## Mitchell Aide: Criticizi Nixon May Get You Fired Port 91970 Associated Press

eral John N. Mitchell warned the government, policy deciyesterday that government sions at least in theory come employees who differ publicly down from the top, since the with Mr. Nixon administration President of the United States policies may lose their jobs.

signed to head off future pol- popular mandate," he said. icy rebellions of the sort that have occasionally embarrassed that his policy decisions be dethe administration, Ass. Attor- bated and challenged in the leney General William H. gislative branch, and sub-Rehnquist asserted that:

"The government as an employer has a legitimate and rule constitutionally recognized in- branch must be quite differterest in limiting public criti- ent." cism on the part of its employees even though that same dent Nixon and Defense Secregovernment as a sovereign has tary Melvin Laird "should be no similar constitutionally able to push for the funding of valid claim to limit dissent on an antiballistic missile without the part of its citizens."

tice Department's Office of ployees of the Defense Depart-Legal Council, contended em- ment." And President Nixon ployees of the executive and Mitchell "should be able branch, including the military, to push for a crime bill in the surrender at least part of their District of Columbia even right to free speech when they though a majority of the emtake a government job.

delivered to the convention of druthers might oppose some the Federal Bar Association.

A top aide to Attorney. Gen- "In the executive branch of is the only official of that In a speech apparently de-branch who can lay claim to a

"While it is quite proper jected to vigorous criticism in the country as a whole, the within the executive

Rehnquist said that Presinecessarily obtaining the ap-Rehnquist, head of the Jus- proval of a majority of em-F ployed lawyers in the Justice Rehnquist's remarks were Department, if given their of its provisions," he said.