

Ervin Urges Jail Term for 4 Nixon Aides

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., Jan. 7 (AP)—Former Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. says the four convicted Watergate defendants should receive prison terms for their roles in covering up the burglary.

The retired North Carolina Democrat also called for a full-scale congressional investigation of Central Intelligence Agency activities at home and abroad.

Lamenting that former President Nixon was not brought to trial for his part in Watergate, Ervin said fines would not be severe enough punishment for those who acted for Nixon—H. R. Halde- man, John D. Ehrlichman, John N. Mitchell and Robert C. Mardian.

Ervin, who served as chair- man of the Senate Watergate committee, said, "If somebody steals a postal card out of a mail box, we send him to prison. Then we're sort of hit- ting with a powder puff those who tried to steal from the American people their right to vote in a free election."

Ervin placed the blame for Watergate squarely on the Nixon White House and con- demned President Ford's par- don of the former President.

"When you allow the chief offender to go unwhipped to justice, you do an irreparable injury," Ervin said in an inter- view with WXII-TV Monday night.

Ervin also blamed the Nixon administration for creating an atmosphere that would en- courage domestic spying oper- ations by the CIA.

"That is a part of the cli- mate that prevailed in the White House. They had the notion that every agency and department of government should be a political plaything for the benefit of the re-elec- tion of the occupant of the White House," he said.