

DOCTORS REPORT GAIN BY KENNEDY

Senators Condition Termed
'Extremely Satisfactory'

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 22 (UPI) — Senator Edward M. Kennedy, recuperating from a broken back suffered in a plane crash Friday, felt good enough today to ask to read the newspapers. ~~ask~~ **JUNE 19**

The 32-year-old Massachusetts Democrat is strapped in a special canvas rigging and doctors would not let him read the newspapers by himself. A nurse read the papers to him.

Later a doctor stitched a cut on Senator Kennedy's right hand, one of several cuts he suffered in the crash. The pilot, Edwin T. Zimzy, 48, and the Senator's aide, Edward Moss, 41, died in the accident.

A hospital bulletin described Mr. Kennedy as "bright and alert." It said his condition was "extremely satisfactory" and "everything seems to be definitely improved."

An orthopedic surgeon said a decision would be made in three or four weeks on whether Mr. Kennedy would undergo surgery.

"If there is any increase in pressure on the nerves, surgery will have to be done," the surgeon said.

Dr. Thomas F. Corriden, senior surgeon at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, sutured the hand laceration.

Doctors said that Senator Birch Bayh, Democrat of Indiana, and his wife, also injured in the crash, were in good to excellent condition.

Senator Kennedy has been confined to a device known as a Foster Frame, which holds him between two layers of canvas with pillows. It can be rotated to permit him to lie on his stomach.

Doctors said he would have to remain in the frame for 10 to 12 days.

C.A.B. Reports on Pilot

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UPI)—The Civil Aeronautics Board, in a preliminary report on the plane crash Senator Kennedy was in, said today that the pilot was an experienced airman familiar with the airport where the accident occurred.

The C.A.B. did not comment on the probable cause of the crash, still under investigation. Its report merely noted that the pilot had more than 10,000 hours of flight experience, including considerable time on the plane involved—an Aero Commander.

The board said communications with the air traffic control systems at Barnes Airport near Northampton, Mass., before the crash gave no indication of trouble.