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MILLS SAYS NIXON IS PRESSURING HIM

Sees Attempt to Intimidate Him on Revenue Sharing

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 20— Representative Wilbur D. Mills accused President Nixon today of seeking to intimidate him into pushing the Administration's revenue-sharing program through Congress.

The Arkansas Democrat, a potential contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination, declared that he would not be intimidated by the President's "bush-league tactics" and "grandstand plays."

While Mr. Mills and key Administration aides have been at odds over various economic issues in recent months, this was his first public criticism of President Nixon by name.

As chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Mills has been the chief Congressional critic of the Administration's plan to share Federal revenue with states and cities.

His stinging denunciation of the President—couched in the sports analogies that Mr. Nixon himself frequently employs—came in a speech to the National Press Club.

He accused the President of having "struck out" in every key element of economic policy.

He said that the President had sent in his "top, good-hit, no-field pinch-hitter," Mr. Agnew, to deliver a speech in which Mr. Agnew "excoriated

me" for blocking revenue sharing.

"I want to serve notice right here and now that I am not going to be intimidated by such bush league tactics," Mr. Mills said.

"I don't care whose batting average is involved," he continued. "The general revenue-sharing proposal was never

major league material in the first place and everyone knows it."

Declaring that it was obvious that the President "is peeved at me," Mr. Mills recalled Mr. Nixon's news conference after losing the California governorship in 1962.

"His chronic peeve at you surfaced almost a decade ago

out in California," he told his audience of newspaper men and women. "He has also turned Mr. Agnew loose on you on occasion. You've survived. I will, too."

He suggested that the "real reason for the President's unhappiness is the dismal economic performance of this Administration."