

Rodino rejects tapes compromise

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee Thursday rejected a White House compromise suggestion and said anything less than full compliance with the panel's subpoena of presidential tapes could be grounds for impeachment.

Later, after Rep. Peter W. Rodino Jr., D-N.J., stated the impeachment panel's position, a subpoena directing President Nixon to supply Watergate investigators with tapes and other evidence covering approximately five dozen White House conversations was served on Nixon's chief lawyer.

U.S. District Judge John W. Sirica, acting upon the request of Watergate special prosecutor Leon Jaworski, directed Nixon

to answer the new subpoena by 10 a.m. EDT May 2. Jaworski said the materials, which the White House has refused to hand over, were needed for use in the Watergate coverup trial that is due to begin Sept. 9.

Discussing the subpoena his House committee sent Nixon earlier, Rodino rejected the suggestions of White House officials that the tapes be censored by the President or his aides before they are given to the impeachment inquiry panel.

"We have issued a subpoena," Rodino said in a television interview. "It's necessary that the White House comply because it's in the interest of answering a nagging question that is before the American people."

"Unless this is done, it is going to be considered by the committee as a refusal on

the part of the White House and could be considered as a possible crime of impeachment."

Jaworski, frustrated by White House refusal to provide requested evidence for the Watergate coverup trial, asked Sirica on Tuesday to authorize a subpoena to obtain the evidence.

At that time, Jaworski said the materials were necessary "either as evidence which the government would seek to offer in its case or which might be helpful to one or more of the defendants."

Seven former high White House or Nixon campaign officials have been indicted for

plotting to hush up the bugging scandal.

It will be the second subpoena Jaworski has served on Nixon. The President, who has repeatedly said he has already provided Jaworski with enough evidence to prosecute his case, complied with the first Jaworski subpoena at the last moment.

The material Jaworski seeks includes tape recordings, memoranda and other documents of 64 meetings or telephone conversations Nixon had with his top aides between June 20, 1972 — just three days after the break-in at Democratic headquarters at the Watergate — and June 4, 1973.

'Zebra' suspects sought

SAN FRANCISCO — Police stopped, questioned and searched hundreds of young blacks Thursday in a hunt for "Zebra" suspects in San Francisco's 18 random street shootings since November — 12 of them fatal.

One hundred fifty officers, organized in special teams, were deployed in six zones of the city where the slayings occurred.

The officers carried composite drawings of the killer, or one of the killers, presenting him as a black between 5 feet 9 inches and 6 feet tall, of slender medium build with a moustache, and frequently wearing a watch cap.

Robert Brooks, 23, attired in a long black coat and a knit hat while waiting for a bus, said he was spotted by plainclothes men and interrogated in their car for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, traffic and other checks were

conducted on him by radio.

"Wow," said Brooks, a private security guard, "one of the first things I'm going to do is get rid of this knit cap."

Mayor Joseph L. Alioto said the "stop and search" tactic has no parallel in San Francisco history, but "this is an extraordinary situation and it calls for extraordinary measures."

In all the shootings the assailants were black and the victims white. The shootings, all without apparent motive, occurred after dark and before 10 p.m. In all the fatal shootings, one of two .32 caliber pistols was used, according to ballistics tests.

The latest victim, Nelson Shields IV, 23, of Greenville, Del., was killed Tuesday night by three .32 caliber slugs in the back while rearranging lacrosse equipment in back of a station wagon in front of a friend's house.



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Warplanes battle over Mount Hermon

BEIRUT—The Israeli-Syrian warfare escalated Thursday. Both sides threw warplanes into the fighting for strategic Mount Hermon and elsewhere on the Golan Heights where tank and artillery forces duled for the 38th consecutive day.

It was the first report of action by the Soviet-equipped Syrian air force since last October's war.

There was no mention of air battles but a communique issued in Damascus said Syrian air defenses shot down an Israeli Phantom jet fighter-bomber.

Record hashish shipment seized

WASHINGTON—U.S. and Bahamian officials have seized \$15.5 million worth of hashish—largest recorded seizure in the Western Hemisphere—from a disabled freighter off the Florida coast, it was announced Thursday.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) said Bahamian police seized about 3,700 pounds of hashish contained in 50 burlap bags and arrested six Americans who were members of the crew. DEA administrator John Bartels Jr. said the ship was bound from Morocco to the United States with the hashish as its only cargo.

Stans denied mistrial

NEW YORK—Former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans testified Thursday at his conspiracy trial that "On my oath, I never did anything to help Robert Vesco in any way." He then asked unsuccessfully for a mistrial on ground that a Watergate committeeman was in the courtroom.

Stans' attorney, Walter J. Bonner, made the mistrial motion on grounds that "a member of the Watergate Committee is sitting here" and that Watergate-related questions were being deliberately asked under cross-examination to influence the jury.

Federal Judge Lee P. Gagliardi said, "You point is timely taken," but the motion was denied.

Renewed contact with Cuba seen

WASHINGTON — In its first gesture of possible reconciliation with Cuba since diplomatic relations were broken 13 years ago, the United States abandoned Thursday its total opposition to any hemispheric consultations with the Fidel Castro government.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger agreed to a Mexican proposal for a survey of all hemispheric governments on whether to invite a Cuban delegate to the next informal conference of Latin-American and Caribbean foreign ministers in Buenos Aires late this year or early in 1975.

The proposal, supported by Argentina, Peru and Venezuela, was accepted without discussion on the second day of a two-day conference of 24 hemispheric foreign ministers at the State Department.

Executive assistant U.S. attorney John W. Rayhill later said the man in question was a member of special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski's staff but did not identify him further.

Stans flatly denied that he had conspired with co-defendant former Attorney General John N. Mitchell to impede a federal investigation of Vesco's financial manipulations in return for a secret \$200,000 cash contribution to President Nixon's 1972 reelection campaign.

Prosecutor John R. Wing questioned Stans about a so-called \$350,000 cash-in-hand fund, which included the Vesco contribution that was deposited in a bank in 1972.

Without actually saying so, the inference was that the money had been deposited to cover the \$350,000 withdrawn earlier that year by then White House aide H.R. Haldeman, for a so-called "polling fund."

Stans said that his treasurer, Hugh Sloan, had set up the \$35,000 fund and he had nothing to do with it.

Bar considers expelling Nixon

NEW YORK — The New York City Bar Association announced Thursday it was looking into the possibility of bringing disbarment proceedings against President Nixon.

John Bonomi, head of the association's committee on discipline, said the bar was scrutinizing the legal propriety of the President's actions in Watergate, the Ellsberg burglary and illegal campaign contributions.

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