

# Police Supt. Conlisk Is Chicago Resident in Suburb 'Peninsula'

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Police Supt. James B. Conlisk said yesterday that he sees nothing unusual about his house being in Chicago on a tiny area of land surrounded on three sides by houses in unincorporated Norwood Park Township.

"We bought it because we liked it," Conlisk said of his ranch type home at 5448 N. Redwood Av.

## Replies to Criticism

Conlisk made the comment in response to criticism that he lives among northwest suburban residents but complies with a city ordinance that a policeman live in Chicago.

The charge was made in Federal District Court last week by Chicago Policeman James F. Ahern, 33, of Oak Lawn, who is trying to keep his job by contending that the police residency rule violates his civil rights.

Conlisk did not comment on the law suit. He said he and his wife, Colette, bought the house in July, 1966, from Edwin Witwicki, of 5106 N. Canfield Av. The house was part of Chicago's 38th Ward when he bought it, Conlisk said.

## Lot Is Annexed

Conlisk's house, on the west side of Redwood Avenue, is the only house on the block in Chicago. His neighbors on the east side of the street live in Norwood Park Township.

Witwicki said he built the house now owned by Conlisk



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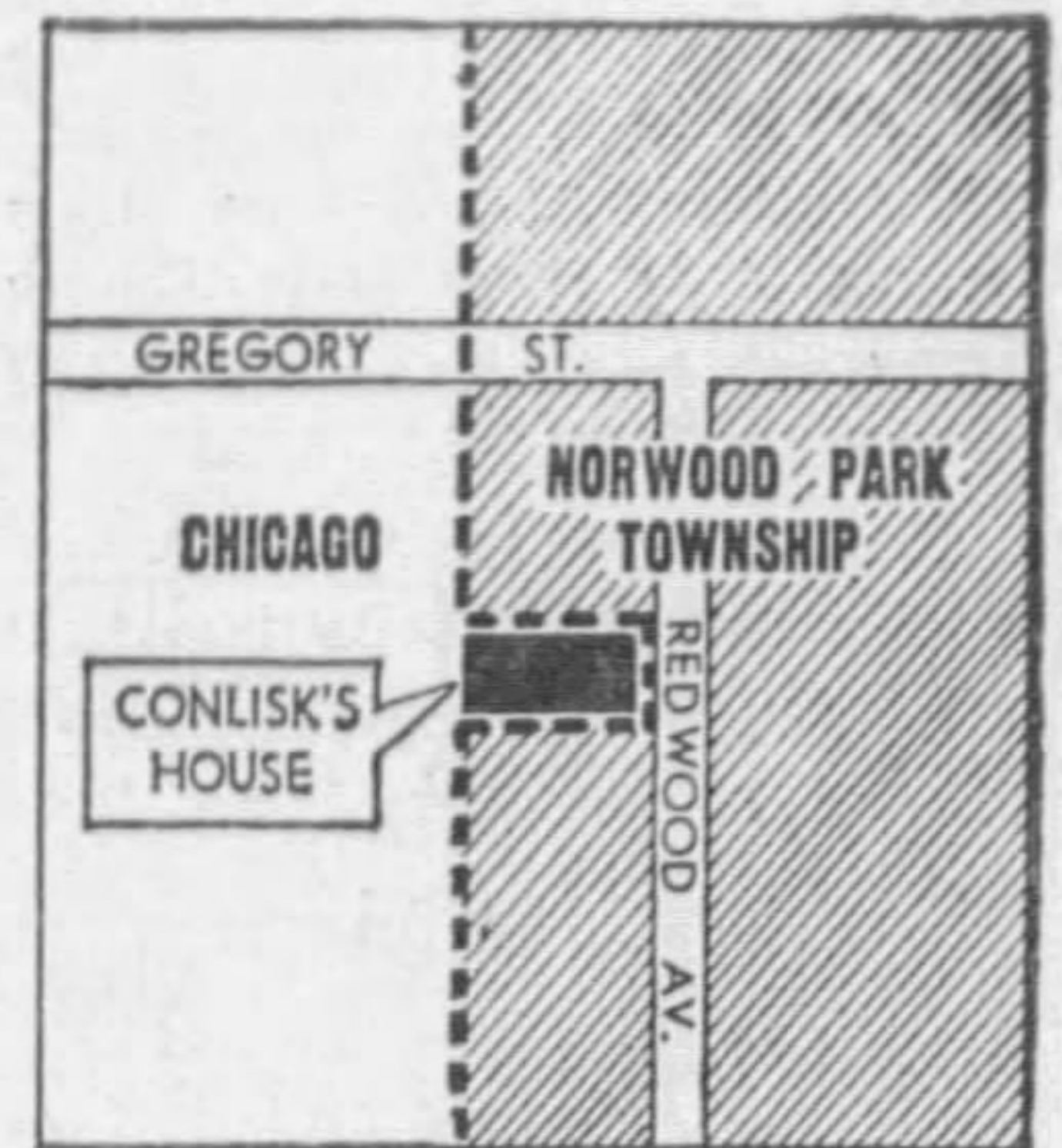
and houses in several blocks west of Redwood Avenue.

