

# House concentrates on Watergate, taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House impeachment inquiry staff reported yesterday that it is concentrating its investigation on the major Watergate allegations and President Nixon's tax problems.

The staff told the House Judiciary Committee that it is halting its inquiries into 15 of the 56 original allegations against the President.

In each of the 15 cases the staff said "either there is no substantial evidence known to the staff that supports an allegation of wrongdoing or the evidence is insufficient to justify devoting the resources required to complete a thorough investigation."

Chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr., D-N.J., emphasized that the final decision on dropping any allegation would be up to committee members.

During the 2½-hour meeting the committee also voted 34 to 4 to give the White House five more days to respond to a subpoena for tapes of 42 presidential conversations.

The White House response was put off until 10 a.m. Tuesday. Most of the items set aside by the staff include allegations that presidential friends and big campaign contributors received favored treatment from government agencies.

Also halted was the investigation of possible impeachable

conduct in connection with the President's refusal to spend appropriated funds and his attempt to shut down the Office of Economic Opportunity without prior congressional approval.

The report said the staff is continuing its probe of allegations stemming from a \$100,000 campaign contribution from billionaire Howard Hughes, a \$200,000 cash contribution from financier Robert L. Vesco, contributions from the dairy industry and a pledge from ITT to help underwrite the 1972 Republican convention.

Much of the discussion at the meeting involved the staff's plans to examine allegations that criminal fraud may have been committed in the preparation of President Nixon's income tax returns. Both the congressional Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation and the Internal Revenue Service have declared that the President incorrectly claimed a \$576,000 deduction for his donation to the government of his pre-presidential papers.

Both the committee and the IRS said that as a result of the disallowed deduction for the papers as well as other disallowed items the President owed more than \$450,000 in additional taxes.

The impeachment inquiry staff noted that the joint committee "made no investigation whether or not there was

criminal tax fraud for which the President is responsible."

Such an investigation is under way by the special Watergate prosecutor's office but the impeachment staff said it "is likely to be prolonged and its result will not be available to the committee under the committee's contemplated timetable."

John Doar, chief counsel for the impeachment inquiry, said the investigation of the President's taxes would concentrate on the gift of his papers.

But he emphasized "investigation of tax fraud is a complicated matter."

Doar said he intends to ask the IRS for a copy of its report on the President's taxes.

An allegation stemming from secret U.S. bombing raids in Cambodia between March 1969 and August 1973 remained under active consideration at least until next week when the committee hopes to obtain access to a Senate Armed Services Committee report on the bombing.

Several committee Democrats indicated they would strongly oppose any attempt to drop the Cambodian bombing from the allegations.

Rep. Robert F. Drinan, D-Mass., asked Doar if he intended to subpoena White House tapes of conversations about the bombing between the President and members of the Joint

Chiefs of Staff.

Doar said no decision had been made yet. Drinan also said he opposes halting the investigation into impeachment and the OEO shutdown.

The staff said it had reviewed more than 50 court decisions challenging the administration's authority to refuse to spend appropriated funds. While in many cases the courts ruled against the administration, the staff said, it found no basis for listing impeachment as an impeachable offense.

Issues still under active investigation include: — Domestic surveillance activities alleged to have been conducted by or at the direction of the White House.

— Political intelligence and espionage activities during the 1972 presidential campaign.

— The Watergate break-in and cover-up.

— Allegations that contributions to the President's re-election campaign were given in exchange for ambassadorships.

— Allegations that the White House attempted to use the Federal Communications Commission to control and retaliate against news media criticism.

— Allegations that the White House attempted to use the IRS to harass political "enemies."

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### Federal judge orders halt to searching of blacks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge issued a preliminary injunction yesterday to halt the widespread stopping of young blacks in the controversial Operation Zebra search for the killer or killers of 12 whites.

U.S. District Court Judge Alfonso Zirpoli issued the injunction after hearing arguments by civil liberties groups that the week-old police practice was unconstitutional and a violation of black men's rights.

The judge said no one may be stopped in the hunt for the killer unless there is other independent evidence, such as conduct, which creates a reasonable suspicion that the person is committing a crime.

The injunction also prohibits searching or frisking any person solely because he appears to fit the composite sketch of the Zebra killer.

Zirpoli agreed that revised guidelines issued by Police Chief Donald Scott earlier in the day included detailed constitutional safeguards.

But the judge said, "An injunction is necessary in the interests of public tranquility."

