

Bill Offered To Protect Jaworski

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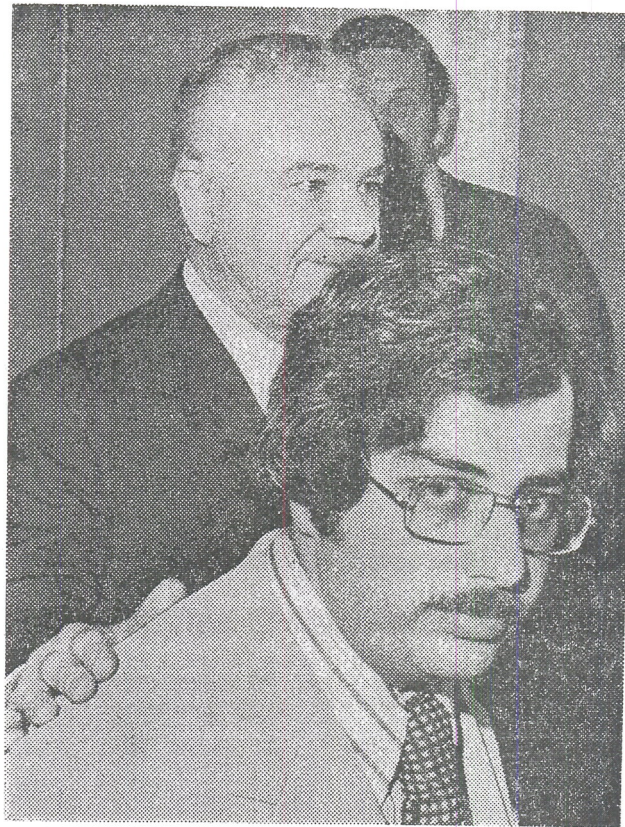
Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson III (D-Ill.) introduced legislation yesterday that would provide for emergency appointment of a new Watergate special prosecutor if the office should suddenly become vacant.

Stevenson said the bill was aimed at deterring President Nixon "from dismissing the special prosecutor because he is doing his job too well."

The proposal was prompted by Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski's charges earlier this week that the White House was trying to "undercut" his independent status.

Jaworski made the protest in response to White House contentions that he has no right, as a member of the executive branch, to subpoena evidence from the President. The President's lawyer, James D. St. Clair, raised the argument in connection with Jaworski's demand for the tapes and other records of 64 White House conversations that are believed to bear on the Watergate coverup.

Despite speculation that the dispute might end in Jaworski's dismissal, Senate leaders said yesterday that they had seen no such indications.



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Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski gives a pat on the back to assistant Philip A. Lacovara after hearing.

"I don't think it will happen," Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) told reporters. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) said Jaworski "has the full confidence of the Senate, and I'm sure he'll be retained on the job."

The White House has said that Mr. Nixon has no intention of firing Jaworski. At the same time, the President and his lawyers are standing

firm in their opposition to any more subpoenas.

Vice President Ford said yesterday at a news conference that he felt Mr. Nixon should compromise and give up those tapes "which are relevant to a criminal proceeding."

In a Senate speech, Majority Whip Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.) criticized the White House for contending that Jaworski had no standing to press for the evidence in the courts.