

# Romney Calls Legislative Leaders For Housing Talks

LANSING -- Gov. Romney summoned legislative leaders today in a pressure setting to give Michigan an open housing posture that will give hope to the minority ghetto across the nation.

In quick order, he quoted Napoleon, Abraham Lincoln and President Dwight D. Eisenhower to make his point. Open housing is alive but gasping for breath in the House Civil Rights Committee where Rep. Melvin D. Miller (R-Grand Rapids) is holding it to wait for sentiment to promise it life on the floor.

"In human affairs you can't compromise," Romney said. "If you start out by compromising principle, you lose the most basic principle of all."

ROMNEY CALLED on citizens to bolster their legislators with letters and telephone calls demanding action on the open housing bills.

He disclosed he had an earlier agreement with leaders of both parties to work for their passage, but that individuals and blocks of votes on the floor threaten to let them die in committee.

"I was in Detroit in the summer of 1967," Romney said.

## V.F.W. Seeks Vets Names

The Veterans of Foreign Wars are eager to obtain the names and addresses of men in service from the Plymouth area.

For several weeks they have been preparing Christmas packages and now have them ready to mail—but have no addresses.

Those who might be interested are asked to communicate with Commander Robert Smith, VFW, 1426 South Mill Street, Plymouth.

## Interfaith Center For New Campus

ANN ARBOR--A \$1.5-million Interfaith Center for University of Michigan students and religious groups will be built on the University's North Campus, according to plans announced by the Association of Religious Counselors.

The counselors are directors and professional personnel representing the 32 officially recognized campus religious organizations. They have formed a nonprofit development corporation, U of M Interfaith Center, Inc., to build and operate the center.

U-M Regents have authorized the sale of three acres to the corporation for the center. The site is at Plymouth Road and Main St., just west of the Northwood Apartments and near the Bursley and Baits residence halls.

There are no existing facilities on the North Campus for campus religious groups.

The Interfaith Center, expected to be completed by December 1969, will have three auditorium-style chapels, a lounge, library, office space for religious counselors, kitchen area, nursery, and several multipurpose rooms. Campus religious groups will share in the cost of operating the center after it is built.

## Clarenceville Is Studying Curriculum

During the first days of school the Clarenceville School District instructional staff began an extensive study of the total curriculum now being offered in grades K-12.

Special emphasis is being placed on the K-12 coordination of all curriculum offerings; however, an equally important aspect of this curriculum study is the discussion of the latest research on how children learn.

Also being studied is a child's sensitivity to environmental and social pressures and other important factors affecting a child's desire to learn.

The program is under the direction of James Leary, assistant superintendent of schools and in charge of instruction. Curricular areas selected for study were: art curriculum; foreign languages; guidance program; language arts program; library program; mathematics curriculum; music curriculum; physical education; science program; social studies curriculum; special education; testing program; and vocational education.

"I've been across the nation. I've talked with affluent people among the Negroes, one an entertainer who gave up a \$1 million a year income (presumably, Comedian Dick Gregory).

"I've talked with the beatniks with their beads and with the hippies, sometimes in the same groups. I know what they want. They don't want dollars primarily. They are in complete agreement.

"They want human dignity. They want white people to stop treating them as inferiors. It's not being fought on a partisan basis.

"If the Republican party is responsible for the defeat of open housing in the legislature the Republican party will start to go downhill."

The meeting in Romney's office today is a now-or-never clincher to determine whether the first announced candidate for the presidency in 1968 can go before the nation with a solution in his own state.

"Most Negroes are waiting to see whether we mean what we say in America," he said. "They're waiting to see whether they need a war of liberation in this country."

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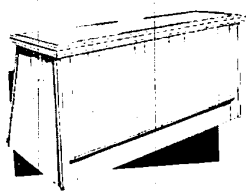
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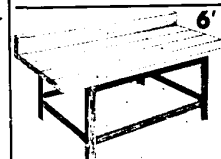
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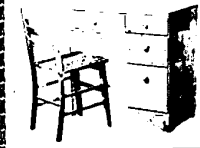
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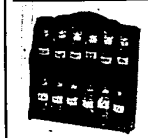
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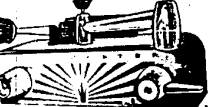
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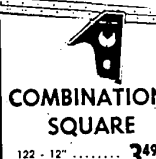
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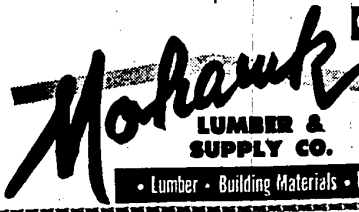
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