

Nixon expects vindication

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon is looking to the American people for vindication in Watergate, while House impeachment investigators meet tonight to decide their next move in the quest for White House evidence.

A majority of the House Judiciary Committee evidently was dissatisfied with the edited White House transcripts the President delivered Tuesday in lieu of tapes of 42 presidential conversations the committee had subpoenaed.

The panel's Democratic majority planned to stop short of a demand for enforcement of the subpoena in favor of seeking bipartisan support for a statement declaring Nixon had failed to comply with it.

It was clear from the time Nixon disclosed his transcript plan Monday night that the support he sought was beyond the Capitol, that his goal was to persuade the American public that he had no advance knowledge of the Watergate break-in or the cover-up and that he was providing investigators with the full story of his role.

But, even as the transcripts were delivered to the committee, the President's lawyers

were making plans to go to court Thursday to seek to quash a subpoena issued at the request of special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

Jaworski is seeking tapes and documents relating to 64 presidential conversations he says are needed as evidence for prosecution and defense in the forthcoming Watergate cover-up trial.

In addition, the Judiciary Committee has requested, by letter, still other tapes covering the Watergate cover-up, the ITT antitrust settlement and Nixon campaign contributions from the dairy industry.

For all the 1,308 blue-bound pages of presidential transcripts, uncertainties remained about what the President knew, and when, and what he intended to be done. It was, as Nixon's lawyers and the President himself had said, a document marked by ambiguities.

The words that were spoken created a picture of a President feeling increasingly embattled and frustrated by a scandal, the disclosure of which he considered inevitable but which he hoped to control.

And they showed Nixon considering many alternatives, in-

cluding the payment of hush money to the original Watergate conspirators.

The transcripts covered conversations between Sept. 15, 1972, and April 27, 1973.

But the critical meetings were these:

—Sept. 15, 1972, the day indictments were returned in the Watergate break-in case. Nixon met with White House counsel John W. Dean III, later to become the President's chief accuser before the Senate Watergate committee.

—March 17, 1973, the day the President learned that members of the White House plumbers unit, set up to trace leaks of classified information, had engineered the break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

—March 21, 1973, the day the President said Dean first told him about the Watergate cover-up. Numerous alternatives including meeting demands for hush money were considered by the President, Dean and White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman.

—April 14, 1973, the day of a rambling discussion of Watergate by the President, Haldeman and Ehrlichman during

which they talked about the need to fire Dean and to convince former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell to appear before the prosecutor and a grand jury.

So far as is known only Nixon and Haldeman, among those quoted in the transcripts, knew that the conversations were being tape recorded.

The President offered to let the two senior members of the Judiciary Committee, chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr., D-N.J., and Rep. Edward Hutchinson, R-Mich., listen to the tapes to verify that the transcripts contained all relevant Watergate material.

But the President gave the committee no role in saying which matters were of primary concern to it. However, after party caucuses Tuesday, committee members appeared determined to avoid a partisan split over what many considered a futile effort to force the President to comply with the subpoena.

In his speech Monday night, the President had said the transcripts would "provide grist for



STILL HOMELESS — Seven kittens were found on a county road Tuesday evening being guarded faithfully by a poodle. (Shown in inset.) A passing motorist, Ms. Arlis Walker, was able to catch the poodle. It belongs to Ms. Margaret Laird, 1424 Park, who said the dog had been missing since Monday. No one could say how it and the kittens got together. The photographer took the kittens to the Humane Society where he learned it costs to be humane, since the society won't accept the orphans unless a \$3 fee is paid. A society spokesman said the fee helps meet operating expenses which exceed the \$650 per month paid by the city. Feeling it wasn't right to be charged for being humane, the photographer then learned he could be found guilty of cruelty to animals if he returned the kittens to where he found them. Anyone wanting a kitten can take his pick at 2400 Walnut Drive.

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Say papers don't comply

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats on the House impeachment inquiry say they will seek bipartisan approval tonight of a simple statement that President Nixon's Watergate transcripts do not comply with the subpoena for tapes.

Rep. Jerome Waldie, D-Calif., said after a caucus Tuesday night the simple statement should win Republican votes—and possibly lend weight to a non-compliance impeachment charge in the future.

