial Park where they had buried his mother.

The mother, Mrs. Gertrude Wright, 91, was a member of a pioneer Baltimore family and widow of David N. Wright Sr., longtime employee of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Two of the same ministers who participated in rites for his mother officiated at the Thursday funeral for Mr. Wright.

The pastor-emeritus, the Rev. Baxter L. Matthews who had known the family for many years, officiated. (The present minister, the Rev. Vernon Dobson, presided at the mother's rites.)

Father William Lowry, St. Katherine's Episcopal Church, offered prayyer, at both services.

A third minister, the Rev. Marion C. Bascom, minister of Douglas Memorial Church and also a longtime friend, read excerpts from the family tribute which said in part:

"Known to his family as 'Avon,' and Charles to many others, this inscription he penned in the guest book at his home on his birthday, August 27, 1971.

"'To you who enter this humble abode, Elaine and I hope that your visit is as pleasant as your personality. In order that you will always be remembered, please sign our guest book and return again.

"With friendship
Elaine and Avon'

"Exacting yet tolerant, humorous yet humanely serious, a leader yet humble — this was Charles."

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In his eulogy, the Rev. Mr. Matthews recalled the deceased had a "great interest" in elderly people and had a big heart. He was happy when he could make someone else happy.'

The flag-draped casket was surrounded by numerous floral pieces.

Musicw as by the church choir.

Born in Baltimore, Aug. 27, 1910, Mr. Wright received his early education in the Baltimore public schools and graduated from Douglass High School in 1928.

He studied at Va. State College where he was an AFRO correspondent and sold this newspaper on the campus.

The family noted that Mr. Wright's paternal grandfather, Charles Wright, was employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for all of his adult life, many of these years as an employee of the railroad's president.

His dad followed Grandfather Wright into the ranks of railroading at a very early age. Both were, in the eyes of young Charles Avon, symbols of adventure, and bearers of unusual trinkets when they returned home from what was then called "a very long run."

When his grandfather's life was abruptly terminated in a train tragedy, he then became almost a hero to his grandsons.

The family recalled Charles Avon became involved with trains as early as he learned to walk; and turned to this as his chosen work with the B and O Railroad.

On November 10, 1935, he married Elaine Derry of Langhorne, Pa. Among numerous memorable events was the celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in November 1960.

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After serving three years in the United States Army during World War II, he completed business training in order to better fulfill the responsibilities of an upward step in his existing work.

In addition to his regular employment he taught business education for a brief period at Peters Business School.

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The family remembers he was a life long member of Union Baptist and was involved civically from 1930 to 1969 with the Boy Scouts of America as a scout and later as a leader.

Together he and his wife were always most actively concerned with community growth, neighborhood stabilization and development.

Fraternally he was affiliated, and had held the office of secretary and treasurer in his Masonic lodge.

He was a member of the business fraternity, Chi Tai Sigma and a charter member of the Phalanx Club, a social-civic group.

He had held several offices and assumed club leadership in community projects.

He was currently secretary-treasurer of the Maryland State Legislative Committee of the Brotherhood of Railway, Airline and Steamship Clerks.

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In addition to his wife, Elaine; he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Roberta W. Clark; brother, David N. Wright Jr., five brothers-in-law, and four sisters-in-law. The Arlington S. Phillips Funeral Home was in charge.

Active pallbearers were Albert Hawkins, Thomas Hawkins, James Murphy, Harvey Seay, Jerry Fox, James McGlothern, Frank Buck and Al Womack. Honorary pallbearers were Richard Evans, Marsden Rawlings, Royal Weaver, William Pinkney and Frank Lockvent. — E. M. MOSS

—Fire chief

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licitor George Russell ruled the request was unfair.

The AFRO asked Deputy Chief Schneider, considering the rising demand of city jobs for city residents, would he feel obliged to move into the city if appointed chief of the department.

He responded, "No, not necessarily."

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Present Fire Commissioner Calhoun Bond told the AFRO he feels "hiring and promotion are primarily a Civil Service Commission procedure" and dstates the procedure" and states the ask Civil Service that applicants live in the city.

Bishop Winfield Showell, fire commissioner, expects the city and county to move towards some sort of harminious agreement and does not consider the residency issue too pressing.

Fire Board President Howard Owen could not be reached. He is in Florida.

Mr. Owen, who receives $5,500 as Board president, lives in Baltimore County.

—Army generals

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Legion of Merit honors.

Greer, the only one of the five to start as an officer rather than come up through the ranks, joined the Army in 1948 when the services were just beginning to desegregate. "I thought the Army offered an opportunity for the black man—and I still do," he said.

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Greer is assistant director in the Directory for Reserve Forces and plans programs and budgets for the office of the assistant secretary of defense for manpower. He holds a BS degree from West Virginia State College and an MS degree from George Washington University.

Becton, chief of the Armor Branch in the office of personnel operations for the Army, enlisted 26 years ago. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Legion of Merit honors.

Becton holds a BS degree from Prairie View A and M, Prairie View, Texas and an MA from the University of Maryland.

Gregg, who holds a BS degree from St. Benedict College, Atchison, Kansas, is assigned to the deputy chief of staff for logistics. He has 26 years of service to his credit and has won the Legion of Merit and Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Brooks joined the Army 24 years ago and currently serves as chief of the Equal Employment Opportunity Division. He holds a BS degree from the University of Omaha, Neb.

Brooks served in Vietnam and is a holder of the Legion of Merit and the Bronz Medal.

In all of American history only 10 blacks have made general or admiral before Wednesday.

The first, Army Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Sr., was named in 1940.

His son, Benjamin Jr., became the second black general in 1954 and eventually rose to three-star rank in the Air Force. Both men have since retired.

The third black general was Frederic E. Davison. Promoted in 1968, he was a member of the 13-man board that picked the nominees for general Wednesday.

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It is only in the last two years that blacks have suddenly begun to emerge into the general's ranks in significant numbers. One black was promoted in 1970, six in 1971 and six so far in 1972.

In addition to the present four army generals, blacks serve as one Navy admiral and one Air Force general. Another black Air Force Colonel has been nominated for promotion later this year. There is also one black general in the National Guard and one in the reserves.

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