

Wiley Blasts Fulbright U-2 Flight Statement

By the Associated Press

Senator Wiley, Republican of Wisconsin, accused Senator Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, today of seemingly seeking to use the Senate U-2 inquiry "for partisan politics or for undermining confidence in United States policy."

In a Senate speech, Senator Wiley took sharp issue with Senator Fulbright's view, voiced in the Senate Tuesday, that American prestige "has reached a new low" as a result of the administration's handling of the spy plane incident and events related to the collapse of the summit conference.

He said Senator Fulbright's conclusion "is absolutely un-

justified—and, I believe, to a degree—irresponsible."

Senator Wiley is the senior Republican on the Foreign Relations Committee which made an inquiry into the U-2 incident and the summit collapse. Senator Fulbright is chairman of the committee.

Senator Wiley disputed contentions made by some Senators that the United States should not have sent a spy plane over Russia at a time when heads of Western governments were preparing to meet with Soviet Premier Khrushchev in Paris for discussions of what might be done to ease world tensions.

"I am glad to say that, in

my humble opinion—and I have seen the evidence—the United States was justified," Senator Wiley declared.

He took particular issue with Senator Fulbright's assertion that the United States, by spying over Russia a week prior to the scheduled Paris meeting, may have "forced Khrushchev to wreck the conference by his own ineptness."

"I find it hard to believe that this apology for Soviet policy will sit well with any responsible body of opinion in the United States," Senator Wiley said. He added:

"No one can deny that the feature of this spy intelligence mission has had serious repercussions, but let us recognize that the repercussions can be made more serious by inept handling for domestic political ends."