

'Dear John' for Mitchell?

'I'm leaving him,' said Martha, 'until he decides to leave the (Nixon) campaign'

From Press Dispatches

Mrs. Martha Mitchell said Sunday she definitely is leaving her husband, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, "until he decides to leave" President Nixon's re-election campaign.

In a tearful telephone call from the Westchester Country Club at Rye, N.Y., her former home, Mrs. Mitchell said she had become "a political prisoner" and "can't stand" any more of the life she has been living since Mitchell left his Cabinet post to head the Committee for the re-election of the President.

"I'm leaving him until he decides to leave the campaign," she told UPI reporter Helen Thomas. "It's horrible to me. I have been through so much. I don't like it. Martha isn't going to stand for it."

"I love my husband very much. But I'm not going to stand for all those dirty things that go on."

With rising anger in her voice, Mrs. Mitchell said that when she was talking by

phone to Miss Thomas Thursday evening from California, a man she identified as being a security agent for the re-election committee "pulled the telephone out of the wall."

"I hope you print that," she said. "To have this jerk . . . this character come in and pull the telephone out of the wall."

In the call Thursday, Mrs. Mitchell had threatened to leave her husband unless he gave up politics.

She said that she was in her bed in her bedroom at her villa at Newport Beach, Calif., when the incident occurred:

"If you could see me, you wouldn't believe it," she said. "I'm black and blue. I'm a political prisoner."

She declined to give the name of the security agent provided by the Nixon committee after she lost her FBI protection when Mitchell gave up his Cabinet post.

Mrs. Mitchell said her husband suggested she remain in California, adding: "They left me in California with abso-

lutely no information. They don't want me to talk."

Mrs. Mitchell returned to New York Sunday night and told the New York Daily News: "All I want is my husband back . . . (the election campaign) is nothing but a cops-and-robbers game, and I'm trying to get my husband out of it."

She declined to talk about the "dirty things" she knew about politics, but was voluble about her dispute with a security guard that she said led her to leave her Newport Beach, Calif., villa.

She said the guard yanked the telephone out of her bedroom: "It was a horrible experience. Can you believe that a man can walk into your bedroom, take over, and pull the phone out of the wall?"

Mrs. Mitchell said several guards "threw me down on a bed — five men did it — and stuck a needle in my behind. I've never been treated like this, ever."

Wearing a rumpled yellow
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Martha Mitchell

Nixon Decision

All Meat Import Quotas Removed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon lifted all quota restrictions on meat imports Monday "in an effort to remedy a short-term shortage" and curb rising meat prices.

But Nixon ruled out a freeze on meat and other food prices, Secretary of the Treasury George Shultz said at a White House news conference where the decision of the President

was made known.

Removal of the quotas for the rest of 1972 "may not fully solve the problem," Nixon said in a statement. "Further measures will be taken as necessary and appropriate."

Most of the imported meat is lower-cost cuts which goes into processed products such as hamburger, hot dogs, salami and sausages.

Officials questioned whether the decision would have an immediate impact on surging meat prices, saying it could take weeks or months for any increase in imports to be felt in the United States.

Shultz, who heads Nixon's
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Cop Wounded In Shootout On Autobahn

STUTTGART (AP) — A West German policeman was shot and seriously wounded Monday afternoon when a patrol searching for members of the terrorist Baader-Meinhof gang was fired at from a sedan trying to crash a roadblock on the Frankfurt-Wiesbaden autobahn.

Police riddled the orange BMW sedan with bullets. They injured one of the occupants and managed to arrest two others. The injured man jumped from the car that carried Munich license plates, and escaped in the density of vacation and rush-hour traffic, police said.

Police later said the two suspects caught after a chase that ended in a small town just

off the autobahn refused to identify themselves. They were uninjured. Police found a number of different passports, most of them from Middle East countries.

In the car's trunk, police discovered three suitcases with drugs. A spokesman said the trio obviously had nothing to do with the Baader-Meinhof gang. Police said the suspects appeared to be non-German.

The hunt for the third man — who was injured by a shot in his shoulder — continued with the aid of a helicopter.

Just minutes before, the federal prosecutor announced that a Scotsman shot by police here
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Win Certain — McGovern

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. George S. McGovern said Monday he has received assurances of enough added support from blacks to assure him of a first-ballot nomination at the Democratic National Convention.

McGovern, Dr. Walter Fauntroy of the District of Columbia, Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, and other black delegates to the

convention told a news conference they have pulled together in the past several days 96 and three-quarters previously uncommitted delegate votes for the South Dakota senator.

"There is no question now," McGovern said, "that this is enough to put us over the top in July on the first ballot. It gives
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You Help Our Drive

Ever been in Honolulu or Oklahoma City? Or St. Paul, Minn., or Birmingham, Ala.?

Well, imagine for a moment that every human being in any of those cities is crippled or maimed, swathed in bandages or on crutches. It's what happened last year on the highways of West Germany, where 472,000 persons were injured in traffic accidents.

Another 16,000 ended up in coffins.

The story is much the same in the rest of Europe, and the horrible toll includes many members of the U.S. Forces and their dependents stationed in these countries, where the driving styles — and the driving perils — are different from those in the United States.

Driving in Europe is

the topic of another special in-depth report by Stars & Stripes, to appear soon. You may be able to help us try to cut this grisly traffic toll, at least among Americans, by sending us your tips and observations based on your own European driving experiences. Send them to Projects Editor, Stars and Stripes, APO 09175.