

# Kelley defends record-keeping

WASHINGTON (AP) - FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley said Wednesday that the agency has good reason for filing unsubstantiated allegations about the personal lives of congressmen and other citizens.

Kelley said such a raw material can often prove helpful if a background check or other legitimate investigation of the individual becomes necessary.

"Many times you don't know when you get it whether you will need it," Kelley declared in an interview.

He said he was certain that the FBI has not misused the data since he became director 18 months ago. Expanding upon his official acknowledgement Tuesday that FBI files do contain unproven accusations about members of Congress, Kelley confirmed in the interview that some of the information relates

to their personal lives.

At the White House, meanwhile, Press Secretary Ron Nessen said President Ford does not believe that the FBI had done any direct snooping upon congressmen or senators. "The President does not approve of spying on Congress," Nessen said. "Nor does the FBI approve of spying on Congress."

Kelley said that the data on congressional figures comes either through legitimate investigations or unsolicited tips from members of the public.

The director said he had not personally examined the files to determine how many members of Congress are included or what type of information is recorded.

But when asked if there were derogatory materials regarding personal habits, he replied, "I have been told there is and therefore I say there must be."

Asked if he would support legislation restricting the collection of unsubstantiated allegations, the director replied, "I can only say we abide by the law and will abide by any

restrictive legislation. I'm willing to do what's good for the country — that may sound trite but that's exactly the way I feel about it."

He conceded that the FBI, like

many other government and private agencies, faces a ticklish problem in drawing the line between what it needs to keep and what it should discard.

# Senator requests sellers to warn of zone dangers

AUSTIN (AP) — Sellers of coastal land should be required to tell buyers of natural hazards, especially potential damage from hurricane flooding, Sen. A. R. Schwartz said Wednesday.

development; questionable and absurd," Schwartz said.

"Unfortunately, thousands of families are moving into hurricane prone areas, and have no idea how destructive and deadly a hurricane can be.

The Galveston Democrat introduced several bills dealing with coastal zone dangers, planning and management.

"Along the unprotected barrier islands there are only two kinds of

"I stayed on Galveston Island during Hurricane Carla in 1961, and I will never do that again. Action is needed to adequately inform coastal residents of the hazards and what

actions to take to reduce such threats," he said.

Surge tides by Carla and Beulah (1968) inundated 3,164 square miles, an area more than twice the size of Bexar County, he said. And Beulah cut 49 washover channels through Padre Island, temporarily creating 50 islands from one island, he said.

One of Schwartz' bills would increase authority to coastal counties to deal with coastal development.

# Rep. Ruess replaces Patman as chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats deposed populist, anti-banking Texan Wright Patman as chairman of the Banking Committee, on Wednesday, concluding a revolutionary series of leadership battles in which four chairmanships changed hands.

Patman, 81, was defeated by Rep. Henry S. Ruess of Wisconsin. The dean of the House attributed his defeat in part to big banks, with whom Patman often squabbled. The vote

was 152-117 for Ruess.

The Democrats also voted 161-111 to retain Rep. Wayne Hays of Ohio as chairman of the House Administration Committee. Hays was opposed by Rep. Frank Thompson of New Jersey, who accused Hays of abusing his power.

Ruess said he had not solicited nor received any support from banks or other segments of the financial industry in his bid to chair the committee which will oversee most of major economic relief legislation.

He said his immediate priorities will be passage of bills to lower interest rates, allocate credit to productive rather than frivolous purposes and put controls on prices in the dozen or so industries deemed by the Justice Department to be non-competitive.

In addition to Patman, Agriculture Chairman W. R. Poage of Texas and Armed Services Chairman Edward F. Hebert of Louisiana were toppled by the Democratic caucus in a sharp blow at the seniority system. Rep. Wilbur Mills of Arkansas announced earlier he would not seek re-election as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

The caucus approved Reps. Thomas Foley, D-Wash., and Melvin Price, D-Ill., as successors to Poage and Hebert.

# Charge dropped against Mitchell

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Chief U.S. District Court Judge Adrian Spears dismissed Wednesday a charge against actor-singer Chad Mitchell that he conspired to import 400 pounds of marijuana.

The entertainer had been found guilty in a non-jury trial last week on conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute the marijuana.

Although the conspiracy charge was dropped, Mitchell is still convicted of the possession charge. Sentencing has been set for Feb. 12. U.S. Attorney's office representatives asked that the conspiracy charge be dropped.



