

Open Housing: Constitutional Or Moral Issue?

What was billed as a debate on open housing turned into a discussion of the unconstitutionality of pending Michigan open housing legislation versus the moral responsibility of citizens to favor the issue.

The audience at the Farmington Knights of Columbus social meeting Wednesday evening heard Michigan Sen. George Kuhn (Rep.-14th Dist.) outline areas of pending open housing legislation which he felt were in violation of the basic rights of citizens.

At no time did he state he was against open housing itself, merely the means by which it was being brought about. Neither did he speak in favor of any possible legislation in the field which would be suitable to him.

other party what to do, he said.

ALTHOUGH NOT professing to be a lawyer, Kuhn raised two legal questions. First was the "right to acquire property

free from discrimination. Second were cases in court on the powers of the Civil Rights Commission.

Omissions from House Bill 2035 which Kuhn felt were un-

fair included the lack of application to two family residences, rental rooms where the owner is a resident and religious institutions which he said are "one of the prime

supporters of the bill."

Bannon took issue with the omission of religious institutions saying that these groups are supporting the bill because it is what they believe in, not because the bill does not apply to them.

Bannon took the speaker's rostrum with no idea of debating Kuhn's views on the constitutionality of House Bill 2035, but rather to present his feeling on open housing as a citizen.

that he believed that the moral obligation was more important than the legal obligation.

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replied that the government should do for the people what they cannot do themselves.

Moderator for the discussion was Leo P. Meagher, Knight of Columbus Council Lecturer. He also presented several questions to both men. The audience did not participate.



LEGISLATIVE DOINGS have the attention of State Senator George Kuhn (center) and AUI Vice President Ken Bannon (at podium) during program at the Farmington Knights of Columbus meeting. Leo Meagher (left) server as moderator.

Offer Low Mail Rates For Air Packages To GIs

Package up to 30 pounds for American military personnel served by Army and Fleet Post Offices overseas may be sent by air transportation at special low rates, Livonia Postmaster Arthur Jenkins pointed out Monday.

"Area residents using this new airtail service will get much faster delivery on parcels to military personnel overseas," Jenkins said. He said the airtail is available on a space-available basis upon payment of the domestic parcel post surface rate plus a flat \$1 fee.

air parcel post rates for the same package is \$12.08.

● An eight-pound package going from here to Frankfurt, Germany, costs \$1.90 under the airtail service. The air parcel rate is \$4.23.

Jenkins pointed out, however, that it is not always to the mailer's advantage to use the airtail service. On some light packages, air parcel post rates may be lower than the airtail charges.

partial airtail and overseas parcels weighing up to five pounds will continue to receive this service.

THE NEW AIRTAIL service went into effect Monday. It was authorized under the postal rate bill signed into law December 16 by President Johnson.

Jenkins explained that the regular postage on parcels mailed to servicemen overseas is based on the distance the package is hauled within the United States. No charge is made for carrying the package between the U.S. port and the overseas base.

Postal patrons should check with the Post Office for information on the best way to mail parcels to servicemen overseas," he emphasized.

Until Monday airtail for parcels to servicemen overseas was restricted to packages weighing up to five pounds. Upon payment of the regular parcel post rates, these packages get service transportation to the port of embarkation and from there to the overseas base. Postal patrons formerly had to pay air parcel post rates to get similar service.

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Expensive Book Sold in Germany

A book priced at \$475 per copy was published recently in Munich, Germany. It is a 750-copy colored facsimile edition of Peter Apian's mammoth work on astronomy, "Astronomicum Caesareum," first printed in Ingolstadt, Germany, in 1540.

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