



Sen. Samuel Ervin, chairman of the Senate Watergate Investigating Committee, questions Robert C. Odle, (with back toward camera) former director of administration for the

Committee for the Re-election of the President as members of the Senate committee look on. Yesterday was the start of the Senate committee's Watergate hearings.

## Mitchell boosted Nixon while attorney general

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even while he was attorney general, John N. Mitchell was making major decisions in President Nixon's re-election campaign, the Senate Watergate committee was told yesterday at the start of its historic hearings.

Robert C. Odle, former director of administration for the Committee for the Re-election of the President, said memoranda were going to Mitchell at the Justice Department as far back as May 1971. Mitchell resigned as attorney general in March 1972 and joined the campaign as director a month later.

Odle also said that on the day five men broke into Democratic Party headquarters he removed a file from committee offices he now believes contained "things which have no place in a political campaign."

Odle, who is winding up the re-election committee's affairs, was the hearings leadoff witness.

He was followed to the stand by Bruce Kehrl, aide to former White House chief of staff H. R. Haldeman, who quit April 30 under fire in the Watergate scandal.

Kehrl's testimony was restricted to describing White House staff organization. The senators reserved for Kehrl's later appearance questions about his drilling open the White House safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

Also testifying was Sgt. Paul W. Leeper, one of the three plainclothes policemen who surprised and arrested five men in the act of rifling Democratic

headquarters in the Watergate office building June 19.

"They were probably five of the easiest lockups I've ever had," Leeper said.

Odle said instruction for him to remove the file stored in the desk of campaign deputy Jeb S. Magruder, came in a three-way conversation with Magruder initiated by himself and Robert Reisner. Magruder was in California that day.

Magruder "was concerned about the file because he feared for the security of the building," Odle said. "I was possibly concerned about retribution. I was concerned about general security."

There have been published reports that the file contained summaries of wiretaps placed in the Democratic Committee offices in an earlier break-in. But Odle said he did not look at the folder he said was about one and a half inches thick.

He said it was returned to Magruder on the Monday following the break-in.

Speaking in the huge Senate Caucus Room to a special panel of seven senators, Odle said there was no doubt that ultimate political authority for the campaign rested in the White House.

"Is it fair to say that the committee was set up, organized and directed from

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## Skylab mission postponed

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — A repair mission to the Skylab space station, scheduled to begin Sunday, yesterday was put off for another five days to allow the astronauts to train for a space walking roof repair job on the sweltering orbital laboratory.

An announcement said Skylab 1 astronauts Charles Conrad Jr., Dr. Joseph P. Kerwin and Paul J. Weitz will be launched 9:02 a.m. May 25, carrying tools and materials needed to attach a sun shade on Skylab.

John Discher, deputy Skylab program director, said the delay was made possible because engineers have stabilized the heat buildup in the troubled \$294 million space station.

Mission Control experts bought the extra time by orienting the space station with one side away from the sun. This caused temperatures in the craft to drop from an average of 100 to 110 degrees to an average of 90 to 105 degrees.

Conrad, Kerwin and Weitz practiced yesterday techniques they will use to install the sun shade. The astronauts had to learn to perform two suggested methods of attaching the sun shield.

The proposed "fixes" employ a fabric-

like shade to protect the space station from the sun's light and heat. The shade would replace a shield coated with thermal control paint which ripped away during Monday's launch, causing Skylab to absorb heat from the sun. Some temperature readings in the craft reached 190 degrees at one point.

One method of installing the new shade calls for an astronaut to attach a 40-foot by 12-foot awning-like sheet which would be unrolled from a T-shaped frame.

Kerwin trained to perform this repair job by practicing space walk techniques in a water tank at the Marshall Spaceflight Center in Huntsville, Ala. The tank contains a Skylab mockup and water to simulate weightlessness.

The second repair method requires the Apollo command ship, which ferries the astronauts to the space station, to be flown close enough to Skylab's roof to permit a man to lean out of a hatch and attach a sail-shaped sun shade.

George Hardy, chief of system and integration at Marshall, said the astronauts probably will carry enough tools and materials to install a sun shade with either of the two proposed methods.

## Chamber still supports by-pass

Editor's note: following is the last in a three-part series of interviews with State College officials concerning the proposed middle section of the State College By-pass.

By NANCY LOWRY  
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The State College Chamber of Commerce is one of the few groups on town still favoring completion of the controversial State College By-pass.

According to Chamber representative Charles M. Mong, the Chamber's official position always has been one of support.

Mong said the Chamber still believes the by-pass will be more beneficial to the community than harmful.

"We are anxious to see the by-pass completed," Mong said, "even if that

means following the original design." He said the Chamber would be interested in any suggestion to improve the controversial middle-section, but the primary interest is in completing it.

Mong said scaling down the road would be self-defeating.

"Building a road to meet immediate needs would be foolhardy," he said. "A road of this caliber is an investment and must meet tomorrow's needs."

According to Mong, members of the Chamber feel there has been a need for the by-pass since it first was proposed 10 years ago.

