

Ways, Means Chief:

Cut in Taxes Not Favored

WASHINGTON (AP)—The chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee says he does not support proposals for an across the board tax cut.

The statement Tuesday by Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, D-Ark., posed an immediate threat to President Kennedy's announced intention of seeking a tax cut from Congress early next year.

In another development, Sen. Eugene McCarthy, D-Minn., said Wednesday he is considering trying to write a general tax cut this year into the Kennedy administration's tax revision bill now before the Senate Finance Committee.

Mills, who heads the committee that handles all tax legislation in the House, said while

Air Agency Points Out Danger Spot

WASHINGTON (AP)—A mechanic's oversight, a tiny cotter pin and a bolt less than an inch long could have been the ingredients of disaster in the New York crash of a jet liner, the Federal Aviation Agency says.

Ninety-five people were killed when the American Airlines Boeing 707 plunged into Jamaica Bay on March 1, seconds after taking off from Idlewild Airport.

The FAA said the bolt, part of a complex rudder mechanism, may have slipped out of place when a nut securing it fell off for lack of the little cotter pin.

The agency wired airlines and other organizations that fly 707 jets Tuesday, warning them of the potential danger spot. One such warning went to the Military Air Transport Service, which operates the Boeing jets used by President Kennedy and other government leaders.

George C. Prill, director of the FAA flight standards service, said the New York crash "could have been the result of an installation mistake by one man on one aircraft."

"We do not see this as a possible explanation for any other 707 crash about which we have any information," he said. "But it would not be the first time that an airplane crashed because a mechanic left a cotter pin out of a bolt."

"You cannot say this is it—we can never prove it happened even though it could have happened."

Prill said the Civil Aeronautics Board still is investigating the New York crash and will make the final decision on the probable cause.

Kennedy Schedules Press Conference

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy will hold a news conference Thursday at 1 p.m., PDT.

Reversing a previous White House announcement that there would be no presidential meeting with newsmen this week, Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said signals were switched because Kennedy's schedule opened up, thus allowing time for the conference.

Auto Exhaust Suspected In Lung Cancer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Public Health Service has told Congress that air pollution from auto exhaust may play a role in lung cancer and that "all practical steps should be taken to reduce the hazard while studies continue."

Highlights of the report of a two-year study were published in Tuesday's Congressional Record by Rep. Paul F. Schenck, R-Ohio, who said the air pollution problem is a complex one calling for continued exploration.

Dr. Luther Terry, surgeon general of the Public Health Service, told the congressmen his agency was assigning a high priority to its pollution studies. He indicated they would take several years.

Meantime, he said, "It is important that as needed research proceeds on the problem of pollution emissions from motor vehicles, all practicable steps be taken to minimize such pollution rather than waiting until the results of needed research are available."

Referring to research on laboratory animals exposed to ozone, gasoline and influenza infection, the report said, "It would appear . . . that there is evidence that air pollutants, related to vehicular emissions, play a role at least as a cofactor in the production of lung cancers under these conditions."



JFK's Guest President Kennedy and his guest, President Roberto Chiari of Panama, pose in an auto at Washington National Airport Tuesday. Kennedy greeted Chiari at the airport at the start of a two-day visit to the capital. (AP Wirephoto)

Lodge Won't Fight for GOP Nomination

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP)—John Davis Lodge, calling for an end to Republican factionalism in Connecticut, has decided against waging a primary fight for the U.S. Senate nomination.

Lodge, former governor and ambassador to Spain under the Dwight D. Eisenhower administration, Tuesday night threw his support behind Rep. Horace Seely-Brown Jr., who received the party's endorsement at the state convention last week. Seely-Brown, an eastern Connecticut apple grower, beat Lodge 476 to 149.

Under a state law, Lodge was entitled to challenge the convention's decision in a statewide primary because he had received at least 10 per cent of the convention vote.

Lodge is a brother of Henry Cabot Lodge, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

"Thoughtful consideration has confirmed my decision not to enter a primary for the Republican nomination," Lodge said Tuesday night. . . . "I think it urgent, now that the delegates have made their decision, that factionalism and personal hopes be subordinated to party unity."

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S.C. Senator Beats Governor in Vote

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—U.S. Sen. Olin D. Johnston handed young South Carolina Gov. Ernest F. Hollings a shattering political defeat Tuesday, winning their battle for Senate nomination by a landslide margin of nearly 2-1.

