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WATERGATE CONSPIRATOR EGIL KROGH (L) AND LEON JAWORSKI, THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WHO SENT HIM TO PRISON

'CONFESSION AND AVOIDANCE'

Last October, a few minutes before he was scheduled to address the University of California at Berkeley student body on "morality in government," Special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski was handed a folded note. He placed it unread in his pocket.

As his host began to introduce him, Jaworski, sitting onstage, removed the note and quickly glanced at it. The message was from the first of Richard Nixon's men to have been indicted in the Watergate scandal. The individual, barred from practicing law, said he was teaching public administration at the university, was in fact sitting in the audience with his students, and would like to chat with the speaker after the lecture if he had time and was so inclined.

Jaworski pocketed the note, strode to the rostrum, began his speech. As he warmed to his subject, he strayed from the

prepared text. "One of the men involved in Watergate is sitting in this very audience tonight," he revealed. "And I must tell you that I hold him in high regard. He is a man who acknowledged his mistake and paid a price for it. . . . I admire him for the manner in which he accepted the responsibility for his actions. I cannot say the same for his former employer, the President."

During the question-and-answer period that followed, a student rose and asked Jaworski to identify the Watergate person.

"No," Jaworski said. "I will not do that. I will not violate that person's privacy. But if he would like to make his presence known, that is up to him."

Members of the audience turned and looked around. Curiosity and suspense took over. Then, slowly, a man got to his feet. He was calm and unruffled. The special prosecutor recognized him immediately. "Ladies and gentlemen," he called out,

"Mr. Egl 'Bud' Krogh."

Silence, then applause, then ever-mounting crescendos of applause. "I have never seen or heard anything quite as genuine," Leon Jaworski writes, "as the emotion that crowd gave Bud Krogh, an ex-lawyer who had just been introduced by the man who sent him to prison."

The above is one of the memorable incidents Leon Jaworski writes about in his autobiography, "Confession and Avoidance," which will be published later this year.

Jaworski, 73, who has been practicing law for almost 55 years, is a man of strong likes and dislikes—place Richard Nixon, John Connally and William Safire on his dislike list. But most important, Jaworski knows where the skeletons of Watergate, Koreagate, the Kennedy assassination and many other historic events lie buried. And in the winter of his life, he is not reluctant to turn over some of the sod so readers can get a clearer and more truthful view.

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