

No doubts

Rep. Mills involved in brawl

WASHINGTON (AP) — U. S. Park Police said Wednesday they had no doubt that Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, his face scratched and bleeding and breath smelling of alcohol, was one of the people involved in a bizarre late-night incident at the foot of the Jefferson Memorial.

"We can assume it was Rep. Mills," Franklin A. Arthur, assistant chief of the park police, told a news conference.

Mills, an Arkansas Democrat and chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, could not be reached for comment about the Monday morning episode. His administrative assistant, Oscar Gene Goss, said early Wednesday that "Mr. Mills told me he was not in the car."

Arthur said one of the persons involved was a 38-year-old woman who jumped into the tidal basin at the foot of the memorial and was rescued by police.

The incident occurred at 2 a.m., when police stopped a late model Lincoln Continental described as traveling at "an unreasonable speed with its lights off."

Five people spilled out of the car. Arthur told the news conference one of them identified himself as Mills. "I think the officers would recognize Congressman Mills," Arthur said.

The assistant chief said he wasn't certain what sort of identification the man offered police.

Arthur said the police report described Mills as "intoxicated." He said the officers based that on the smell of his breath.

The manager of a Washington night club with a Caribbean motif, said Mills had dined, wine and danced with a group of six other men and women until about 9 p.m. Sunday but did not appear intoxicated when he left.

The manager, George Bertran, 47, told a reporter he had seen Mills in the night club on a number of previous occasions, sometimes with the same tall, blonde woman with whom he danced Sunday night.

Bertran said Mills came in about 6 p.m. Sunday with one other man and three women and that two additional women later joined the party, but left before the original group.

He said the Mills party drank a single bottle of champagne and consumed wine and other drinks with their dinner. He said the check for drinks and dinner came to more than \$60 and that Mills paid the bill in cash.

The party then ordered another round of drinks and Mills paid the additional \$18 in cash, Bertran said.

It was not immediately learned where Mills was between 9 p.m. Sunday evening and about 2 a.m. Monday when police said he was present at the Tidal Basin incident.

Mills has not been seen in public since then.

Mills was not at his office or at a Ways and Means Committee hearing at which Treasury Secretary William Simon testified on President Ford's tax proposals. Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., presided in Mills' absence.

Police said that when the car stopped, Annabella Battistella of suburban Arlington, Va., jumped out, crying and shouting something, partly in English, partly in Spanish. She lay on the ground, but as police began questioning the other occupants, she got up ran to a bridge and jumped into the tidal basin, which ranges in depth from 3 to 6 feet.

Arthur said the woman was "obviously intoxicated."

She gave her address as 1600 South Eads St. Arlington, the site of the large apartment complex where Mills and his wife also reside.

Mills, who has two children, is facing an unexpectedly stiff challenge this year in his campaign for re-election to a 19th term in the House.

Arthur said Mills had been seated in the front seat of the car with Miss Battistella and Albert G. Gacacini, 39, of Arlington, who was driving.

Arthur said there was evidence there had been an altercation in the car which bore Arkansas license plates DOT-003 and was registered in Mills' name.

The congressman had facial scratches and a bloody nose, the official said.

Along with the 65-year-old congressman, the car's occupants were identified as Liliane Kassir, 38, of Washington, and Gloria Sanchez of Arlington.

Arthur said the incident is considered closed. "As far as we're concerned, the investigation is complete."

No charges were filed.

Police said that when the car stopped, Annabella Battistella of suburban Arlington, Va., jumped out, crying and shouting something, partly in English, partly in Spanish. She lay on the ground, but as police began questioning the other occupants, she got up ran to a bridge and jumped into the tidal basin, which ranges in depth from 3 to 6 feet.

Arthur said the woman was "obviously intoxicated."

She gave her address as 1600 South Eads St. Arlington, the site of the large apartment complex where Mills and his wife also reside.

Mills, who has two children, is facing an unexpectedly stiff challenge this year in his campaign for re-election to a 19th term in the House.

Arthur said Mills had been seated in the front seat of the car with Miss Battistella and Albert G. Gacacini, 39, of Arlington, who was driving.

Arthur said there was evidence there had been an altercation in the car which bore Arkansas license plates DOT-003 and was registered in Mills' name.

The congressman had facial scratches and a bloody nose, the official said.

Along with the 65-year-old congressman, the car's occupants were identified as Liliane Kassir, 38, of Washington, and Gloria Sanchez of Arlington.

Arthur said the incident is considered closed. "As far as we're concerned, the investigation is complete."

No charges were filed.

Sbisa Hall, Duncan Hall & Commons Meal Schedule Week Beginning October 13 Thru October 19 Master Menu No. 2

Table with columns for SUNDAY BREAKFAST, DINNER, SUPPER, MONDAY BREAKFAST, DINNER, SUPPER, TUESDAY BREAKFAST, DINNER, SUPPER, WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST, DINNER, SUPPER, THURSDAY BREAKFAST, DINNER, SUPPER, FRIDAY BREAKFAST, DINNER, SUPPER, SATURDAY BREAKFAST, DINNER, SUPPER. Each section lists menu items and beverages.

