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Fair Trial for Nixon Doubted by Jaworski

AUSTIN, April 23 (AP)—Former President Nixon could not have received a fair trial on obstruction of justice in the Watergate case because there had been so much news coverage of the story, Leon Jaworski said today.

Jaworski, former Watergate Special prosecutor, told a University of Texas Law School audience that he would have been forced, if Nixon hadn't been pardoned by President Ford, to acknowledge in court his belief that Nixon could not receive a fair trial.

"There was wide press coverage of the hearings, and

when the final White House tapes were played, House Judiciary Committee members came on live TV and said that they believed Nixon was guilty.

"Afterwards, for a few days, there were headlines about Nixon's resignation. Such was the background. What about Nixon's constitutional rights?" he said.

"There was substantial doubt whether a sitting President could be indicted for obstruction of justice, especially when the House Judiciary Committee was inquiring as to impeachment on those very grounds," he said.