

News Analysis

Watergate Query Leaves Questions

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon's claim that his investigators hid the truth from him in the Watergate wiretapping leaves a lot of questions awaiting answers.

The Watergate scandal long ago spread beyond the mere break-in at Democratic headquarters last June 17.

It now embraces secret campaign funds, hidden documents, links connecting the White House and the Nixon campaign to a mutual-fund scandal, and alleged crimes by White House employees against the man who leaked the Pentagon papers.

The President mentioned none of these in his address Monday night, except for a reference to "alleged improper actions" for which Nixon said he shoulders full responsibility. Here are some subsidiary scandals in the conglomerate now collectively called "Watergate."

MONEY: Two secret campaign funds have been found, and a third is reported in news accounts. The Watergate burglars were paid from a secret cash fund in the President's reelection headquarters.

A former aide to presidential chief of staff H. R. Haldeman has been quoted in transcripts of grand jury testimony as saying Haldeman kept \$350,000 more in campaign cash in his White House safe, purpose as yet unknown.

News reports say investigators turned up a \$500,000 fund in a California bank, used by the President's personal lawyer to pay a political saboteur, among other things.

Government auditors have urged that Nixon's campaign treasurer, Hugh Sloan, be prosecuted for failing to report pay-

ments used to give a phony impression of public support for Nixon's war policies. Nixon hasn't said whether he knew of these dealings.

RECORDS: Although the President promises there will be no "whitewash," his campaign organization continues to keep secret its spending, reportedly involving around \$10 million, from before last April 7. That is the date a new law required public reporting.

Listen Up--

Caps And Gowns 'Worthless'

Editor:

In honor of Consumer Information Week, I can't help but wonder about the current graduation policies and practices. Why do we have to buy a cap and gown when it is common knowledge that nobody really wants to keep it?

Why doesn't some campus organization collect and rent (or loan) used caps and gowns? Considering the benefits that would occur, I would be willing to donate mine free, knowing others wouldn't be stuck with an ugly black rag and a rather poor frisbee.

In addition, I wonder about the inflation that has taken place in graduation pictures. The \$4.95 package "deal" appears to be about the same as the \$3.25 deal we had last May. In December we had two 8x10s for \$2.75. It would appear that two businesses are trying to get rich at the students' expense.

D. R. Beeson '72

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Editor:

I have been questioning myself

Nixon's campaign finance chairman, former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans, faces a threat of a contempt citation for dragging his feet in turning over cartons full of records to court officials, as promised last November. A campaign lawyer has said these documents contain payroll records of at least two of the Watergate conspirators.

Campaign officials have resisted a lawsuit by Common Cause seeking disclosure of secret fi-

since the Christmas holidays about the fact that Texas Tech holds classes exactly two weeks less than A&M. Tech was out at Christmas one week before we were allowed to leave, and now that it is the end of school, they get out still another week earlier. I was truly amazed that we went back to school after the Christmas holidays at the same time, and even had the same length of time for spring break, by the way the pattern was being set.

My question is: What do the extra two weeks contain here in the land of packed suitcases and abundant gas that Tech does not have to put up with? Or can it be said that we are simply getting a bargain, since both schools are comparatively priced, and we get two whole weeks extra with our package deal?

Perhaps it is just the basis of another Aggie Joke. How about, "Do you know why Aggies have two extra weeks of school?"

Jon McMenamy

Prince Of Watergate

In the Italian Renaissance Niccolo Machiavelli wrote the Prince, which has been recognized as the foremost tract on political power.

President Richard Nixon, intentionally or unintentionally, used a Machiavellian principle to maintain power in 1972.

Machiavelli's technique is simple. When a king needed control of his populace Machiavelli suggested appointing a relatively amoral prime minister with unrestrained power. The prime minister whips the populace into order justifying any means by the end accomplished. If a public outcry is raised against the government, the king then tags any criminal acts on his dubious prime minister and has him publicly executed. The results are the people are brought under control and the king becomes their liberator.

Nixon's "prime minister" was his re-election committee. As he said in Monday night's speech, he was too busy playing President to worry about "the day-to-day decisions of a presidential campaign" and delegated this authority to his underlings. Among these day-to-day decisions was the hiring of electronics experts to conduct political espionage on the Democratic National Headquarters at the Watergate.

The scandal came into public notice despite attempts to stifle the issue. When top Presidential aides and campaign officials were implicated, Nixon denied any knowledge of the incident and publicly sacrificed those involved. At this point, Nixon stands behind the facade that he is the one man striving to maintain the integrity of the executive office.

"The first impression that one gets of a ruler and of his brains is from seeing the men he has about him"—Machiavelli.

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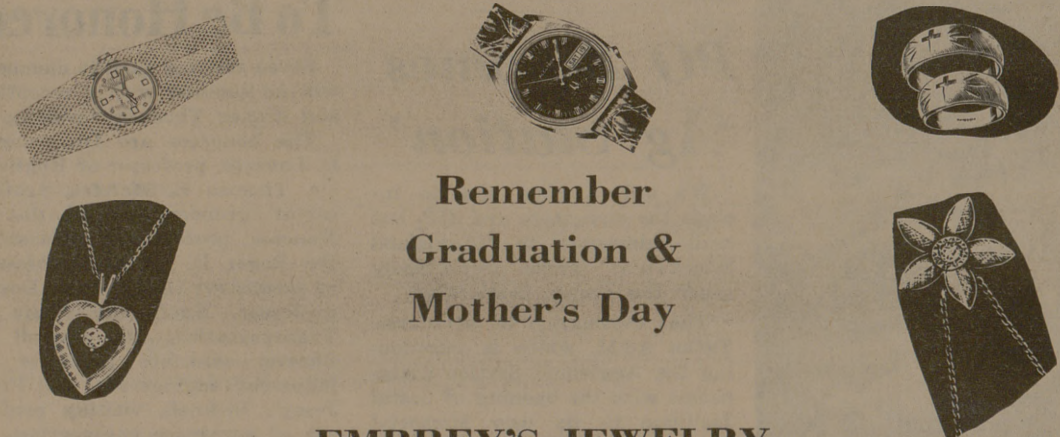
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SOME PHILOSOPHIES AREN'T FOR ALL PEOPLE...

By Charles M. Schulz