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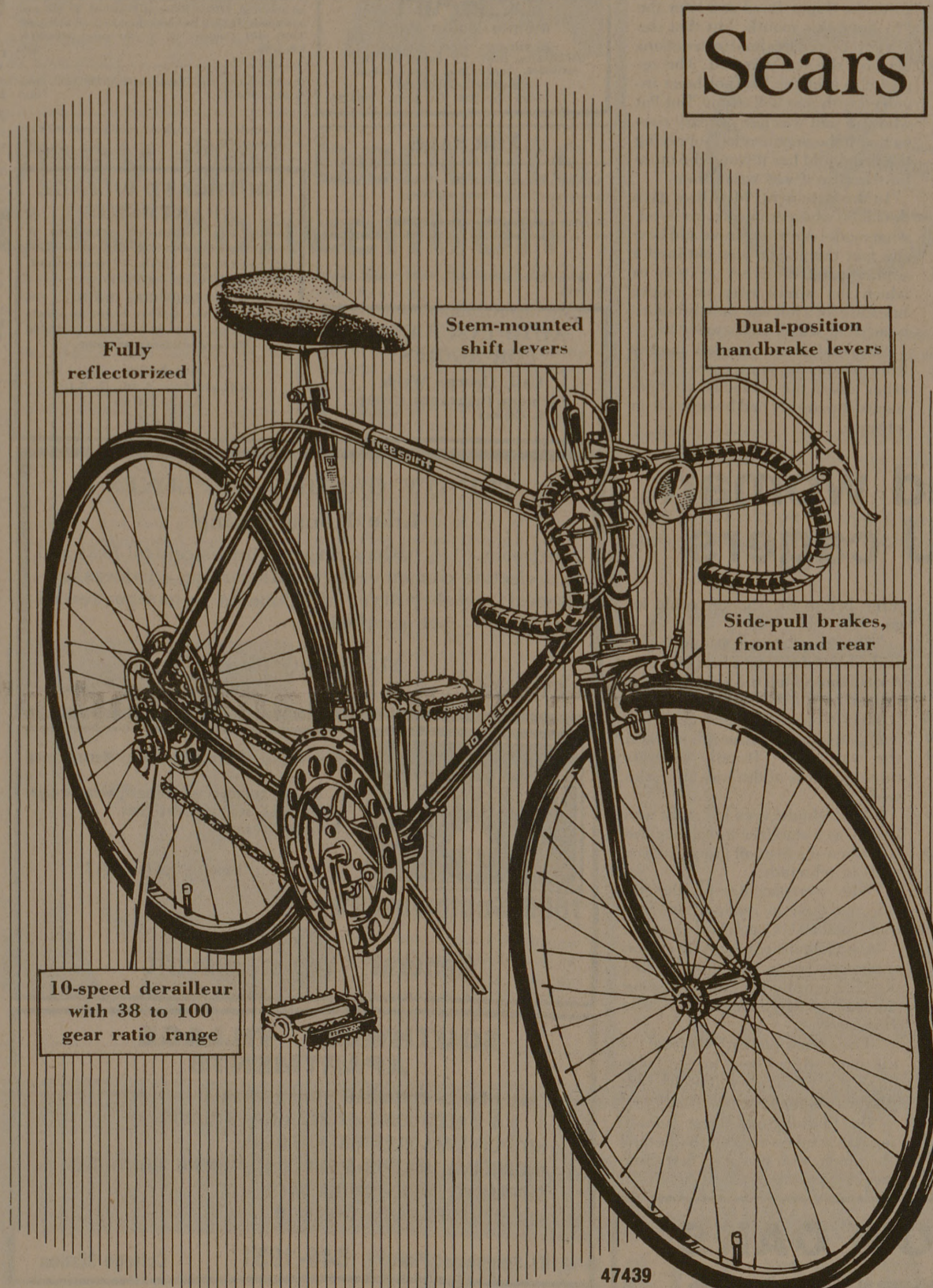
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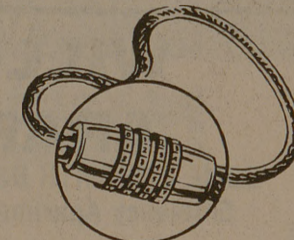
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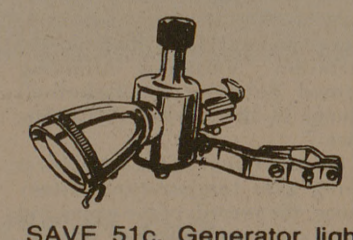
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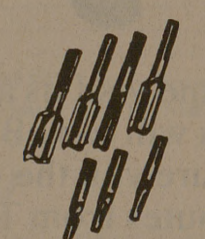
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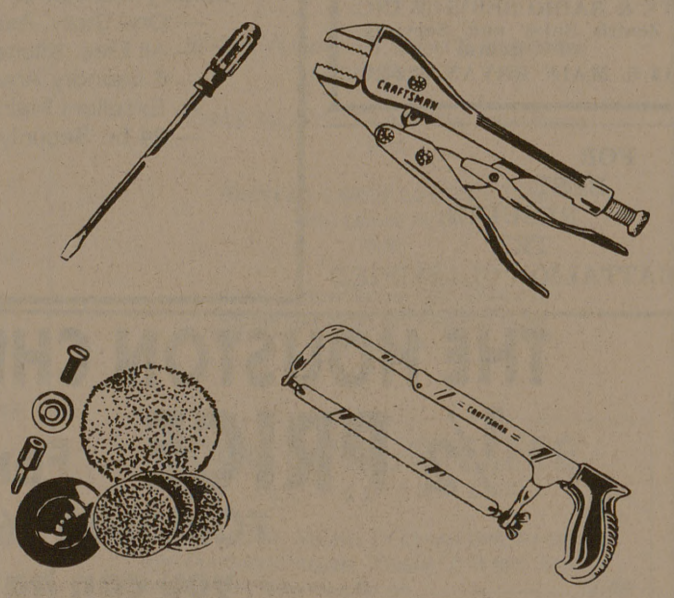
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