The case involves lawsuits filed by the NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union challenging the order by Mayor Joseph Alioto that police stop and search blacks who fit the description of the man or men authorities say have killed 12 whites and wounded six others in random shootings since last November. About 600 men have been stopped since last Wednesday.

Earlier, Police Chief Donald Scott told Zirpoli that a set of revised guidelines for the Zebra dragnet had been put into effect that include a provision that police observe a man's appearance and demeanor before they stop him. Under the guidelines an officer could not use a baton or other weapon during such a stop unless he were threatened physically.

At the first hearing Wednesday, Chief Police Inspector Charles A. Barca said the "Operation Zebra" dragnet was being curtailed drastically after failing

to produce clues in six days of searches. He said police would only stop men "acting out of the ordinary."

Thirty-two men were stopped by police Wednesday night, about half the number questioned the previous night, a police spokesman said.

Police have said at least two and possibly four persons are involved in the shootings, code-named Zebra after the radio channel used in the investigation.

In addition to requesting an end to the searches, the suits raised objections to the police practice of issuing field interrogation cards to blacks when an officer felt that more than casual questioning was needed. The suit charged such cards gave those questioned a police record.

Scott said that under the new guidelines such field interrogation cards would be sealed and kept for four years and then destroyed. Before being sealed, the cards are to be kept for 60 days for possible checks.



Mom knows best

DAISY LONG (9th-health planning and administration), mother of four, bought some of her groceries from the new OTIS food co-op. Long said she was glad to be able to buy some of her groceries at a significant savings. See story page 7.

### Mitchell-Stans case nears end

NEW YORK (AP) — The conspiracy case against former Atty. General John Mitchell and one-time Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans went to a federal court jury yesterday after a 10-week trial — the first criminal prosecution of former Cabinet members in nearly 50 years.

The jury of nine men and three women got the case at 4:55 p.m. EDT after four men and one woman alternates were excused.

Exactly 30 minutes after the jurors filed out of the courtroom, they were back, having sent out a note requesting 12 copies of the indictment.

The panel had heard the government in its final summation brand the defendants liars under oath "not just once, not just twice, but many times."

"The law says you cannot lie under oath," Asst. U.S. Atty. John Wing told the nine men and three women jurors in ringing tones, "no matter who you are,

how big or how small. That oath is the cornerstone of our judicial system."

When Wing completed his 6½-hour final summation, which he had begun Wednesday, Mitchell's lawyer, Peter Fleming Jr., asked for a mistrial, because of "repeated characterizations of the defendants as liars."

Judge Lee P. Gagliardi denied the motion. Then he launched into a 137-page charge to the jury. He advised them on the points of law to consider in reaching their verdict, after first telling them: "You are to perform this final duty in an atmosphere of complete calm and impartiality."

Mitchell, 60, and Stans, 66, are accused of a conspiracy to obstruct a massive Securities and Exchange Commission fraud investigation into the corporate empire of international financier Robert L. Vesco.

The government charges it was an influence-peddling scheme paid for by

Vesco's secret \$200,000 cash contribution to President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

The pair are jointly charged with one count of conspiracy and two of obstructing justice, plus six separate counts each of perjury. The maximum penalty attached to all counts is 45 years in federal prison.

"Each count must be considered separately," Gagliardi instructed the jury.

### New police chief recommended

By RICH GRANT  
Collegian Staff Writer

The police chief selection committee has unanimously chosen Lt. Elwood G. Williams Jr. as its preference for State College police chief.

A member of the borough police force since 1961, Williams has served as acting chief since Herbert Straley resigned the post last October.

"I am extremely pleased with the committee's recommendation and I am very elated about the whole situation," Williams said.

The selection committee will present its recommendation to the State College Borough Council Tuesday.

"We are certain the council will go

along," selection committee chairman Allen Patterson said. He added the committee was assured the borough civil service commission would approve the appointment.

According to a selection committee statement, the recommendation was "subject to the willingness of Council to accept Lieutenant Williams' experience and superior achievement during the years of his service as an alternative to the announced specification of the bachelor's degree as one of the several requirements for appointment to this position."

Williams now is attending the University part time for a B.A. in law enforcement and corrections.

Of eight candidates selected as qualified, three of whom were interviewed by the committee, Patterson said Williams received the highest rating in the judgment of each committee member.

