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Nixon Aide

Antitrust Suit Threat to Nets

WASHINGTON — (AP) The aide who prepares President Nixon's news summaries says TV network news programs may be the target of antitrust action if they continue to "freeze out opposing points of view."

However, Patrick J. Buchanan, special assistant to the President, added, "There's nothing going on now. There's no program or plan for that now."

Buchanan said that, "if the networks seriously don't soon make a conscientious effort to move conservatives and people with a viewpoint of middle America . . . then you're going to find increasing alienation from middle America and increasing disposition to do something about it."

Buchanan said his personal view "is that a monopoly like this of a group of people with a single point of view and a single political ideology who tend to continually freeze out opposing points of view and opposing information, that you're going to find something done in the area of antitrust type action, I would think."

Last month, the government filed antitrust suits challenging the role of the three major networks in producing their own prime-time entertainment programs.

The suits accused the networks of monopolizing prime-time TV entertainment.

At another point, Buchanan also said awarding Pulitzer prizes to The New York Times and columnist Jack Anderson for printing classified government documents was atrocious and appalling.

"What kind of lesson is that, really, for young journalists right now?" Buchanan asked.

"What he's told to do, in effect, is if you can get hold of some secret documents . . . and then you run it . . . in your column, you can get a Pulitzer Prize," Buchanan said.