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Mitchell Criticizes 'Fanatics'

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Nov. 19 (AP)—Attorney General John N. Mitchell said today that more permissive attitudes in American law enforcement mark 'a throwback to a time of chaos in human affairs.'

Behind the new permissiveness, Mitchell said, are fanatic revolutionaries and recent court decisions favoring defendants.

"There has even emerged a whole new type of criminal, the fanatic revolutionary who kills with bombs and incendiaries, who ambushes police, who burglarizes public files, who inflames mobs to violence," Mitchell said.

"At the same time, criminals old and new have more legal weapons to help them escape conviction and correction than ever before," he said.

In a sharply worded speech prepared for delivery before a Law Enforcement Appreciation Day gathering here, Mitchell cited what he said were some examples of per-

missiveness:

- Criminals who believe they can commit crimes and avoid punishment through legal loopholes.
- Draft dodgers in Canada who renounce their citizenship but believe they can return to the United States as though nothing had happened.
- Rioters who believe they can do violence and escape arrest.
- Revolutionaries who think they can commit murder and other crimes and stay out of jail by crying, "political prisoner."

Noting a decade of rising crime rates in America, Mitchell said reforming the prison system must take top priority.

"The state of America's prisons comes close to a national shame," he said. "No civilized society should allow it to continue."

Mitchell said four of every five felonies committed in the United States are the work of someone with a criminal record. He said the Nixon administration was committed to corrections reforms long before the recent wave of prison uprisings.

"We didn't need San Quentin or Attica to tell us we had a problem in corrections," he said.