

No High-Powered Rifles For County Riot Control

Wayne County supervisors have struck five high-powered rifles from the list of arms sought for Sheriff Peter Buback and his men to control civil violence.

They ordered Buback and his two-man community relations bureau to get ideas from public groups on putting down unrest without violence.

Plymouth Supervisor Archie E. Vallier, chairman of the sheriff's committee, said the rest of the \$40,000 arms package would be approved despite objections from Livonia Councilman Edward Milligan.

Buback was summoned before a joint meeting of the sheriff's and human relations committee of the Board of Supervisors to explain the need for the arms. He defended the five AR 15 rifles as weapons.

THESE WEAPONS were intended only for command officers who would be thoroughly trained in their use in a



ATTY. GEN. FRANK J. KELLEY

Kelley Hits Honigman's Judges Plan

Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley, Michigan's chief law enforcement officer, is opposed to the so-called "Honigman plan" for appointing all state judges.

In an Observer Newspapers interview in Plymouth, Kelley attacked the method proposed by the Honigman-led citizens' committee for panels which would nominate three judicial candidates, one of whom would be appointed by the governor.

Kelley will debate Detroit attorney Jason Honigman on the subject in a weekend television program. Although Kelley's formal speech hadn't been finished at the time of the interview, he was able to outline his reasons for opposing the proposed constitutional amendment.

"What they're doing by their plan is handcuffing the governor with a committee, not accountable to the public, but who must be appointed from the bar as well as association and some members of the public."

KELLEY was referring to the Honigman plan's provision for seven-member panels in each judicial district which would draw up a list of three candidates from whom the governor would choose.

Three members of each panel would be selected by the governing board of the State Bar, the legal guild to which all practicing lawyers must belong. Four lay members--no more than two from a single political party--would give the non-lawyers a majority on the panel.

"The governor could bypass all three of the nominating panels suggestions, under the Honigman plan, but he would have to state his reasons in writing," Kelley charged that such a panel would be "completely unaccountable to the public" but would still have effective power to bind the governor of the state," adding:

"It's worse than what we have now."

"I WAS ONE of the first persons, along with Gov. Romney in 1964, to advocate doing over the judicial article (of the state constitution) because it simply wasn't working," Kelley recalled.

"The method of selecting judges wasn't working properly, it was winding up as a popularity contest, rather than in picking the best people possible."

"We advocated at that time a return to the gubernatorial appointment."

"When I advocated that four or five years ago, it wasn't for political reasons," said Kelley, a Democrat, "because, the (Republican) governor would have been able to appoint literally dozens and dozens of judges. I know that when a governor appoints a man, regardless of political affiliation, he will appoint the best man to do the job."

"I'm an advocate of judicial reform. However:

"THE HONIGMAN plan, or his group are now advocating going from the ridiculous to the sublime."

"We admit that the public can't pick a qualified lawyer at first blush because of intricacies of the bedsheet ballot and they don't know the qualifications of a lawyer."

"It would be better to have the man most responsible to the people of the state--the governor--put on the spot and let him make the appointment."

"We can't eliminate crime any more than we eliminate music. But we can get it down to its irreducible minimum," he concluded.

been asked to study the law on the subject.

"The agreements you have aren't worth the paper they're printed on," snapped Milligan. "They are contrary to state law."

Milligan called for high-stakes treatment of prisoners, stating the County Jail was built to twice its normal capacity and that the Belle Isle bathhouse and other buildings were used as lockups.

He said most communities in the suburbs have clean, well-

constructed lockups that could be used, including the jail in the Livonia Police Department.

Vallier said:

"PERSONALLY sat at the telephone for four hours with the sheriff during last summer's riot, and we called all over eastern Michigan trying to find places to house prisoners. Every jail was filled."

"I personally resent your (Milligan's) statements. If you knew what you are doing, you wouldn't make them. It is not

as easy as it sounds.

"Maybe we missed checking with Livonia. If so, it was an oversight, but we had prisoners housed as far away as Milan."

Buback said his department booked 3,300 prisoners during the riot, housing them "all over eastern Michigan."

"We got them out of jail as soon as we could," he said. "We saw that they got a bath and three meals a day."

FRANK JOYCE, who said he represented: People Against

Racism, told the joint meeting that the AR 15 rifle was a "weapon of war" and from 30 feet or less cuts through a brick wall and "will absolutely kill at 200 yards."

William M. Rayford, a Detroit appointive member of the Board of Supervisors, said the community was not consulted on the arms. Milligan made the no place in densely populated urban communities."

The Rev. John Forsythe, of Detroit, a member of the board, said the interfaith action com-

mittee formed from all faiths during the last riot, was opposed to the arms purchase. He cited the Kerper report:

"The commission condemns moves to equip police departments with mass destruction weapons, such as automatic rifles, machine guns and tanks. Weapons which are designed to destroy, not to control, have no place in densely populated urban communities."

Malvina Hank Abonyi, of Detroit, told the meeting of the terror of the riot last July:

"I watched out my front window and the riot moved into the neighborhood. I saw them looting, and I saw them throwing fire bombs. I called the police but they told there was no police protection in the neighborhood."

"Luckily, I managed to make it to my car and I managed to get out of the area. I would have been very happy to see a sheriff's officer with any kind of weapon because I was frightened to death. I don't want to be in that position again."



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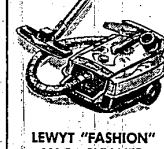
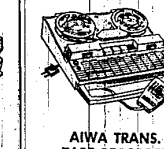
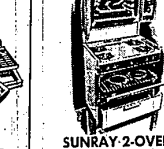
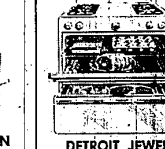
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