Nixon Urges Quick Trials, **Cautions on Prejudgment**

By JOHN HERBERS Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 1 - concerning Watergate." President Nixon expressed the Two of the seven men hope today that trials arising accused in today's indictment, out of the new Watergate in- Charles W. Colson and Kenneth dictments "will move quickly W. Parkinson, issued personal to a just conclusion." He also statements of innocence and cautioned the nation to remem-predicted their eventual exonber that the accused are pre-eration on the charges. The sumed innocent unless proved other five relied on their attorneys to issue brief stateguilty.

the judicial process is finally Page 16.] moving toward resolution of Word of the Watergate inthe matter," Gerald L. Warren, dictments reached the Oval Ofadded:

"The indictments indicate ments of innocence. [Details,

the White House deputy press fice today via the news tickers, secretary, said in a statement and the President-busy with approved by Mr. Nixon. The policy meetings, ceremony and statement, read to newsmen, entertaining of Congressmenreacted with his brief formal "It is the President's hope statement a short time later. Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr.

ly to a just conclusion. The and Ronald L. Ziegler, the Presthat the trials will move quick-President is confident that all ident's chief assistants, in-Americans will join him in recognizing that those indicted are charges against his former high presumed innocent unless proof associates just as the President of guilt is established in the was ending a meeting with his economic and energy advisers courts."

The statement also declared and was preparing to welcome that the President had "always the Mayor of Meridian, Miss., maintained that the judicial of stuart, who had gotten 20,000 names on a petition in system is the proper forum for the resolution of the questions Continued on Page 17, Column 3

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Continued From Page 1, Col. 6 the country unperturbed by the unfolding Watergate charges.

Quaker family during the Civil

e President's defense. In keeping with the mood of known the indictments would the President's defense. normalcy and unconcern that be handed up today, Mr. Nixon the White House seemed to be had as dinner guests 30 or so consciously conveying, Mr. members of Congress and their Warren did not read the state-wives. Afterwards they viewed ament until pressed by reporters a movie, "The Sting," a current and until after he had an-box-office favorite about some nounced that Marion H. Smoak charming crooks in Chicago in of Aiken, S.C., had been ap-pointed chief of protocol for Tonight, another dinner was the White House and the scheduld for a cimilar was

the White House and that scheduled for a similar group Royston C. Hughes of Edge-of Senators and Representawater, Md. would be Assistant tives-most of them friendly to Secretary of the Interior for the President-and the movie program development and bud-get. "Friendly Persuasion," a nineteen-fifties film about a get.

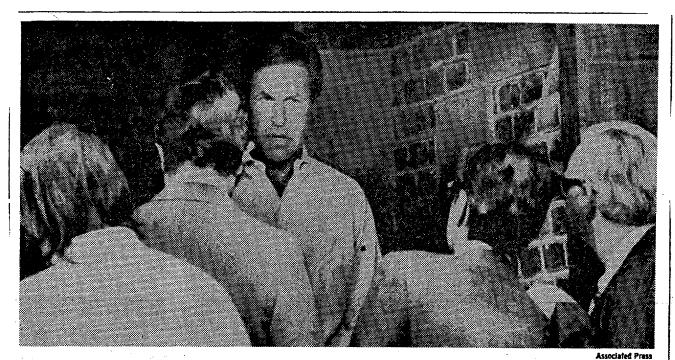
Speech by Son-in-Law

A few minutes later, David Mr. Stuart, the Meridian Eisenhower, the President's Mayor, was the last in a long son-in-law, greeted 500 Young list of mostly obscure people Republicans in the East Room about the country who had been Ŵar. with an inspirational speech invited to visit the President that made no mention of the after they had run newspaper court action. In response to re-advertisements or circulated porters' questions, he said the petitions supporting Mr. Nixon defendants "have been accused against impeachment. The Pres-for a year, so it is nothing ident also met with members new," adding "Their guilt or of the Reserve Officers Asso-innocence will be established at ciation. the trial." Mr. Nixon, however, did not

the trial." Mr. Nixon, however, did not Elsewhere in the White pose for pictures, as he fre-House, there was a hushed at-quently does with such groups. mosphere as the Presidential His spokesmen declined to disstaff, long accustomed to bad cuss the President's mood as he news, talked quietly in the halls learned of the indictments.

and in the offices. Squirrels Mr. Warren would not re-darted about green lawns spond to questions about how bathed in sunshine. Television the President or anyone else cameras set up for the evening in the White House felt about broadcasts were the only visual the perjury indictment against sign that the men who had Mr. Haldeman, which disputed wielded great power here just both Mr. Haldeman's testimony a year ago—H. R. Haldeman, to the Senate Watergate com-John D. Ehrlichman and five mittee and the President's state others-now stood officially ac-cused of covering up the 1972 Watergate scandal. Internet at an Aug. 22, 1973, news conference that Mr. Nixon had said on March 21, 1973, that

Today's activities were in to supply hush money for the keeping with the President's Watergate burglars would be efforts of the last few weeks wrong. to show that he is governing Mr. Warren did say that Leon



H. R. Haldeman talking to newsmen at his home in Newport Beach, Calif., after learning of grand-jury action

Jaworski, the special prosecutor, did not inform Mr. Nixon of the indictments and that the news came to the White House as it did elsewhere in Washington, on the Teletype machines. Nor was the President informed of what might be in the sealed grand jury report given to Judge John J. Sirica. Mr. Warren would not say whether Mr. Nixon still consid-

Mr. Warren would not say whether Mr. Nixon still considered Mr. Haldeman and Mr. Ehrlichman "two of the finest public servants I have ever known," a statement he made on their resignations last April 30 and reaffirmed twice in press conferences since. By this time, Mr. Warren,

By this time, Mr. Warren, appearing a little irritated by the questions, said only, "I have given you the statement."

Dash Feels White House Won't Interfere in Trials

PORTLAND, Ore., March 2 (AP) — Samuel Dash, chief counsel for the Senate Watergate Committee, said today that he was confident there would be no White House interference in trials or sentencing of seven former top Presidential aides indicted on obstruction of justice charges. "With the whole world look-

"With the whole world looking, I believe the trials will go forward and justice will be done," Mr. Dash told a news conference.

Mr. Dash refused to make a direct comment on the charges against the seven, saying the matter "is so delicate and so important that I don't feel it would be appropriate for professional for me to comment."

Mr. Dash was in Portland for a scheduled address to an alumni meeting of the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College.