Other Democrats said that was the clear consensus at the caucus on strategy for tonight's meeting—the inquiry's first night session—although no caucus vote was taken.

"We're going to discuss compliance or non-compliance," said Rep. Edward Mezvinsky, D-Iowa.

Chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr., D-N.J., said he was disappointed that the material the committee subpoenaed "has not been forthcoming

"The subpoena speaks for itself," Rodino said. "The subpoena is for tapes."

Rep. William L. Hungate, D-Mo., indicated that the aim is to win a stand against the President's decision not to turn over tapes themselves without splitting the committee down party lines. Such a split could come, for instance, if a move were made to vote on enforcing the subpoena, such as through a contempt citation.

Rep. Robert McClory of Illinois, a senior committee Republican who happened by the Democrats' caucus, agreed: "We don't want to take any votes that will divide us."

But House Republican Leader John J. Rhodes said a similar caucus with committee Republicans produced overwhelming agreement that "the President was substantially in compliance."

"The President is in compliance now and the committee should get to work with the ma-

terial it has," Rhodes added later.

At least three committee Republicans disagreed.

Rep. Tom Railsback, R-Ill., said the President's offer to let only the inquiry's two senior members listen to tapes to verify the transcripts should get a counterproposal from the committee that his chief staff aides also review the tapes.

Republican Reps. William S. Cohen of Maine and Hamilton Fish Jr. of New York also said they considered Nixon's offer inadequate.

But senior Republican Rep. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan and other committee Republican supporters of the President said he has met the terms of the subpoena.

One of them, Rep. Lawrence Hogan of Maryland, said, "He (Nixon) gave the committee the opportunity to review the tapes. I don't see what else we could want."

Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y., said she would support any committee stand that the President has not complied with the subpoena.

"The transcripts make it all the more important to hear the tapes," she said, noting that large portions are marked inaudible.

Rodino said special subcommittee recommendations on procedures for presentation of evidence starting as early as next week will be considered by the committee Thursday or Friday.

The major procedural question is how big a role the President's lawyer, James D. St. Clair, will be permitted to play in the impeachment inquiry.

Rodino has recommended St. Clair be permitted to suggest witnesses and ask questions but has left open the question of whether he should be given full right to cross-examine witnesses.

Elevator blast kills four

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP)—It is hard to tell where the initial explosion took place, said Sioux City authorities after the blast ripped through a large grain elevator, killing four men.

Police Lt. Conley said the blast occurred shortly before 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Bartlett Grain Co. elevator on the city's north side. It apparently was triggered by dust as employees were loading grain in railroad box cars, said authorities.

A spokesman for the Sioux City police said the four victims were killed by flying concrete debris, and another person was seriously injured.

Dead are two employees of Bartlett, George E. Gruneich and Martin McCormick, both of Sioux City, and Edward John-

ston, 58, Sioux City, and Norbert Bertrand, 50, Jefferson, S.D., both employees of the Sioux City Grain Exchange.

Dean Fry, 39, Bronson, who was in one of the silos at the time of the blast, was in fair condition Tuesday with multiple burns at a Sioux City hospital.

"The top of the elevator went off and all the loading area was damaged. Furthermore, many of the concrete silos were damaged," said Sioux City Fire Chief Robert Arnold.

He said Fry apparently was behind something which absorbed the explosion.

Police Chief William Hansen said some of the victims were in the loading area near the box cars and the others were up above.

Small fires followed the blast, but the major damage came from the initial explosion, said Conley.

"The blast just blew everything apart," said a worker at Bartlett. "It was caused by grain dust and right after the mess—everything's a mess."

Five hours after the blast, spectators still lined the streets trying to get a look at the rubble.

An eyewitness said the explosion collapsed a boxcar next to the elevator, and flying chunks of concrete cut gaping holes in the nearby American Popcorn Company plant, some 300 feet from the blast.

Wrede Smith, president of the American Popcorn Co., said the devastation at the elevator was such that "you have no idea of the damage."

"It's very calm now," said Smith three hours after the blast. "But there are holes in

practically every silo of the elevator, about ten feet wide."

Referring to damage to his firm, Smith said the blast created suction that "sucked the side of one our buildings out."

