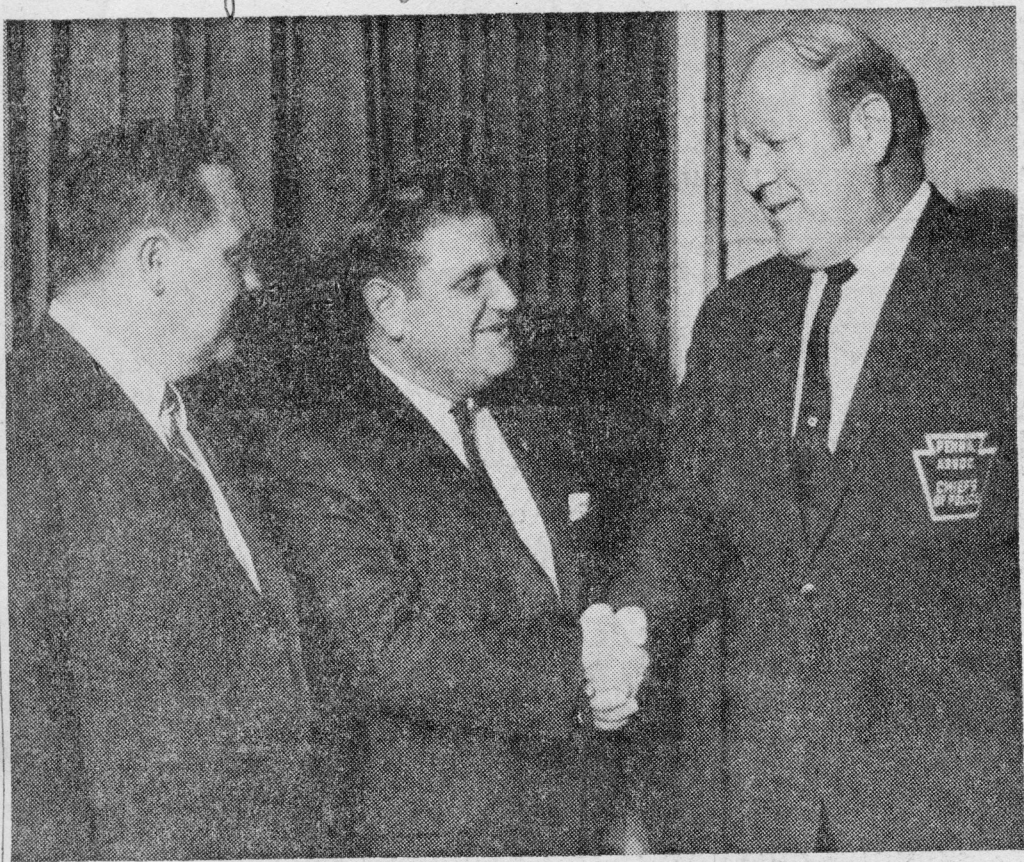


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**VIGOROUS HANDSHAKE** is given East Lansdowne Police Chief Stephen Kurtz (center), the new president of the Delaware County Police Chiefs Association, by Pennsylvania Police Chiefs Association President Michael Kravitsky, of Edwardsville. Norwood Police Chief Paul R. Stolz (left), retiring president of the county association, introduced Kurtz to Kravitsky.

# Uprisings Criticized

SPRINGFIELD — The death of Swarthmore College President Dr. Courtney C. Smith, the seizure of the admissions office by black militant students at Swarthmore, recent student disturbances at Cheyney State College and the new magisterial districts were among topics discussed by speakers at the 39th annual banquet of the Delaware County Police Chiefs Association Thursday night.

State Sen. Clyde R. Dengler (R-26th District), of Upper Darby, said the uprisings which have interrupted studies at colleges and universities across the country "appear to be an organized Communist plot."

Dengler asked, "Why should we let a few students disrupt the educational process? We must do something about it and do it very soon."

His remarks brought several waves of applause that interrupted his remarks.

Delaware County Dist. Atty. Stephen J. McEwen Jr., of Upper Darby, proposed "stiff resistance and an iron fist" in dealing with campus lawbreakers. He said swift arrests, high bail and cooling off periods in jail ended the attempted student takeover at Cheyney State College.

Delaware County President Judge Henry G. Sweney, of Chester, called for moderation. "Force is not going to be the answer," he said.

Delaware County Associate Judge Howard F. Reed Jr., the newest member of the bench, said "Law enforcement begins in the local community."

"When we have strict, good, sound and fair law enforcement in local communities we are going to have better conditions across the nation," the judge said.

State Sen. Clarence D. Bell (R-9th District) of Upland, termed the new magisterial plan for district justices a "real workable plan" and commended the county court judges for the work involved in developing the plan. The plan to reduce the number of minor judiciarymen from 107 to 34 was approved by the State Supreme Court Wednesday and released to the public Thursday.

Bell accused the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

of sponsoring a campaign to defeat the program "even before it is given a chance to function." Bell said two other critics, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the League of Women Voters, have indicated a willingness to give the new system a trial.

Dengler referred to Mr. Smith's death Wednesday and said, "I wonder just how much the agitators on the campus had to do with his death." He asked how many of the police officials wrote letters of encouragement to Cheyney President Dr. Wade Wilson when he made a stand against militants who attempted to seize administrative control of the college. Dengler said he could speak with the background of 45 years of experience in education. He is a high school teacher.

McEwen said the two local college disturbances seemed to be more of a youth - older generation struggle rather than being racially oriented. He said college youths, including many from wealthy family backgrounds, seem "restless to the point of being destructive."

"Today too many youths seem to want to grab, knee and elbow their way to get ahead instead of working their way to the top," he said. McEwen said those arrested at Cheyney "laughed and joked" as they entered Broadmeadows Prison. He said same talked about spending \$100 to gain their bail release and return to the campus.

President Judge Sweney urged the police officials to encourage their men to take advantage of educational opportunities.

"You must become professional law enforcement officers and know more than the guys you arrest," he said.

He said that police used rubber hoses and blinding lights during interrogations years ago.

"I do not think any of this happens in Delaware County today," he said. Judge Sweney said he hopes he lives to see a police training school operating on a full-time basis here.

Five former police chiefs were designated as honorary life members. They were James Hartness of Haverford Township, Richard Tipton of Aston, Gerald Newcomb of

Brookhaven, Gunnar Jorgensen of Media and Lester Downs of Marple.

Delaware County Associate Judge Francis J. Catania installed the 1969 officers. They were President Stephen Kurtz of East Lansdowne, Vice President Anthony Gallo of Marcus Hook, Secretary Franklin Hawke of Prospect Park and Sergeant-at-Arms Albert Saffren of Newtown. Treasurer Edward Doyle of Lansdowne is a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Philadelphia. He will be sworn in at a later date.

Kurtz presented a service plaque and engraved wristwatch to Paul Stolz of Norwood who completed the past year as president.