

Sen. Williams aims broadside at Pres. Johnson

WASHINGTON (UPI) — In a verbal broadside aimed at the White House, a Republican senator said today that he saw no difference between public officials accepting a stereo record player, a mink or vicuna coat, a deep freeze or an oriental rug.

Sen. John J. Williams, R-Del., issued the acid statement following disclosures by Senate investigators Tuesday that a \$580 high-fi set was given to then Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson in 1959 through arrangements made by former Senate Aide Bobby Baker.

"Whenever anyone gives a public official an article of such value he is expecting something in return," Williams asserted, "and any public official who accepts such gifts is not

so naive as to be unable to recognize that point."

"I see no difference in the acceptance of an expensive stereo than in the acceptance of a mink or vicuna coat, a deep freeze, or an oriental rug," Williams said.

"I condemned the deep freezes and vicuna coats of the preceding administrations, and

Went 11 days without sleep

PARMA, Italy (UPI) — A 19-year-old Italian house painter said today he went 11 days — 264 hours — without sleep.

Giuliano Fantoni claimed he had broken the world stay-awake title set earlier this month by California's Randy Gardner.

Fantoni celebrated his mark with a toast with friends in a Parma bar. One of his congratulators, however, bricklayer Rino Ravarani, 24, immediately challenged the new record and started to stay awake.

At the end of the ordeal, the young painter had lost some weight and his eyes were puffed but he said he was not sleepy and would wait till evening to hit the hay.

I will not defend the stereo now," he declared. "There can be but one code for public officials."

Williams' reference to mink coats and deep freezes apparently alluded to certain allegations involving Truman administration officials. The oriental rug and vicuna coat were apparent references to charges that led to a Senate investigation of former President Eisenhower's assistant, Sherman Adams.

Meantime, the Senate Rules Committee was preparing for the next round of the Baker investigation, an open session Thursday on Baker's financial records.

Insurance man Don B. Reynolds told the investigators in testimony released Tuesday that Baker, an official of the insurance firm, asked that he send Johnson the stereo set after Reynolds had renewed a policy on the life of the then Senate Democratic leader.

WIDOW'S SECRET

WISEU, Portugal (UPI) — An old widow's jealousy guarded secret came to light today. When Maria Lemos of Caver-naes died her age was listed officially as 102. Later information showed she really was 108.

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RFK cautiously optimistic efforts will be successful

JAKARTA, Indonesia (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy was cautiously optimistic today that his efforts will lead to a summit meeting to head off a possible "major conflict" and bring a peaceful solution of the dispute among Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia.

Kennedy arrived here this afternoon from Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, the new British Commonwealth federation that borders Indonesia. His wife, Ethel, was with him.

In a brief airport statement, he said he hoped his efforts coupled with the "desire of (Indonesian) President Sukarno to have peace in this area" would lead to peace in the crisis over the existence of Malaysia.

Says Talks "Helpful"

He met with Sukarno in Tokyo, went on to Manila to confer with President Diosdado

Macapagal, and then to Kuala Lumpur for talks with Malaysian Premier Tengku Abdul Rahman.

Kennedy said his talks with Sukarno in Tokyo were "most helpful." He added that he was looking forward to resuming the conversations in a second round of talks with Sukarno and other Indonesian officials here later in the day. He said he hoped a summit meeting among the three Asian leaders soon would come about as a result.

BLIND THIEF

OSTUNI, Italy (UPI) — Police arrested shepherd Francesco Ciccarone Tuesday and charged him with a remarkable exploit. The said Ciccarone, 42, stole a flock of 100 sheep — despite the fact he is totally blind.

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