

Senator MATHIAS. The committee will stand in recess.

[A brief recess was taken.]

Senator MATHIAS. Judge, when we took a recess for the last roll-call vote, I stated that I would question you about the affidavit of Anthony Robert Martin-Trigona.

Before I go to that affidavit, I have a press release that apparently was issued today by Mr. Martin-Trigona which raises some question about the thoroughness of our examination and of my questions because one of the allegations of today's press release is that:

Moreover, the question of how Mr. Stevens practiced law for 20 years and managed to amass only a miniscule net worth remains to be answered.

On any basis of fairness and impartiality, that question might also be asked of me, and I may be thought to have an undue sense of affinity with you. I will take whatever risks are involved. [Laughter.]

[The press release referred to follows:]

While Washington press corps snoozes and snores and Senate Judiciary Committee seeks to muzzle witness seeking to disclosure germane testimony, an award-winning Chicago Daily News investigative reporting team is continuing to break new leads in the questions of ties between John Stevens and the Daley machine.

In an atmosphere reminiscent of Watergate, the Washington Press corps is asleep and a Senate Committee is seeking to muzzle witnesses while an out of town newspaper continues to break new disclosures on a matter of major public importance.

The Chicago Daily News, in its morning editions will carry reports of additional land trust connections between the Stevens law firm and the Daley Machine. Specifically, some years ago, Mr. Stevens senior partner Rothschild was an investor to the tune of almost \$120,000 in a Tome Keane inspired and managed land grab of property from the City of Chicago. Mr. Rothschild also invested funds on behalf of an anonymous nominee through an apparent land trust relationship. The nominee may be Stevens.

Moreover, the question of how Mr. Stevens practiced law for twenty years and managed to amass only a miniscule net worth remains to be answered. Despite the fact that Justice Powell was forced to disclose assets in the names of family members which had been generated as a result of his efforts, no such requests have been forthcoming from Judiciary Committee on this occasion. Thus, the American people are being led to believe that a leading antitrust lawyer in Chicago after twenty years ended up with a net worth of only \$170,000, a per year figure of less than \$10,000 in net asset accumulation.

Anthony Robert Martin-Trigona has again advised the Judiciary Committee that he feels he is being muzzled and disclosures coming out of investigative reporting in Chicago are being ignored in an attempt by the Ford Administration to steamroller the nomination of John Stevens without adequate disclosure and examination.

Mr. Stevens, let me ask you first: Are you familiar with Mr. Martin-Trigona's affidavit?

Mr. STEVENS. Senator, during the recess I scanned it. I had previously been told about the substance of these charges. I think I am sufficiently familiar to answer anything that you wish to inquire about and I can say the same about the press release. I am prepared to answer any question you care to pose about either of those.

Senator MATHIAS. In substance, the affidavit says that in connection with the Special Commission in Relation to Document No. 39797, you were guilty of what might be called in today's vocabulary a cover-up. Would you like to tell us about that?

Judge STEVENS. It is sort of ironic because I am inclined to think that the performance of the work of that Special Commission is the