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Watergate Reaction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reaction to the Watergate indictments Friday by President Nixon and congressional leaders who would comment was that the nation's judicial and legal processes are working.

At a meeting of the Democratic National Committee, there was applause and some hoots during the reading of the names of the seven indicted.

National chairman Robert S. Strauss, who interrupted the proceeding to read the list, declared: "I believe all of us are pleased that justice might finally work its will."

Nixon issued a statement saying "the indictments indicated that the judicial process is finally moving toward the resolution of the matter. It is the President's hope that the trials will move quickly to a just solution."

Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott said he thinks the American people will withhold judgment pending a fair trial. He expressed hope that the trials would be conducted promptly and be completed before the November elections "because it ought to be kept out of the political arena."

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said "the constitutional, legal and judicial processes are all functioning."