

Impeachment Inquiry Continues

News Summary

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders decided Tuesday to go ahead with an inquiry that could lead to President Nixon's impeachment despite his agreement to release the White House Watergate tapes to a federal judge.

They had already announced the start of the investigation before Nixon's about-face on the tapes, and said they would continue at least until the effect of

his action becomes clear.

With the controversy over the tapes apparently stilled, Nixon's critics in the House said their major concern was to assure the continuation of an independent prosecution of the Watergate case and its many offshoots.

Nixon abolished the special prosecutor's office when he fired its director, Archibald Cox, touching off the uproar that led to the move for beginning impeachment

proceedings.

"By giving up the tapes he showed Cox was right in insisting that he comply with the court's order," said Rep. Donald W. Riegle, D-Mich., in a House speech. "Now he should bring Cox back."

There seemed little doubt, however, that Nixon's decision would take some of the steam out of any impeachment drive. A chief criticism aimed at him during an

emotional House session was that he had refused to comply with an order of the court.

Some key Democratic senators also said they expect the developments to defuse talk of impeachment.

However, Democrats such as Edward M. Kennedy, Philip A. Hart and Birch Bayh said they will press ahead with legislation to create a special Watergate prosecutor not subject to dismissal by the President.

They also said they expect the Senate Judiciary Committee to conduct hearings on all the circumstances surrounding the firing of Archibald Cox as special prosecutor.

Kennedy said Chairman James O. Eastland, D-Miss., told him that, if it is the will of the committee, Cox will be called Wednesday after an executive session of the members.

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State

AUSTIN — Dr. George Willeford, state chairman of the Texas Republican Party since 1971, said Tuesday he is resigning because of business reasons.

A new state chairman will be named at a special called session of the state GOP executive committee in Austin Nov. 19.

Willeford said in a letter to state committee members that he

was resigning because his professional commitments in 1974 would prevent him from taking full part in political activities that year. Willeford is an Austin pediatrician and child psychiatrist.

AUSTIN — Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, called Tuesday for a special legislative subcommittee to investigate racial imbalance at the University of Texas at Austin.

Recent figures released by the school show 422 of the 41,000 students are black.

Mrs. Thompson said the figures "indicate beyond a doubt that the university continues to reflect the historical pattern of discrimination against minorities in Texas."

"I am today calling on the chairman of the House Education Committee to appoint a three-member special purpose subcommittee," she said. "Its purpose will be to meet with university system authorities to review and discuss programs now in progress as they relate to minority Texans."

National

WASHINGTON—Former Atty Gen. Elliott L. Richardson called for the appointment of a new Watergate special prosecutor and said Tuesday the American people must judge whether President Nixon should be impeached.

Richardson, who resigned rather than comply with Nixon's order to fire special prosecutor Archibald Cox, said he disagreed with the President's effort to curtail the independence of the Cox investigation.

His comments were made at a nationally televised news conference before the announcement that Nixon will now comply with a court order and turn over White House tapes for a judge's private inspection.

NEW YORK—The trial of two former Cabinet officers, John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans, was postponed a second time Tuesday, to await the outcome of efforts to obtain White House documents and tapes which might bear on the case.

The postponement was announced before President Nixon said in Washington that he would capitulate and turn over Watergate tapes to U.S. District Court Judge John Sirica. It was not known immediately if those tapes included the ones sought in the Mitchell-Stans case.

International

MIDEAST — The Arab-Israeli war raged on Tuesday as if the United Nations cease-fire never existed.

The State Department said in Washington that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger postponed his planned trip to China because of the continuing Middle East fighting and "intensive diplomatic activity" was under way to save the threatened treaty.

The U.N. Security Council in New York was summoned into an emergency session at Egypt's request and the Soviet Union proposed a renewal of the council's cease-fire appeal.

Tape Release

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Nixon's decision in court, "didn't find out until 12:30 this afternoon himself," a White House source said. The announcement came less than two hours later.

On Monday, the White House had quietly delivered to Sirica a copy of the President's compromise plan, which Cox had rejected, and gave the judge a proposed order accepting it that was prepared for Sirica's signature. When Wright went into court Tuesday, however, he withdrew the proposal and announced the decision to comply.

Cox had left a farewell party for him at the special prosecution force offices when Nixon's announcement was made. "I know that all citizens will be happy, as I am, that the President wisely chose to respect the rule of law," he said.

North Viet

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kinson of London's Imperial College and 55-year-old Prof. Ernst Otto Fischer of Munich, Germany.

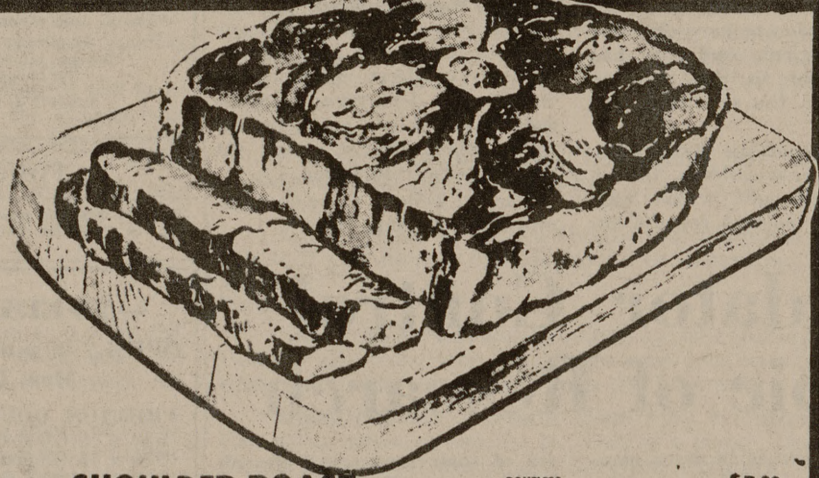
They shared the prize equally for pioneering, independent basic research on the chemistry of "organometallic so-called sandwich compounds." Their highly theoretical work on these complex structures, although described as chemistry for chemists, has led to important practical applications for industrial use, such as new lead-free, antiknocking ingredients in gasoline and heat-resistant enamel paints.

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