With 1,504 of 1,604 precincts reporting, Johnston had 183,607 votes to 95,185 for Hollings. This gave Johnston 66 per cent of the vote.

Johnston will face Republican W. D. Workman Jr., Columbia newspaper columnist, in the November general elections.

Donald Russell, 55, Spartanburg attorney and former president of the University of South Carolina, ran away from Lt. Gov. Burnet R. Maybank and three others to win the Democratic nomination for governor. The nomination is tantamount to election since the Republicans have no candidate in the November election.

Outpicks 4 Opponents With 1,530 of 1,604 precincts reporting in the governor's race, Russell had 179,088 votes to 91,547 for Maybank. The three other candidates polled 23,846 votes among them.

The primary contest was the first political test for the 65-year-old Johnston in 12 years. Johnston's strength extended even to Hollings' home county of Charleston where the senator piled up 13,710 votes to 9,596 for the handsome 40-year-old governor. Hollings led in only one of the state's 46 counties.

The campaign was a bitter one. Hollings said a prime issue was the right-to-work law, which he supported. He said Johnston had voted against federal legislation authorizing such state statutes and was backed by the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education.

Republican Senate nominee Workman said the voters will be faced "with a clear cut choice. Senator Johnston can try to defend the Kennedy's. I will defend the Constitution."

Congressional Races In congressional races, two incumbents, 8th District Rep. John L. McMillan and 4th District Rep. Robert T. Ashmore won renomination over opposition.

Three other incumbents, representatives L. Mendel Rivers, 1st District; William Jennings Bryan Dorn, 3rd District; and Robert W. Hemphill, 5th District, were unopposed.

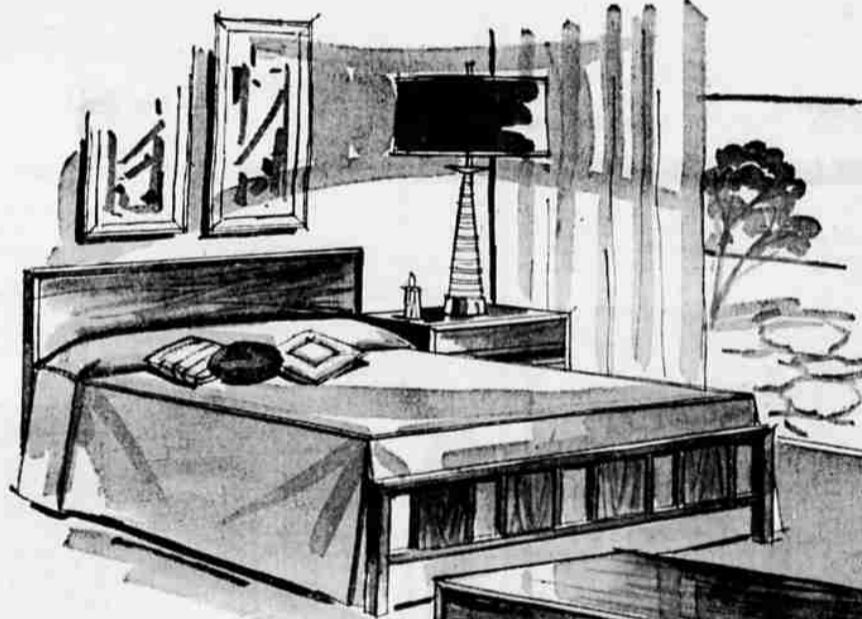
State Rep. Albert Watson, a Columbia attorney, led a five-man ticket in the 2nd District. He will meet former Columbia Mayor Frank Owens in a June 26 runoff.



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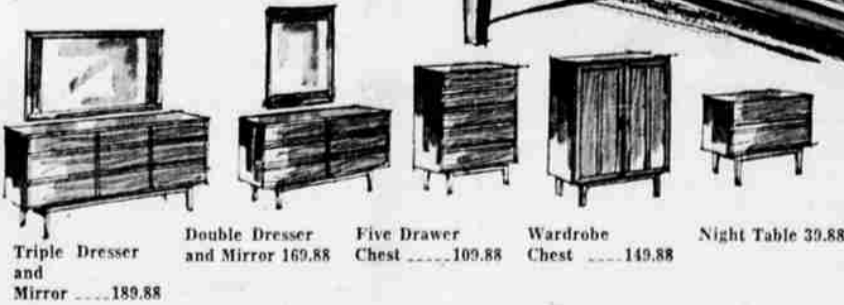
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