He said the building is a steel structure with a wood frame.

Hansen estimated the popcorn company will have between \$10,000 and \$20,000 in structural damage.

Screening program to check children

A pre-school screening program for children entering kindergarten next fall has been set up by the Special Service Cooperative of five school districts.

The program will be held in Claflin on May 6, at Otis-Bison May 7, Hoxington on May 8 and 9, Ellinwood on May 10. The Great Bend district sessions will be held on May 13, 14, 15 and 16.

John Teeple, director of the special services unit, said the screening program will assist kindergarten teachers by providing information on the learning needs of each child. It will also help to determine if children have impairments of hearing, vision or speech and will provide a measure of overall readiness and maturity.

"If a problem shows up," Teeple said, "the child can be referred to the proper agencies or physicians before school starts rather than several months after."

The screening program will also help professionals, teachers and therapists set up schedules for fall.

"We are trying to avoid problems before school starts," Teeple said.

The pre-school screening program is strictly voluntary and there is no charge. The screening is handled by speech therapists, learning disability

consultant and psychologists of the cooperative. School nurses in each school district will assist.

It is emphasized that only children entering school next fall will be screened.

The Great Bend program on May 13 and 14 will be for students who will enter kindergarten at Riley, Washington, Park and Jefferson schools. The location will be the United Methodist Church, 2123 Forest. Those with last names starting with A through M will be screened on the 13th and those from N through Z on the 14th. Times both days are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The screening for students entering Lincoln, Eisenhower, Morrison and St. Patrick's will be at the Church of the Nazarene, 4811 Broadway, with A to M on the 15th and N through Z on the 16th, from 9 to 3 p.m.

Proclaims Law Day

This is Law Day USA . . . and in Great Bend, too, by proclamation of Mayor Robert Parrish.

The mayor's proclamation says in part: . . . to each new generation of American citizens comes a new opportunity and responsibility to provide his country with new leadership, fresh wisdom and foresight and as we move into the third century of our independence as a free nation, the responsibilities of leadership will pass in today's generation of youth, and . . . in an effort to assist these young men and women, who comprise nearly one-half of our population, in gaining a better understanding of the law and legal process and their leadership responsibilities, the 17th annual nationwide observance of Law Day USA will be directed toward youth and the law . . . we can be justly proud of America's youth for they are playing an ever active role in the continuing growth of our nation.

Senate OK's Simon

WASHINGTON (AP) — William E. Simon was confirmed by the Senate Tuesday as secretary of the treasury. There was no debate nor dissent on the nomination of the former energy chief. He succeeds George P. Schultz, who resigned.

Famed actress dies

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — Agnes Moorehead, 67, a character actress for half a century, died Tuesday.

Miss Moorehead, who won five Oscar nominations, is best remembered by many Americans for her role as Endora in the television series "Bewitched."

Her last stage performance was as Aunt Alicia in the Broadway production of "Gig," which she left in December.

Everett definitely out

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — State Rep. Donn J. Everett of Manhattan said today he will not seek the Republican nomination for governor this year and indicated he may not seek to return to the state House of Representatives.

Everett, 45, majority leader of the House, had indicated since last fall he was considering running for the GOP nomination for governor.

However, the entry into the Republican race of Senate President Robert F. Bennett of Overland Park was regarded as a key factor against Everett.

Everett cited family considerations for his decision not to make the race. He also hinted he may not return to the Legislature, but said he was delaying a decision until he confers with House Speaker Duane McGill.

Food bill down slightly

By LOUISE COOK
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The family grocery bill dropped slightly during April, the second straight month of decline, an Associated Press marketbasket survey shows.

The pattern was the same as the one in March: Sales on meat and eggs offset steadily

rising prices on items like sugar and milk.

The AP checked the price of 15 food and nonfood items in 13 cities on March 1, 1973, and has rechecked at the beginning of each succeeding month, using standard brands and sizes or their nearest equivalents. Items not available on one of the check dates were not included in the marketbasket total.

The latest check showed the marketbasket total declined in eight cities during April, down an average of 3 per cent. It went up in the remaining five cities, generally about 1 per cent. The marketbasket total went down in nine cities during March.

