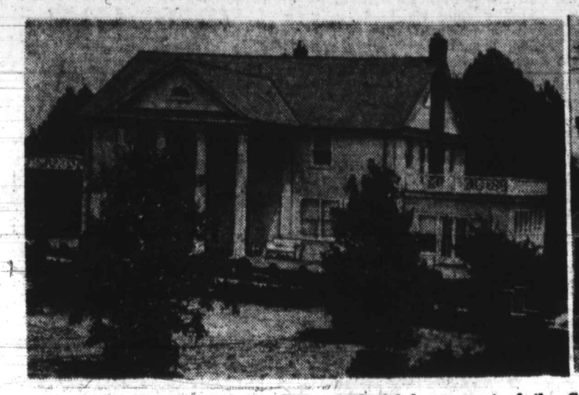
# Feared For Life Says Ex-Congressman Mitchell



A view of Arthur W. Mitchell 14 room colonial house, part of the $100,000 estate eight miles south of Petersburg, Va.

Cottage of person Mrs. Mitchell charged as 'other woman,' located across road from Mitchell estate.

Former Congressman Mitchell and his prize $2,000 Angus bull. He has 17 more head of pedigreed cattle.

Mrs. Mitchell shows visitors through prize flower garden. Estate is 32 acres.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# FBI Cracks $10,000 Signal Depot Thefts

## In Thick Of Action

Arthur Hardy hauls spitting hose at scene of six-alarm blaze, Friday. Mr. Hardy and Elbert Carter, auxiliary Fire Buff S. H. C. members, raced to scene of fire clothed in fire-fighting regalia furnished by the local Civil Defense agency.

## Tan Firemen Active At Six-Alarm Blaze

### Members Of S. H. C. Auxiliary Help Regulars At Howard St. Fire

Tan auxiliary firemen played an important role in extinguishing the six-alarm fire that burned one man and routed more than 50 families in Northeast Baltimore, Friday.

The blaze was the first local fire requiring more than two alarms in four months. It struck while the city was observing Fire Prevention Week.

Shortly after 11:30 a.m., flames roared through a two-story structure at 207 N. Howard st., housing the Star Sales Co., tire distributors.

According to police, Howard Carter, 24, 2400 block Puget st., was in a dressing room of the building using an inflammable fluid to clean spots from some clothing.

**Fumes Ignited**

Firemen Assumed the fumes from the fluid were ignited by a nearby oil stove, for a tremendous explosion shook the building.

Carter was burned about the arms and face and was dragged from the blazing building by Charles Coates, a fellow employee, who received superficial arm burns.

A municipal ambulance rushed Carter to Mercy Hospital after treatment, he was released.

Fed by the combustible tires and inflammable liquids stored in the building, flames quickly spread through the building.

Dense clouds of heavy smoke which billowed from the windows and blanketed the neighborhood, were visible as far south as Warner st., as fire engines raced


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## 4 Employees, Store Owners Under Bail

### FBI Agents Seize 11,000 Stolen Radio, TV Tubes

After FBI agents swooped down on two North avenue radio shops, Friday, six men were arrested and a multi-thousand dollar government theft ring was uncovered.

More than $10,000 worth of radio and television tubes, stolen from the Baltimore Signal Depot, were recovered.

Arrested on Federal charges are:

Isadore Goldstick, 1230 W. North ave., released in $7,500 bail on a charge of receiving stolen government property.

Alex Goldberg, 1005 W. North ave., released in $3,500 bail on a charge of receiving stolen government property.

**Civilian Employees**

Lee Burroughs, 32, 3011 Baker st., Frank E. Drummond, 28, 2515 Calverton Heights ave., Bennie C. Bridges, 31, 1528 N. Gilmor st., William M. Brown, 32, 1718 Lansing st.

The last four named men, all civilian employees of the Baltimore Signal Depot, Dundalk, are charged with stealing government property. They were released in $1,500 bail.

On Wednesday, October 15, the suspects will receive a hearing before United States Commissioner Ernest H. Volkert.

Armed with Federal search warrants, the FBI agents seized more than 10,000 radio and television tubes at the Carroll Distributing Co., 1000 block W. North ave., owned by Goldberg.

A similar search of the American Radio Co., owned by Goldstick, Druid Hill and North aves., resulted in the seizure of more than one thousand additional tubes.

**Year's Operations**

According to S. S. Alden, Special Agent in Charge of the local FBI office, the thefts took place over a period of more than a year.

The initial investigation was made by military investigations from the Baltimore Signal Depot—an Army installation.

After their suspicions were confirmed, the military investigators called the FBI into the case.

