

Detention Camp Law Repeal Urged

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The Justice Department yesterday urged repeal of a 20-year-old law permitting roundup of subversives in national emergencies to quell fears among some dissidents that the government plans to operate concentration camps.

J. Walter Yeagley, an assistant attorney general, told the House Internal Security Committee that the Preventive Detention Section of the 1950 Internal Security Act could never legally be used against dissenters even if the Government had such plans.

The Government did open and staff six "detention camps" in 1952 under the law but Yeagley said the "facilities were never used for such purposes."

Representative Richard H. Ichord (Dem-Mo.) without committing himself one way or the other, said his committee will soon consider repeal bills backed by 132 house members.

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