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Williams Warns Race Turmoil 'Achilles Heel'

Administration-backed racial demonstrations may be the "Achilles heel that will destroy our civilization," Cong. John Bell Williams told a gathering of Mississippi lawyers and judges here Friday.

Williams, featured speaker at a Law Day U. S. A. program sponsored by the Hinds County Bar Association, said disrespect for the law is the tool by which free societies are enslaved.

He also lashed out at federal judges, "especially the Supreme Court," for encroaching on the power of Congress by "presuming unto themselves the role of lawmakers.

"And now they are whittling away at the powers of the executive branch of government by seeking to enforce the laws created by themselves."

Williams said the power grab threatened "to destroy the foundations of our society by abolishing the safeguards of a division of authority between legislative, executive and judicial branches of government."

He said "curious reasoning," which has subjugated due process of law to social experimentation was behind recent high court decisions on racial matters.

"The court has the support of the Communist Party U.S.A. on many of its decisions," Williams said. "At the front of all demonstrations you will find someone closely related to the Communist Party."

In reference to the civil rights bill, he said "Laws forced by coercion are bad laws and are bound to die because of their own weaknesses. Laws cannot govern the human mind or social relationships."

Williams, who was introduced by Hinds County Rep. Charles Henley, said with the present makeup of the Supreme Court "we must be constantly alert to see that they do not operate outside the scope set up by the Constitution.

"The law may be a useful

servant or a ruthless master and a tool of oppression. . . depending on where and from whom it originates."

He said the courts and administration were subverting the intents of the Constitution and Bill of Rights which were designed "not so much to protect people from each other as to protect people from government

"It was intended that we have a government of laws and not a government subject to the whims of men."

Jackson Atty. R. H. Thompson, Hinds County Bar president, presided at the meeting. Ed Curry of Hattiesburg, president of the Mississippi Bar Association, spoke briefly.

Among honored guests were judges of the Hinds circuit, chancery and county courts; U. S. Dist. Judge Harold Cox and State Supreme Court justices.