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Swingin' Justice

Attorney General John N. Mitchell and his wife Martha hosted a swinging 100th birthday celebration for the usually staid Justice Department.

An estimated 2,500 employes — many of them reserved at first—began to loosen up in the unique party atmosphere as they took swigs

of the 3,100 gallons of free draught beer and moved to the music of the rock group El Corals that bounced deafeningly off the stone walls of the courtyard of the blocklong, block-wide Justice building in Washington.

There were several big birthday cakes honoring the department that was founded in 1870 under Attorney General Ezenezer A. Hoar, a native of Massachusetts.

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