"That house [Conlisk's] was

empty when we wanted to annex to Chicago," Witwicki said. The residents who bought the other houses from Witwicki chose not to annex to Chicago. "The lots to the west and that lot [Conlisk's] were annexed around 1961," Witwicki said.

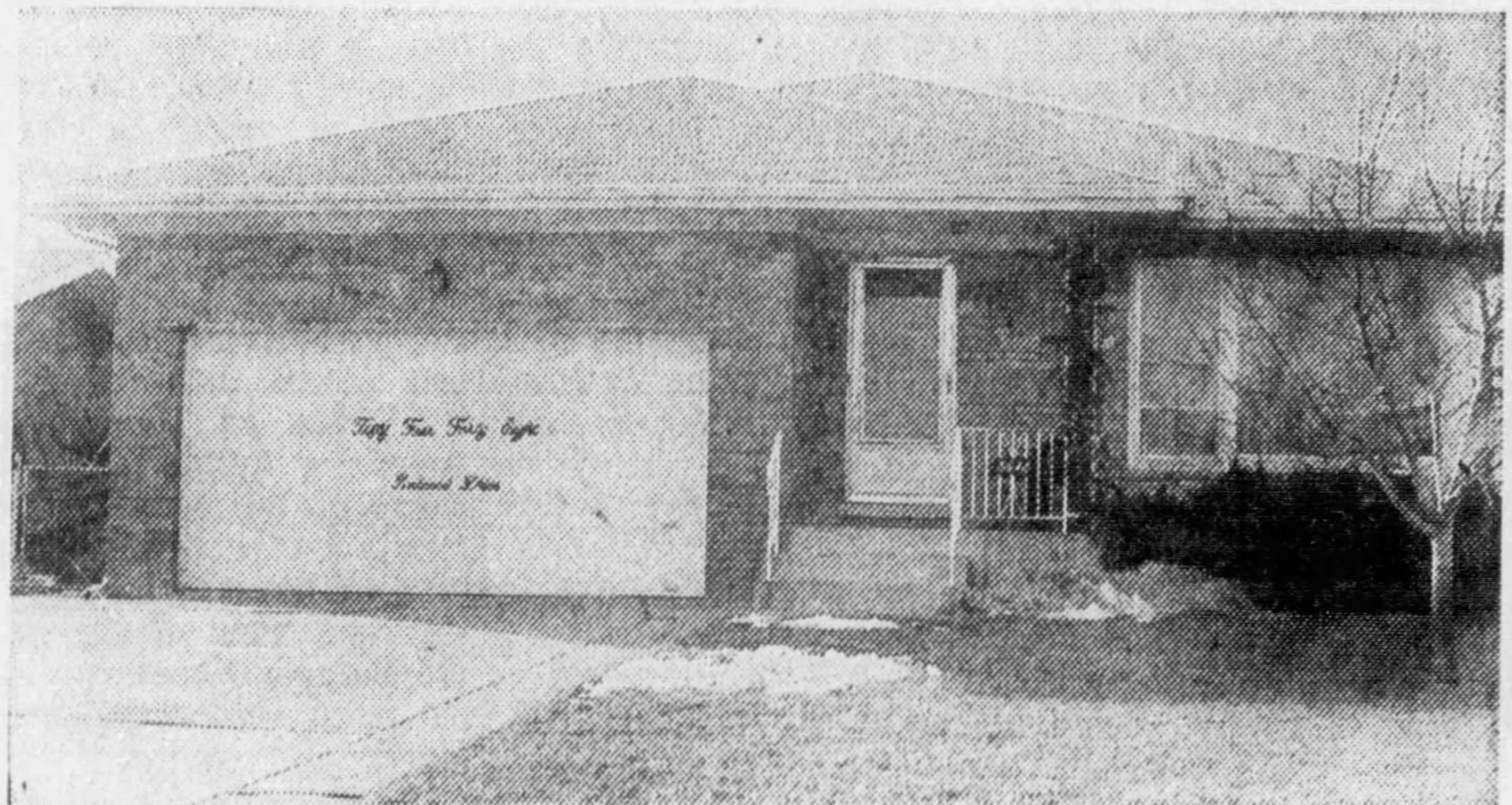
Witwicki said he sold the house, when new, to Carlo J. Paratore but regained possession of it after Paratore was sentenced to six months in jail for conspiring to defraud the Federal Housing Authority in 1966.

Patrolman Ahern was notified on Sept. 11 that he would be recommended for dismissal after he refused to move. In his suit, which asks for a preliminary injunction against his suspension and for a ruling on its constitutionality, Ahern points out that political ap-



pointees are not subject to such residency rules.

Ahern, backed by the Confederation of Police, contends that it is possible for a policeman to live in a suburb and be closer to his duty assignment than some policemen who live in Chicago.



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Home of Supt. Conlisk, 5448 N. Redwood Dr.