

# Haldeman denies misuse of CIA

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WASHINGTON (AP) — H. R. Haldeman denied under bitter cross-examination Tuesday that he ever intended to misuse the Central Intelligence Agency to cut short the initial FBI investigation into Watergate.

original Watergate break-in. Before Haldeman resumed the stand, U. S. District Judge John J. Sirica disclosed he is considering taking the testimony of Richard M. Nixon by submitting written questions to the former president.

The judge asked three court-appointed doctors who have examined Nixon to recommend whether he is healthy enough to provide written answers to questions submitted by both prosecution and defense lawyers.

John D. Ehrlichman's lawyer has asked Sirica to delay the trial so that

Nixon might testify under oath in California beginning Jan. 6, the earliest date the doctors said the former president might be healthy enough to testify.

Haldeman's lawyer, John J. Wilson, said Tuesday he will join in the request to Sirica that Nixon's testimony be taken by deposition after the first of the year.

Among a series of contentious exchanges between Haldeman and assistant special prosecutor Richard Ben-Veniste, the prosecutor asked: "Isn't it a fact that you called in America's foremost and highest lev-

el man responsible for the intelligence-gathering function for the national security of the United States and . . . your instructions were to have the FBI curtailed on the ground that it was politically embarrassing for the investigation to be continued?"

Haldeman replied, "That was my understanding . . ."

Referring to a June 23, 1972, meeting with two top CIA officials Ben-Veniste asked, "Isn't it a fact, Mr. Haldeman, that you did something you had no right under the law to do and that is to misuse your posi-

tion in the government . . . in a way to defraud the CIA and the FBI, to defraud the government of the United States for reasons which you knew were not to be in the national interest?"

The former White House chief of staff answered loudly and with no hesitation, "I had no intention of exceeding the responsibilities of my job. I had no intention of defrauding and misusing the CIA or the FBI.

"I had no intention of obstructing the investigation . . . no intention to do anything improper."

## Bulletin board

**TODAY**  
AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATORS OF TOMORROW will meet at 7 p.m. in room 401 Rudder Tower. Mr. Thomas Hargrove of the Rice Council will speak.  
AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY meets at 8 p.m. in room 510 of the Rudder Tower. All members planning to go to New Mexico over the holidays must attend.  
BRYAN COUNCIL OF STUTTERS meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center.  
COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR presents Marc J. Hershman of Louisiana State University at 5 p.m. in room 206 of the Oceanography and Meteorology Building.  
FREE UNIVERSITY COURSES  
Biology of Social Problems — 7 p.m. — 502 Rudder Tower  
Science Fiction Writing — 7 p.m. — 501 Rudder

TAMU MOTORCYCLE CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 807 of the Rudder Tower.  
BRAZOS VALLEY STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 1024 Chemistry Building. A slide show will be presented as well as the monthly stamp auction.  
KAPPA KAPPA PI meets at 8 p.m. in room 502 of the Rudder Tower. Malon Southerland will speak.  
BIOENGINEERING DEPARTMENT presents Mrs. Naomi Cla of General Electric to speak on "Activities of the GE Medical Products Division" at noon in room 127B Zachry Engineering Center.

**THURSDAY**  
RIO GRANDE VALLEY HOMETOWN CLUB MEETING at 8 p.m. in room 502 of the Rudder Tower. Car wash and football game will be discussed.  
TAMU FLYING CLUB meets at 8 p.m. in room 229 Chemistry Building.  
MIDLAND HOMETOWN CLUB pizza party at Sparky's from 5 to 7 p.m. All the pizza you can eat for a set price.

**FREE UNIVERSITY COURSES**  
Automotive Principles and Applications — 7 p.m. — 101 M. E. Slaps  
Biblical Interpretations — 8 p.m. — 108 Academic Building  
Comparative Religions — 502 Tower  
Radio — 504 Tower  
Yoga — 510 Tower  
Contract Bridge — 402 Tower  
Ballroom Dancing — 224 MSC.

TAMU HORSEMANS ASSOCIATION meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 215 Animal Industries Building.  
WOMEN'S AWARENESS COMMITTEE business meeting at 8:30 p.m. in rooms 216B and E of the MSC. The button sale and the Rape-Crisis Line will be discussed.  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING STUDENT WIVES CLUB holds its PHT Banquet at 7:30 p.m. in the Crown and Anchor Banquet Room.

**FRIDAY**  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT presents W. R. van der Hoeven, asst. plant manager of Union Carbide Corp. at Texas City, to talk on "The Petro-Chemical Industry — Challenges for the Present and Future" at 10 a.m. in room 203 Zachry.  
NUCLEAR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT presents Nolan Hertel to speak on "Reactor Transient Type of Core Melt Accidents" at 4 p.m. in room 105B Zachry.  
PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM with Dr. G. Williams of the University of California to discuss "Photographs of Quantized Vortex Lines in Rotating Superfluid Helium" at 4 p.m. in room 146 Physics Building.

**SATURDAY**  
APARTMENT COUNCIL holds a flea market sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Student Apartment Office.

## Bill cleared for RR-aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Rules Committee reversed itself Tuesday and cleared a railroad-aid bill.

However, sweeping securities legislation remained bottled up in the committee when a congressman left for the dentist and missed a final vote.

The proposed Surface Transportation Act of 1974 won on a voice vote which reversed last week's 9-6 rejection of the bill.

The legislation, expected to reach the House for action later this week, authorizes \$2 billion in federally backed loans for railroads.

But the proposed Securities Act Amendments of 1974, which the panel had turned down by 8 to 6 last week, failed this time on a 6-6 tie after Rep. Richard Bolling, D-Mo., headed for a dental appointment.

The securities legislation would produce the most comprehensive revamping of stock market laws since passage of the 1934 Securities Exchange Act.

## Uncertainty scraps plant

HOUSTON (AP) — Five South Texas utilities announced Tuesday they have abandoned plans to build a jointly owned nuclear power plant in the San Antonio-Austin area.

The partners in the cancelled venture were Houston Lighting and Power Co., San Antonio City Public Service, the City of Austin, the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Central Power and Light Co. of Corpus Christi.

The decision to abandon the plan, made after completion of a feasibility study began last March, was attributed to "uncertainties in the present economic situation."

It was the first Texas casualty in a national slowdown in the construction of a nuclear plant.

The slowdown has been blamed on a combination of high financing rates, a slackening of the growth of electrical demand and a recent upsurge in public criticism of nuclear plants.

When the feasibility study was announced, construction of the canceled plant was projected to begin in 1977 with completion by 1983.

Jim Parksons, an HL&P spokesman, said the cancellation does not involve his firm's proposed Allens Creek nuclear plant or another jointly owned nuclear plant to be built near Bay City.

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