

The Man Martha Says Tore Her Telephone Out

Washington

Martha Mitchell has identified the man who allegedly tore the telephone from the wall during her conversation with a reporter last June as the new head of security for the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

In an interview with Clare Crawford published in yesterday's Evening Star and News, Mrs. Mitchell also accused the new security chief, Steve King, of throwing her to the floor and kicking her when she resisted the efforts of a doctor to give her an injection.

King was assigned as a bodyguard to Mrs. Mitchell at the time, the Star-News reported. He later was elevated to head of security after his boss, James W. McCord Jr., was arrested with four other persons in the alleged bugging attempt at Democratic National Committee headquarters.

INCIDENT

That incident occurred the weekend before Mrs. Mitchell told a reporter she had given her husband, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, an ultimatum to resign as head of President Nixon's re-election campaign or lose her.

Mrs. Mitchell was in a hotel room in Newport Beach, Calif., at the time. The conversation was cut short when the line went dead.

Mrs. Mitchell told the Star-News she had just told the reporter that politics was a dirty business when King jerked the telephone cord from the wall. She said he also pulled the telephone from the wall in the room of her daughter, Marty.

ARTICLE

The Star-News said Mrs. Mitchell broke a two-month silence on the incident to rebut an article in Parade magazine that said King was not involved and did not give her an injection.

Mrs. Mitchell also said, in

a second telephone call to the Star-News, that "if they don't believe me, let them talk to Marty. She witnessed it all."

"I put myself in exile, but then this (the magazine article) came up. When people tell lies about me I come out fighting."

She said she is not angry at Parade, "but I want to set the record straight. This Steve (King) caused all of it ... All of that happened," the Star-News reported.

DOCTOR

Mrs. Mitchell said a doctor gave her the injection against her orders and King held her down.

"He threw me down and kicked me with his rubber-

soled shoes," Mrs. Mitchell was quoted as saying of King. She said she hurt her hand and the wound required six stitches.

Mrs. Mitchell told the Star-News she was kept a prisoner in the hotel room for 24 hours without food. She said her secretary, Lea Jablonsky, took her daughter out to eat but did not assist her in any way.

She said she was unable to contact her husband.

Mrs. Mitchell said King and Miss Jablonsky left without a word after the story appeared in the next day's newspapers.

Both King and Miss Jablonsky refused to comment on the story, the Star-News said.

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