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Earl Warren Quoted in Article**Harsh Words for Nixon**

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The late Chief Justice Earl Warren was quoted as having said that former President Richard M. Nixon was "a cheat, a liar and a crook" who abused the American people.

In the current issue of Esquire magazine, Alden Whitman, a writer for the New York Times, said Warren also referred to his successor, Warren Burger, as "a horse's ass."

Whitman said that Warren detested Mr. Nixon with "unjudicious cholera."

According to the article, Warren told Whitman that

"Tricky is perhaps the most despicable president this nation has ever had. He was a cheat, a liar and a crook, and he brought my country, which I love, into disrepute. Even worse than abusing his office, he abused the American people."

Whitman said he asked Warren if he thought the Burger court, in Whitman's words, "with its array of Nixon - appointed judicial midgets, could erase the accomplishments of the Warren court."

He said that Warren replied: "They'll try, that I'm certain, but in the long run the American people won't

stand for a court that would take them back to the days when it was possible to ask, 'What's the Constitution between friends?'"

Whitman said that in his talks with Warren the one-time chief justice had the faculty of appraising himself with extraordinary candor.

Warren admitted, Whitman said, that he had acted wrongfully" and in panic in uprooting Japanese-Americans in California during World War II as state attorney general; and that he used to give the Constitution "short shrift" as a district attorney.

Whitman said Warren was

content and happy in retirement. "rarely idle, and never, never stuffy."

"His was a remarkably creative old age," Whitman wrote, "for he reshaped his philosophical outlook from the parochial to the urbane at a time when most of his contemporaries were fortifying their lifelong prejudices. At 82, Warren was still going strong."

Warren was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Eisenhower in 1953 at the age of 62 and served until 1969. He died last summer.

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