Land reform sites growing in Mexico

The population of families living on land reform projects in Mexico is growing faster than among other rural Mexican families, said TAMU economists.

Dr. Arthur De Vany and Dr. Nicholas Sanchez said children are a form of financial security to such families. These families are collective political groups (called ejidos) which own parcels of previously privately owned rural land.

The children of the ejido families take the place of stocks, bonds and conventional securities. They are directly productive and when the children work the land, the fathers are left free to seek supplemental income.

The children are a form of social security in that they are able to care for their parents as old age approaches.

More family membership means more voters, a factor important in electing local administrators who are sympathetic to the ejido's needs. While the operation of the ejido lands is overseen by federal agencies, local administrators often have a great deal of influence over what lands are kept as collectives.

Expansion of ejido boundaries can be forced by expansion of families.

There is an uncertainty factor operating within the ejidos and researchers have theorized that this causes decreased productivity.

Use of birth control drug is blocked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Casper W. Weinberger, secretary of health, education and welfare, blocked imminent approval Wednesday of a controversial long-acting contraceptive because of lingering suspicions that it may cause cervical and breast cancer in women.

Weinberger told Rep. L. H. Fountain, D-N.C., chairman of a House government operations subcommittee, that the congressman's fears about the safety of Depo Provera "are significant and demonstrate a justifiable concern over possible cancer-causing agents."

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT HOST AND FASHION COMMITTEE will hold a Serving Workshop at 8 p.m. in rooms N&O of the SFO in the MSC.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING will present a lecture on "Engineering Requirements in the Primary Production of Aluminum" at 10 a.m. in room 203 of the Zachry Engineering Center.

CHEMISTRY DEPT. will hold a seminar at 4 p.m. in room 231 of the Chemistry Bldg.

HOUSTON HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 407 of the Rudder Tower.

MECHANIZED AGRICULTURE CLUB at 7:30 p.m. in room 104 of the Power and Machinery Lab. For further information contact Steven D. Roper, Dorn 2-174 (845-2350).

MENS GYMNASIUM CLUB will hold an organizational meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium room.

PANHANDLE HOMETOWN CLUB will meet in room 407 of the Rudder Tower. Activities include a presentation by Mike Marchand and Bill Flores.

PHYSICS DEPT. will present a discussion on heavy-ion transfer reaction by Dr. Ken Nagatani, associate professor in physics.

PRE-VET SOCIETY Dr. McMullan will speak on "Lateness in Horses."

SAN ANGELO WEST TEXAS HOMETOWN CLUB will meet to analyze plans for Bar-b-que, at 7:30 p.m. in room 100 of Harrington Center.

CIRCLE K CLUB will meet in room 228 of the MSC at 7 p.m.

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION will present a lecture on "Interest-free Economy" by Mahmoud Abu-Saud, a visiting economic adviser from Egypt, at 8:30 p.m. in room 501 of the Rudder Center Tower.

TENNIS CLUB will present a movie on tennis in room 301 of the Rudder Tower at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY CHESS CLUB will meet in room 230 of the MSC at 7 p.m. Registration will begin for the chess tournaments this fall.

SATURDAY SAN ANGELO WEST TEXAS HOMETOWN CLUB will host a bar-b-que at 7:30 in the Hickory Hills Mobile Home Recreation Hall. All area football guests are invited. Price is \$2 per plate.

IRANIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION will have a picnic in Hensel Park beginning at 10 a.m.

DANCE COMMITTEE will hold a dance from 8 to 12 p.m. in the Grove. The band is Buffalo and the cost is \$1 per person.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA TICKET MARKET will be held at the MSC Information desk from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is for anyone wishing to buy or sell Tech tickets.

Advertisement for Randy's Liquors featuring Football Liquor Specials: Quart Bacardi Rum (4.85), Quart Carioca (3.99), Seagram 7 (5.19), Beam's Choice 86 proof (4.69), Schlitz Beer (1.39), Lone Star Beer (1.39), Milwaukee's Best (1.39). Address: 524 E. University, 846-1351.

WANTED: GIRL SCOUT LEADERS. Call 822-3467 or 846-8100.

CHARLIE'S MOTORCYCLE SERVICE. 600 N. Bryan, 822-4552.

PARTS AND SERVICE for most makes and models. "The Company Built or Reputable Service"

STUDENT FLORAL CONCESSION "AGGIE MUMS". \$3, \$4, \$6 (Tax Included). Location MSC Floriculture Greenhouse. Tuesday-Friday 11-5, Tuesday-Friday 8-5.