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Nixon accepts blame

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Vowing there will be "no whitewash at the White House," President Nixon Monday night personally accepted responsibility for the bugging of Democratic Party headquarters last year.

In an emotional 27-minute radio and television speech, just a few hours after accepting the resignations of Attorney General Richard Kleindienst and three of his closest White House aides, Nixon said he had been misled by advisers about high-level involvement in the Watergate affair. The President said he was turning full authority in the continuing Watergate investigation over to Elliot Richardson, the defense secretary, whom he named earlier in the day to replace Richard Kleindienst as attorney general.

Calling Richardson a man of unquestioned integrity, he said the new attorney general has the authority to appoint a special prosecutor to handle the Watergate scandal, if he deems it necessary.

Nixon continuously has rejected suggestions that he should name a special prosecutor in the Watergate matter, as many have urged.

Just before Nixon spoke, Gordon Strachan, a former principal assistant to Haldeman and his liaison man with the Nixon campaign last year, announced his resignation as general counsel to the United States Information Agency — bringing to seven the number of men who have quit government in the wake of the Watergate scandal since last Thursday.

News of the high-level shakeup caused sharp reaction on the stock market. On the New York Stock Exchange, the key Dow-Jones Industrial average bounced back from a showing of minus 8.21 at noon — about the time of the announcement — to a plus of 0.75 within an hour.

Although the Dow advanced, declines still led advances, 781 to 517, among the 1,654 issues on the tape. Standard & Poor's 500 stock index lost 0.21 to 107.02.

Tracing the history of the Watergate affair, the President said he first learned of it on June 17 — the day of the break-in at Democratic national headquarters in the Watergate in Washington — while he was in Florida, resting from his summit meeting in Moscow.

"I was appalled," Nixon said, "at this senseless, illegal act." He said he was "shocked" that employees of the Committee to Re-Elect the President had been "among those guilty" of the break-in and attempted bugging.

But, he continued, he "repeatedly" asked if any member of his administration was involved and was "repeatedly" assured none was.

Nixon said that after he learned of the original break-in, he immediately ordered an investigation. That probe was conducted by Dean, although the President did not say so specifically in his broadcast.

"I believed the reports I was getting... I discounted the stories in the press that tended to implicate members of my administration," he said. As a consequence of those assurances, Nixon said, he "discounted stories in the press" contradicting the assurances he was given.

"Until March of this year I remained convinced that the denials were true," he said, and that the charges of involvement and of a cover-up by high officials were false.

The President called for faith in the judicial process to rectify events related to this scandal. Denying the Watergate incident implied "the bankruptcy of the American political system," he said, "It was the system that brought the facts to light."

Nixon declared that those who perpetuated the crime — and those seeking to cover it up — must be punished. Although he insisted that the officials whose resignations he has accepted had been convicted of no crime, he left little doubt that they were now under serious scrutiny.

Nixon said Kleindienst had "no involvement in this affair whatsoever." As for John Ehrlichman — his chief domestic adviser, and Haldeman — his White House chief of staff, he said, "I mean to leave no implication whatsoever of personal wrongdoing."

But he said the resignations were accepted out of a desire to have "rigorous legal and ethical standards" at the White House, and he said he was confident these standards would be "observed and enforced."

Accepting the resignations, Nixon said, was "one of the most difficult decisions I have had in the White House."

"I wanted to be fair," he said. "But I knew that in the final analysis that faith in this office, and faith in the personal integrity of this office, should take precedence."

He said the resignations were "necessary to restore confidence" in the White House.

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Walter Wentz of the Millrace Development Committee slogs through the mud of the drained channel towards its bank. Clean-

up workers spent Sunday finding a variety of objects on the Millrace floor.

Bikes, beds and bottles pulled from Millrace mud

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What started out as a cleanup of the Millrace ended with the appearance of a potential White Elephant sale.

Actually, a brown elephant sale would probably seem more appropriate to the fifty people who spent Sunday wallowing in knee deep mud while retrieving the discarded remnants of modern civilization.

Those who participated in the cleanup—which was sponsored by the Survival Center, the Druids and the Committee for Millrace Development—found a vast array of interesting items, most of which were preserved intact by the thick bottom deposit of Millrace silt.

Among the articles pulled from the mud were three bicycles, a tape recorder, a go-cart frame, three pairs of eyeglasses still intact, a bedframe, a camera tripod, a bowling ball, a shotput, and of course, the inevitable hundreds upon hundreds of beer bottles and cans.

Also found, according to Mike Dotten, director of the Survival Center, were numerous pots and pans, and enough knives, forks, spoons and plates to "make a complete service for twelve."

Perhaps the most interesting discoveries of the Millrace cleanup were two news paper boxes with their coinboxes broken open, and a bank deposit pouch containing several uncanceled checks.

Dotten said the Eugene police were contacted and that they reported the pouch was stolen in a January, 1973 burglary. No cash was found.

Dotten said that there were one and one-half feet of water still standing in the Millrace Sunday, despite the fact that it had been drained. The culvert which drains the Millrace into the Willamette River is badly plugged.

"The Millrace is really polluted and in bad shape," said Dotten, indicating that it could easily become a health hazard. If this happened the city would have to do something, quite possibly filling in the Millrace.

One of the sponsors of the cleanup, the Committee for Millrace Development, published a proposal in 1970 which calls for a cleanup of all solid waste in the Millrace, and the eventual assignment of all property easements along it to the city so that dumping and filling could be stopped.

The city ordinance against dumping is ineffective due to the difficulty of enforcement.

Presently, the committee is approaching fraternities and sororities along the Millrace asking them to turn over their easements.

Most of the land along the Millrace is privately owned; only a small portion belongs to the city or the University.

The committee intends to eventually turn over the easements it acquires to the city.

ASUO elections continue

Fred Loveys, ASUO vice-president, attributes the turn-out of over 800 voters on the first day of the primary election to the "fantastic weather" and the fact that "the candidates had a little bit longer to campaign."

Today, voting will continue, and roving booths will go to the Greek houses, the College Inn, the Law School and Westmoreland.

Stationary ballot boxes will be at the EMU, the Co-op, on 13th in front of Commonwealth and in front of Carson and Hamilton dormitories.

Voters are being asked to fill out a

survey concerning the use of roving boxes. On Wednesday, Loveys will announce the result of the survey and how it will affect his policy on the general election.

Loveys has posted the revised Election Rules on the candidates' notice board and copies are available in 308 EMU.

The Elections Court will meet at 7 p.m. tonight to consider any violations of the rules. Loveys said that, should any violation have a bearing on the results of the election, he will withhold the final vote count.