

## Stennis Says He's Going To Be OK

### Washington

Senator John C. Stennis (Dem-Miss.), who was seriously wounded by hold-up men late in January, said yesterday that doctors tell him now that he is well on the way to full recovery.

In his first public statement since the shooting, Stennis tape-recorded in his hospital room at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center a "personal" message to the people of Mississippi.

"I want to personally express my gratitude to every person — whether child, adult or group — who prayed a prayer or sent a message or expressed an interest in my recovery after I was shot," Stennis said.

"My doctors tell me now that I am well on the road to full recovery."

Three young men were charged Tuesday in connection with the shooting of Stennis, who was wounded twice during a holdup in front of his home.

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