Although certain of the identity of the suspects, the FBI gave no indication of suspicion, although


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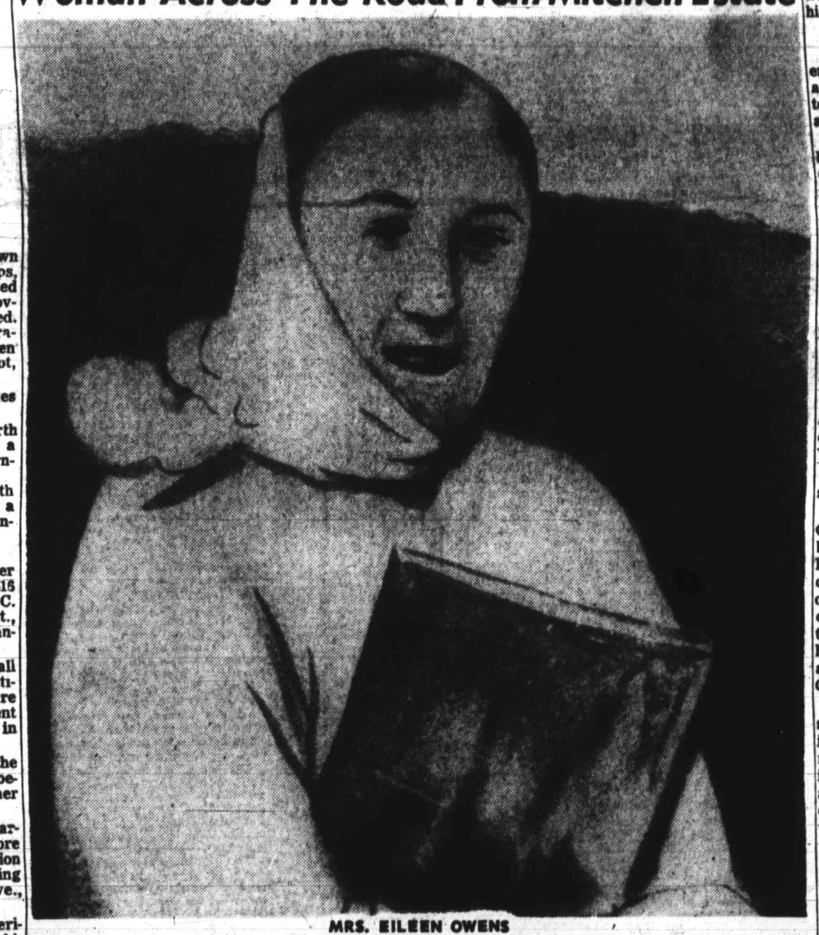
## Woman Across The Road From Mitchell Estate



MRS. EILEEN OWENS

Named in Mrs. Arthur Mitchell's divorce suit, filed March 11, 1952.

## Mrs. Nixon Blames Racial Covenant On Truman But Gives Wrong Dates

By LYDIA BROWN

BOSTON, Mass. — Senator and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon were forced to sign a racial covenant on the $41,000 home they purchased in the nation's capital, Mrs. Nixon told the AFRO here last week.

Although the GOP vice-presidential candidate's wife stated that she and her husband had been compelled to sign the jim - crow clause, the Supreme Court had ruled such restrictive covenants unconstitutional a year before.

Racial covenants were outlawed in 1950, but Mrs. Nixon, telling of her home's purchase in July 1951, said:

"We both have had to work for a living and until Mr. Nixon was elected to the Senate, had to count our pennies like every other poor couple.

"We know what it means all right, and what the colored people, in their struggle, have to contend with.

"We couldn't even buy a home in the capital without signing paper not to sell to certain peo-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## Ex-Congressman Charged 3d Wife Threatened Him

### Divorce Complaint Said She Twice Warned She'd Kill Him, Shoot The Tires Off His Car

DINWIDDIE, Va. — The complete text of ex-Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell's complaint in a suit for divorce from his third wife is made public here. It was filed in Dinwiddie County Circuit Court on Feb. 9, 1952.

The wife, Mrs. Clara Mann Mitchell, filed her answer on March 11, 1952.

Subsequently, on March 20, 1952, they became reconciled and asked the court to dismiss the complaint. Judge J. D. Jefferson, Jr. granted the request.

In his complaint, Mr. Mitchell who is 68, said his wife who is 51, accused him of an illicit affair with a white neighbor who lives across the road. He denied his wife's charges.

**Charged Threats**

Mrs. Mitchell, he said, threatened to kill him on Aug. 31, 1951, and on Jan. 16, 1952, threatened to shoot him and the tires off his auto.

