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# Weaver Ticketed for HEW Post After Congress Kills Urban Bill

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President Kennedy is determined, one way or another, to name his housing chief, Robert Weaver, to a cabinet post this year.

Now that Congress has refused a new cabinet post for Weaver by rejecting the proposed urban affairs department, the President plans to pick Weaver as the successor to Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Ribicoff.



Secretary Ribicoff will leave his important HEW cabinet post this spring to seek the Democratic nomination for the Senate seat now held by Prescott Bush, R-Conn.

Ribicoff's resignation, which is expected to touch off a number of changes within the administration, is already on the President's desk. It will be announced in either March or April.

THE PRESIDENT made known his keen determination to break precedent and name Weaver as the first Negro cabinet member during a legislative strategy meeting with his congressional leaders.

He told the legislators he would like to see Weaver become the first head of the proposed urban affairs department. However, since Con-

gress balked at that, the President said he would name the housing chief as Ribicoff's cabinet replacement, stating:

"Weaver is fully qualified to hold either of those cabinet positions. I want him in the cabinet."

Mayor Richard Lee of New Haven, Conn., is the odds-on favorite to replace Weaver as head of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Sen. Francis Gary Powers wants another crack at the Communists.

He is planning to ask the Air Force to reinstate the commission (major) that he gave up in May 1956 to try the plan that made spy history -- and hoped avert a submarine meeting.

And the chances are good that the Central Intelligence Agency's most talented spy will get his wish.

According to a high Defense Department official, the Air Force is expected to approve Powers' request after studying all the de-briefing reports on his ill-fated U2 flight over the Soviet Union in 1960.

These reports were given to Powers by the CIA and other agencies. The reports indicate that Powers was the only CIA operative who had been in the Soviet Union.

While the de-briefing reports indicate that Powers gave no significant military intelligence, the reports also indicate that the Soviet Union had a nuclear capability from some source.