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--ACID THROWN ON CONGRESSMAN--

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WASHINGTON.--ACID WAS THROWN ON CONGRESSMAN FRANK THOMPSON, (D., N.J.), AS HE WAS DRIVING TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIS MORNING.

AN UNIDENTIFIED DRIVER IN A SMALL PANELED TRUCK DROVE CLOSE TO THE CONGRESSMAN'S CAR AS HE STOPPED FOR A RED LIGHT NEAR THE CAPITAL AND SQUIRTED A FLUID ON HIM FROM A SYRINGE.

THOMPSON RAISED HIS LEFT ARM AND PROTECTED HIS FACE. LATER HE FOUND A HOLE BURNED THROUGH HIS SHIRT AND INTO HIS SKIN. HE ALSO FOUND UNQUESTIONED ACID MARKS ON HIS CAR.

THOMPSON IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO A GROUP OF OTHER DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN IN THE OFFICE OF REP. STEWART UDALL OF ARIZONA. HE SAID THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY HIS ASSAILANT BECAUSE HE SPED AWAY IN TRAFFIC SO QUICKLY. HE WAS HOWEVER SITTING ON THE RIGHT HAND SEAT OF THE TRUCK NEXT TO THE DRIVER.

THOMPSON WAS INCLINED TO MINIMIZE THE INCIDENT. HE TOLD FRIENDS THAT THE ACID THROWING MUST HAVE BEEN PULLED BY AN ANTI-LABOR HIRELING TO WIN SUPPORT FOR THE GRIFFIN-LANDRUM LABOR BILL NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION IN CONFERENCE BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

THOMPSON HAD FAVORED THE MILDER COMMITTEE BILL WHICH WAS VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED BY BOTH BY CONSERVATIVES AND JIMMY HOFFA.

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