

# Top Demo Tells of Odd Burglary After Watergate

Washington

Robert S. Strauss, Democratic national chairman, has, for the first time, provided details about a mysterious burglary at his Dallas home two weeks after the Watergate arrests.

Strauss, who was Democratic party treasurer at the time, said valuable jewelry, furs and silver were ignored by the burglars. They went through most of his papers instead, "looking for something," he said.

He stated that he did not connect the burglary with the Watergate events until recent months, and now feels that "it might have been the same people who did the Watergate or people with the same motives."

## DEPOSITION

His statements were part of a 111-page deposition taken May 29 and made public Thursday. It is part of the Democrats' \$6.4 million damage suit against the Committee for the Re-election of the President and other supporters of President Nixon and is based on the break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate complex on June 17, 1972.

Strauss, questioned by Kenneth W. Parkinson, law-

## U.S. Visitor Center

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The Senate passed and sent to the White House yesterday a bill to authorize appropriation of \$8,680,000 for conversion of Union Station in Washington into a National Visitor Center.

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yer for the Republicans, said he was in Florida staging a fund-raising telethon when burglars broke into his home through the kitchen.

"My wife's jewelry tray, with tens of thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry, was torn out of the wall and placed on the floor," he stated.

"All our drawers were opened and papers gone through and nothing taken."

## 'WONDERED'

He added, "We wondered whether it were kids. We wondered whether it were people looking for dope and thought maybe they might find that there."

"It never occurred to me at that time that it might have been acts of the Repub-

lican party — and I don't know that they did (do it).

"I just know it was strange that a \$20,000 bracelet was in the middle of the floor is a jewelry box and not taken. This was all such a bizarre, strange time and these proceedings were so strange."

He said the matter was reported to Dallas police and that he reported it to the FBI in March or April of this year.

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ROBERT S. STRAUSS  
Valuables were ignored