

Anderson: Read the Transcripts

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BUFFALO (AP) — The American people should read the White House tape transcripts and then become President Nixon's "judge and jury," political columnist Jack Anderson says.

Anderson said Nixon feels that most people will not bother to read the voluminous transcript, which he said contains profanity and "vicious cracks."

"If you don't read it," the syndicated columnist said, in a speech here yesterday, "you deserve the kind of government you're getting.

Nixon's Two Dozen

"Two dozen of the men Nixon brought [to Washington] are now accused of or have confessed to crimes of bribery, extortion or obstruction of justice. "Can you really believe that Nixon was somewhere up in the clouds, unaware of the fact that his close associates were running around violating the law? We must ask who was the ultimate beneficiary of Watergate."

Anderson was here to address about 500 persons at the annual Advertising Recognition luncheon, sponsored by the Advertising Women of Buffalo.

"The transcript," he said, "even though it is President Nixon's own edited version, will open eyes and pull heads out of the sand.

Cover-up

"It shows as I said a year ago, that the President didn't have previous knowledge of the Watergate plannign. But as citizens, we are obligated to report crimes. It is a crime to cover up crime.

"As soon as President Nixon knew of Watergate, he asked those who confessed to him to investigate themselves. He asked John Dean to investigate John Dean. When Dean fell from his graces, he asked John D. Erlichman, who was named as a conspirator of that crime, to carry out the investigation.