Even with the decreases, grocery bills remained well above the levels of March 1973. The marketbasket bill was higher in

every one of the cities on May 1, 1974, than it was 14 months earlier. The average increase was 13 per cent.

Sugar, which has been rising since late last year because of increased world demand and lower supplies, went up again. The price jumped in nine cities, was unchanged in three and down in one.

The average price of a five-pound sack of sugar at the start of May was \$1.23, up 5 per cent from the \$1.17 price last month and up 81 per cent from the 68-cent price on March 1, 1973.

Eggs were down and in seven cities a dozen medium eggs cost less than they did on March 1, 1973. The price declined during April in every city but Philadelphia, with an average drop of 18 per cent.


Pork chops also declined in seven cities, down an average of 17 per cent.

The Agriculture Department has predicted that grocery prices will rise 12 per cent this year, 4 per cent less than last year's 16 per cent boost. Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz has said about two-thirds of the increase already has occurred.

The cities in the AP survey were: Albuquerque, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Providence, Salt Lake City and Seattle.

Items on the checklist were: Chopped chuck, pork chops, paper towels, frozen orange juice, coffee, butter, eggs, peanut butter, detergent, fabric softener, tomato sauce, cookies, milk, all-beef frankfurters and granulated sugar.

Will Rogers Says . . .



"Say, what's this May Day thing? We used to look on it as a beautiful spring day when we had a picnic and fastened ribbons to the top of poles and danced around and sang and played. We had no mass production (only in children). We had no Federal Reserve or Farm Relief. Everybody was just poor and ignorant enough to be happy."

"But now, May Day with all our modern accomplishments, is for the dissatisfied. He arises early so he can denounce longer, prints an obituary notice on a banner of everybody that has tried to make him earn his living during the year, and he just has one of the best times of his life."

"Hurrah for progress!"

May 2, 1929

Will Rogers

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Reporter speaks on LSH

LARNED, Kan. (AP) — A newswoman who wrote a series of articles regarding the Larned State Hospital has told a special legislative committee patients need more activities.

Betty Wells, a reporter for the Wichita Eagle and Beacon who stayed at the hospital for eight days, was interviewed Tuesday by the special committee on institutions, which began hearings here Monday.

Sen. Wint Winter, R-Ottawa, committee chairman, scheduled a meeting of the group for May 21 at Topeka to write a report

of its findings. They will be submitted to the 1975 session of the Kansas legislature.

Miss Wells, who said she was not an expert in the field of mental health, also expressed concern about the hospital's use of seclusion—confinement in locked rooms. The practice is directed at patients considered unruly or those who resist the administration of drugs, she said.

Also testifying Tuesday was Margaret Hoagland, a hospital staffer, who said she was a patient at the hospital about five years ago. Although she

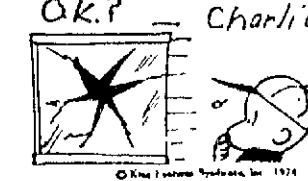
was never placed in seclusion, she said, she was "very frightened" of the prospect of that.

However, after becoming a staff member she came to feel the policy of seclusion was necessary for the benefit and protection of other patients, she said.

In testimony Monday, R. A. Haines, Topeka, director of the Division of Mental Health, said the hospital needs about 155 new employees to meet federal standards. He also said, "If we want quality programs, we're going to have to do something about our salaries."

CHILDREN'S LETTERS

Dear Mom,
I won't tell Dad
about the car if
you won't tell him
about the window
OK? Charlie



Weather

Partly cloudy and warm through tomorrow. High both days in the 80's, low tonight in the 50's. Winds 15 to 25 miles per hour from the southwest today and tonight.

Local weather data
Yesterday's high 74, low 50.
A year ago today — high 54, low 40.
No precipitation yesterday. Total for the month .00" Total for the year 8.95"
Barometer at 9 a.m. today was 30.22 and steady.
Humidity at 9 a.m. today was 98 per cent

Kansas extended outlook Friday through Sunday — Chance of showers east Friday and Saturday, minor cooling trend through period, low lower 40s to mid 50s, high mid 60s to mid 70s, low in the mid 30s to mid 40s, high mostly 60s to near 70 by end of period.