"And we still think it's needed," he said. "It's needed today, it will be needed in the future."

Mong said many problems facing the by-pass would have been eliminated if

construction had started when the idea first was suggested.

"If the road had been designed and built when it was first needed 10 years ago, many of the communities so disturbed by it would not have built where they did," he said, referring to new homes along the Benner Pike and in Lemont.

According to Mong, the by-pass would relieve State College traffic congestion as well as cut down on air and noise pollution and vehicle-pedestrian conflict problems.

Mong added, "It would siphon off traffic just passing through the town, separating it from those destined for State College."

Mong said some citizens' groups against the by-pass have complained about minor things.

"I personally do not find highways visually offensive," he said, adding he thinks the Keystone Shortway, part of Interstate 80, is an asset to the environment.

"This highway gives a traveler an opportunity to enjoy a panoramic view of Central Pennsylvania much better than the highway it replaced," he said.

The by-pass will offer the same advantage, he said.

Mong said he offers his sympathy to East Halls residents' concern that increased traffic in the area would disturb their sleep, and said his own bedroom is 20 yards from Route 45. After a two-week adjustment period, he said, he no longer heard the traffic.

"Man is a most adaptable creature," he said. "He can adjust to anything."

Other county residents also favor completion of the by-pass.

State College Mayor Chauncey P. Lang said the by-pass is "five years too late." Lang said so many complications have come up in the past few years that he is beginning to doubt if anything ever will come of the highway.

Borough Councilman Edwin D. Frost said, "Let's just get it finished." Frost said he agrees that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation may be able to improve the interchanges in time, but added his chief interest as a

local businessman is to see the project completed.

Frost said he does not think the finished highway will be as unattractive as some others say.

"The highway department is looking at it," he said. "It's their job to build and design roads. I'm confident they will come up with a satisfactory design."

He added, "There is just too much money in it to let it go."

Borough Council President Lawrence Perez said he strongly favors completing the by-pass because the two ends already have been built and will be useless unless they are connected.

"I see the by-pass as an asset to travelers, though some think the automobile is not here to stay," he said.

Perez said the taxpayer who buys gasoline deserves to have his money used for better highways and should be able to travel without being held up at every red light in small towns.

"The state has already spent so much money on it, it is necessary they get it finished," he said.

Perez said he does not agree with people who said the highway was overdesigned.

"I don't know that we won't need something that size in another 10 years," he said. "I just want to see it finished."

## Weather

Partly cloudy and cool today with chance of a few sprinkles this morning, high 55. Tonight fair and cool, low 38. Partly sunny, breezy and warmer tomorrow, high 63. Chance of showers and mild Saturday night and Sunday.



Baird

LEGAL ABORTION CRUSADER, BILL BAIRD shows a Colloquy audience a board with some of the devices women use to give themselves abortions. Baird, who has been arrested 8 times for challenging birth control and abortion laws, received one of his sentences in Wisconsin for showing the same board. The other side of the board has contraceptive devices and in some states it is illegal to display contraceptives in public. Baird was arrested in New York for corrupting the morals of a minor when he showed a contraceptive device in the presence of a 14-month-old-baby.

## Baird defends abortion

By KATHY SUHORSKY  
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Women have the right to decide what to do with their own bodies, legal abortion advocate Bill Baird said last night.

"I will fight for your freedom, for your right to be free, to decide whether you want an abortion or not," Baird told a Colloquy audience in Schwab.

"We men are so eager to tell women what to do with their bodies," Baird said, calling abortion laws an example of "man's inhumanity to woman."

Baird, who set up the nation's first abortion clinic 10 years ago, said it is 18 times safer to go through an abortion than to go through childbirth. He said not one person who has gone to the clinic has died or been sent to a hospital.

Baird showed the audience a board on

which were mounted some common self-abortion utensils and standard contraceptive devices. Baird, who has been arrested and jailed 8 times for challenging birth control and abortion laws, received one of his sentences in Wisconsin for showing the same board.

"If you do engage in intercourse, be responsible and protect yourselves by using a decent method of birth control," he said.

He cautioned the audience about contraceptive failures such as ill-fitting diaphragms and expelled coils. "I much prefer to call rhythm Vatican Roulette," he said.

"If you're on the pill, be under a doctor's care," he said, predicting the pill eventually will be taken off the market for its side effects.

Baird called the Roman Catholic Church the single greatest enemy of

abortion as an organized lobby force. "Why should the Roman Catholic Church use tax-exempt money to lobby against your rights?" he said.

"It's a fact of life that every one of you has sexual drives. What you do with them is your own private morality," Baird said.

He said he was arrested by two off-duty policemen at the Roman Catholic Bishops Conference while attempting to present a petition to the group. The American Civil Liberties Union currently is suing the church for \$26 million on Baird's behalf.

"I promise I will not keep it myself, I will use it to build free abortion clinics for the poor across the country," Baird said.

Baird, scheduled to speak Wednesday in Wisconsin, said he expects to be arrested again. "I am bartering my freedom to reach you," he said.