

Decision delay angers sheriff

By ROBERT KIPPER
OAKLAND COUNTY—Sheriff Johannes Spreen turned again last week over the slow progress being made in finding a new job for outgoing undersheriff, Leo Hazen.
Waiting for another chance to dis-

cuss Hazen's job status with commissioners on the Personnel Practices Committee, Spreen learned Friday that an even longer delay in resolving the matter could be expected.
Hazen, who will soon be replaced by former Detroit police commissioner,

John Nichols, now may have to wait until December to know if he will continue working for the county.
Some clarification on Hazen's status had been expected from Friday's committee meeting. A report was due from county administrators concerning Spreen's request that a new position of jail administrator be created for Hazen.
However, the report wasn't ready, and instead of resolving the issue, Hazen's period of uncertainty about a new job was lengthened.

WHILE THE committee discussed another matter in executive session, Sheriff Spreen blasted the further delay.
"How do we get things done around here?" Spreen asked. "This is just more rocks along the roadway, I've been stalled and stymied and run-around-the-mulberry-bush before."
Slowness was one of the things Spreen was critical of a week before when he asked the Personnel Practices Committee to approve the jail administrator position.
That session, which often became a sparring match between Spreen and several commissioners, concluded

with a request by commissioners that Spreen provide more precise information about the proposed position.
Although Spreen did this, county administrators were unable to complete deliberation about the merit of the new position. Lacking their report, commissioners didn't discuss the matter Friday.

FRUSTRATING THE situation is the fact that the Personnel Practices Committee marks only the first step in the long process before the matter can be finally resolved.
After it is reported out of committee, it goes to the full board of commissioners. It must then be sent to the Finance Committee for consideration before coming back to the full board for final vote.
By not discussing the issue last Friday, the committee could have moved the earliest possible date of resolution from Nov. 21 to Dec. 5.
Spreen has said he was willing to wait "a reasonable time" before forcing Hazen out of office and bringing Nichols in.
He gave ample indication Friday that whatever that reasonable time is, it is running out fast.

County men honor Ford

Two Oakland County men presented President Gerald R. Ford a membership in the Michigan Retired Officers Association in ceremonies recently at the White House.
Lt. Col. Rafael V. Munguia, 31736 S. Verona Circle, Birmingham, and Navy Cmdr. Norman R. Williams, 2711 Golfview, Troy, accompanied the association's president, Owen C. Crosslin, Dearborn, and Rep. William S. Broomfield (R-19) for the presentation.

The meeting with the President was arranged by Broomfield at the request of Munguia. Crosslin gave the

President a framed membership certificate and Col. Munguia presented him with a lapel pin signifying membership in the association.
The certificate cited President Ford's former service as a naval officer.

Seminars set for parents

BIRMINGHAM—A series of seminars sponsored by the Birmingham Association of Parents of Gifted Children will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on four Fridays in November starting Nov. 1.

The meetings will take place in room 124 of Barnum Junior High School, 746 Purdy St.
Titled "The Needs of Gifted Children at Home and at School," the sessions will cover the special needs of academically talented youngsters.

DR. JOAN Chodorkoff, consultant psychologist, will discuss psychosocial developmental patterns, educational needs and special problems of parents of gifted children.
Registration for all sessions will be held at the first meeting.

Make Today Count will meet Nov. 6

The Oakland County Chapter of Make Today Count will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple Road.
Make Today Count is a self-help program for cancer patients and their families. The program is sponsored by the American Cancer Society with the purpose of helping persons affected by cancer to cope with the problems it creates.

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For further information, contact the American Cancer Society at 644-0770.

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