The committee consisted of James M. Elliott, University personnel director; Ray M. Hendricks, Harris Township supervisor; Charles L. Newman, professor of law enforcement and corrections; and three borough council members — Ingrid Holtzman, Richard Kummer and Patterson.

The three officers interviewed were evaluated through a technique devised by Frank Landy, associate professor of psychology at the University. Patterson

explained the committee's questions were organized into six categories defining the functions of a police chief.

Williams had been endorsed by the State College Area Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Merchants Association and the Fraternal Order of Police lodge for the State College area.

"If anybody thought he was exerting pressure, he was wasting his breath," Patterson said. The borough councilman added that selection committee members would have resigned if a choice had been forced on them.

When former chief Straley resigned, it was reported his resignation followed a conflict over authority with Borough Manager Carl Fairbanks.

### PSU group joining rally

By DAVE SHAFFER  
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Two hundred twenty Penn State students attending the Washington Impeach Nixon rally will be among at least 10,000 expected to turn out, but Washington organizers have not yet made final decisions on the speakers and rock groups.

Campaign Director Herbert Epstein compared the planned rally to "the first anti-war marches in 1965." People from all age groups are expected, he said, noting that 50 percent of the New York delegation will be over age 30.

Four speakers already are planned, but two more have yet to be announced. Epstein could not say who is being considered, but hinted that they may be national figures.

The Jefferson Airplane, which was rumored to be planning a concert, has fallen through, according to Epstein. But two other groups — Commander Cody and the New Riders of the Purple Sage — are reportedly considering concerts.

Organizers are "peaceful people,"

and do not plan any violence at the rally, Epstein said. An anti-Nixon group known as the Attica Brigade is reportedly planning some kind of disruptive activity, however. "There may be some difficulty," he said.

The rally was organized to parallel Nixon's decision on complying with the House Judiciary Committee subpoena for White House tapes.

The committee's decision to extend the subpoena deadline from yesterday to next Tuesday was brought on because Nixon and the House committee "would both like to see only a small demonstration," according to Epstein.

At Penn State, student leaders have organized five buses to take 220 students to the rally. Many other students wanted to go, but only five buses were available, according to Pennsylvania Student Lobby Treasurer Frank Muraca.

Buses will leave State College at 5:30 a.m. tomorrow from parking lot 80 across from East Halls.

Only those with tickets can get on the buses, he said.

### Simon predicts more trouble

## Energy saving measures relaxing

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Americans are relaxing their efforts to save energy now that the visible signs of the Arab oil embargo have vanished.

A nationwide Associated Press survey found evidence of increased use of energy throughout the nation since the middle of March: more auto traffic and higher speeds, rising toll-road receipts, declining use of mass transit and greater use of electricity.

Asked about The AP survey's results, William E. Simon, former federal energy chief, said in New York Wednesday that the nation is headed for further energy trouble if the survey is accurate.

The Treasury secretary-designate emphasized that "conservation has to be a way of life" and is the cornerstone of

the government's energy policy. The end of the embargo did not bring an end to the energy crisis, he said.

"The energy office has been monitoring traffic to see what people would do once the lines at gasoline stations disappeared. People are going back to their old driving habits," said John C. Sawhill, who replaced Simon as administrator of the Federal Energy Office.

"There are as many people on the road now as there were in September before the embargo."

And police in several states said the number of speeding citations was up.

"Since they no longer have to wait in line for gas, they feel they should no longer have to go 55," said Chief Will Bachofner of the Washington State

Patrol. He said troopers issued 2,992 tickets in the first week of April this year, compared with a weekly average in 1973 of 1,480.

Use of mass transit increased during the height of the energy shortage, but the AP survey shows ridership is falling off now.

Electric utilities across the nation also said conservation efforts appeared to be declining, but they said Americans still are not using the amount of electricity they would normally — an increase of about 6 per cent a year.

Energy surveys conducted weekly by the National Opinion Research Center in Chicago indicated that the idea of car pools never caught on in most of the nation.

The Chicago research group said its

three months of surveys showed that a large majority — about 85 per cent — thought the energy shortage was a very important national problem, but only 26 per cent of the respondents thought it was the most important.

Asked what the government could do to counter the apparent shift from conservation, ex-energy chief Simon said: "Convince and cajole."

### Weather

Becoming mostly sunny and mild today after morning cloudiness, high 70. Tonight fair and mild, low 48. Saturday partly cloudy and warm, high 75. Sunday variable cloudiness and continued warm with a chance of a few showers, high 77.