The white neighbor has since been identified as Mrs. Eileen Owens, who occupies a one-story frame house with her husband and small child across the road from the Mitchells' $100,000 estate eight miles south of Petersburg. The complete text of Mr. Mitchell's divorce petition follows:

**Text Of Mitchell Charge**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY. Arthur W. Mitchell, Comptainant, vs. Clara Mann Mitchell, R.F.D. No. 4, Petersburg, Va., Respondent.

To the Honorable J. Garland Jefferson Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie County, Virginia.

Your complainant respectfully states the following case:

1. Complainant and respondent, Clara Mann Mitchell, both members of the colored race, were lawfully married in the County of Dinwiddie, State of Virginia, on March 20, 1948, as is evidenced by a certified copy of the marriage certificate filed herewith, marked "Exhibit A" and made a part of this Bill of Complaint.

2. Both complainant and respondent were, at the time of the institution of this suit, and for more than one year next preceding the commencement thereof, actual bona fide residents of and domiciled in the County of Dinwiddie, State of Virginia.

**No Children**

3. There are no children born of said marriage.

4. Neither the complainant nor the respondent are members of the armed forces of the United States or of its allies.

5. That following their marriage your complainant and his said wife took up their residence at complainant's home on U.S. Route 1, about seven miles southwest of the City of Petersburg, in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, which complainant owned and which was well furnished and equipped with most of the modern conveniences; that complainant proceeded and did everything in his power to fully provide for his said wife;

And by his conduct and efforts, to make conditions attractive and pleasant in every way, but that complainant's said wife immediately became dissatisfied, inconsiderate, nagging and demanding in many respects, and in particular as to complainant's money and funds which she desired and demanded far beyond what was reasonble, and complainant's ability to provide;

That these conditions and ac-


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## AFRO's Hicks Explains Why He Quit Train

### Aide Made Jim-Crow Plans, Refused To Inform Stevenson

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW ORLEANS, La. — I quit Gov. Adlai Stevenson's presidential campaign press group at New Orleans Friday night because members of the Governor's staff yielded to Southern jim-crow patterns in attempting to arrange hotel accommodations for me without notifying, or giving me an opportunity to notify Stevenson himself.

I waited until the very last minute before taking the action because I felt certain that Stevenson did not know about what his staff was doing.

I did not wish to embarrass him on a question of civil rights because I felt, and still feel that he personally is the most fair-minded person regarding racial equality to be found in American public life today.

**Delayed Departure**

I also delayed my action because I hoped up until the last minute that his staff would tell him how I felt about the jim-crow housing situation and because I felt if Stevenson were once told, he would immediately take steps to remedy the situation.

This is the whole story:

On Oct. 1 at a meeting of Volunteers for Stevenson in Springfield, Ill., a colored delegate to the meeting came to me and told me that the Stevenson staff was


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**422 DAYS**

since charges were filed and sustained against the Superintendent of

**Boys' Village**

The January grand jury recommended that no State employee should be named to the Board of a State Institution.

# Restrictive Pact On Nixon House In Calif. Too!

## IN WASHINGTON

TWELFTH No part of the land hereby conveyed shall ever be used or occupied by, or sold, demised, transferred, conveyed unto, or in trust for, leased or rented or given to negroes or any person or persons of negro blood or extraction, or to any person of the Semitic Race, blood, or origin, which racial description shall be deemed to include Armenians, Jews, Hebrews, Persians and Syrians, except that this paragraph shall not be held to exclude partial occupancy of the premises by domestic servants of the said parties hereto of the second part, their heirs or assigns.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Signing racial restrictive covenants is quite an old habit of Senator Richard Nixon. No sooner had it been revealed that his $41,000 home in Washington was covered by such a covenant than it became known the same applied to his California home.

According to the records, the Republican Vice Presidential nominee's home in Whittier, is restricted to use and occupancy of the land by "white or Caucasian." This deed was signed April 11, 1949.

The California covenant reads in part:

"Said land herein described, or any part thereof, or any part of said Hugheston Meadows, shall not be let to or used or occupied or resided on by any person or persons of other than white or Caucasian race during the period herein provided.

**Servants Exempt**

"This condition and covenant shall not apply to the employment upon said premises of such persons by the owner or tenant."

Nixon's racial bias leaked out after his now famed $18,000 extra expense fund became known. Donors to the fund are said to represent the big interests in oil,


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## IN CALIFORNIA

SECOND: Said land herein described, or any part thereof, or any part of said Hugheston Meadows, shall not be let to or used or occupied or resided on by any person or persons of other than white or Caucasian race during the period herein provided; provided, however, that this condition and covenant shall not apply to the employment upon said premises of such persons by the owner or tenant of the above premises while actually residing thereon.