

24 Oct 73 through 24 Jan 74

Entries made from SFC only;
NYT and WXP not read.

24 Oct 73 (1)

Nixon's broadcast address is "abruptly" cancelled; Warren says Nixon has been too preoccupied with developments in the Mideast to prepare the speech. "There is a widespread feeling among [Nixon's] aides that his two previous Watergate speeches were not as successful as [August press conference]."

- Nixon will instead hold news conference tomorrow, 9 p.m. EDT. AMP-C,
D-E

24 Oct 73, SFEx

Cox - Senate Judiciary Committee decides to begin hearings 29 Oct (Monday) into firing of Cox, who will be first witness.

24 Oct 73, SFEx

Nixon/emotional condition - Meany says, "The events of the last several days prove the dangerous emotional instability of the President." Warren, in answer, says Meany's statement is "one of the most incredible, inexcusable, irresponsible ever made by an individual who is in a position to have his remarks and comments carried in the national news media." Asked to describe Nixon's health, Warren says it is "excellent." Emotional health does not seem to have been dealt with.

SFEx 24 Oct 73

Impeachment - Albert says House inquiry, ~~was~~ into whether any grounds exist, will proceed in spite of decision to release the tapes.

- Rodino suggests possibility that House Judiciary Committee may subpoena White House records for preliminary inquiry into impeachment; also insists that Cox's files be kept intact for possible use by others.

SFEx 24 Oct 73 AMP-A

Tapes - Article on the possibility of altering tapes, and the difficulties in detecting this.

- Listing of tapes in question, by date, describing the meetings involved. Also NYT list, different treatment.

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SFC 25 Oct 73 [NYT] } combined in memo, filed separately

24 Oct 73 (2)

Impeachment - "A tidal wave of mail for impeachment."
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"How Nixon misjudged the people," by Peter Lisagor.
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"President's view of Cox," by Evans and Novak - "[Nixon] aides who share his hardline political style ... considered Cox a liberal Kennedy Democrat with a dagger at Mr. Nixon's throat. 'That arrogant S.O.B. Cox had this whole little Kennedy fiefdom, and now he doesn't have it anymore,' one presidential aide told us. Mr. Nixon clearly expected Cox's dismissal would be followed by resignations of his top staff. Instead, White House aides were stunned when Cox's pressspokesman announced the Cox operation was staying intact." "One high-ranking Justice Department official suspects the White House feared 'Cox was doing too good a job.' Indeed some lawyers in Cox's office had hinted they were close to startling breakthroughs."

SFEEx 24 Oct 73

(in intv by Walter Cronkite)
Cox ~~expressly~~ says that, among other things, his staff was looking into "possible abuses" of the term national security and (abuses?) of other government agencies, including IRS. Declines to say whether he had enough evidence to compel Congress to impeach Nixon, but says he sees significance in Dean's willingness to face perjury charges, that Dean knows he can be indicted for perjury if his testimony against Nixon is shown to be false, and that this is "pretty convincing evidence" that Dean believes his testimony "cannot be proved untrue" by the evidence on the tapes.

SFC 25 Oct 73 [UPI]

AMP-B

Bork, holding first news conference as Acting Atty. Gen., "[seems] anxious to assure a full investigation without making any statements that could be interpreted as criticism of Mr. Nixon or the White House." Despite repeated questioning, will not say he will go to court to get evidence held in WH files, but says he will take any steps needed to get the evidence.

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Harlow says (no date, perhaps this morning) at breakfast meeting with reporters, "Mr. Cox forced out ... Richardson and ... Ruckelshaus. The President didn't."

SFC 25 Oct 25

Special prosecutor - Sen. Robert Packwood (Rep-Ore) says Congress justifiably feels "double-crossed" by Nixon, and should act quickly to create its own special Watergate prosecutor's office because "no matter how deep, no matter how much the Justice Department probes: nobody's going to believe" the results.

SFC 25 Oct 73

Haig is criticized by Rep. Edward I. Koch (Dem-NY) for his part in the events surrounding the firing of Cox. In speech on House floor, Koch refers to phrase by Haig, "The commander-in chief has given you an order," and says, "It ill serves the national interest or mood to have a general in the White House whose actions and language are more appropriate to a military junta than a civilian government."

SFC 25 Oct 73

Nixon support - Two California women (~~Contra Costa County~~) announce formation of an ad hoc committee to organize support for Nixon. Bernice Pantell of Lafayette (a member of Contra Costa county Republican Central Committee) and Beverly Acker of Concord say such a committee is necessary ~~to show support~~ "when there is so much talk of impeachment ... and no way to measure ... support [for Nixon]."

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Impeachment - Student body presidents of seven San Francisco law schools announce "teach-ins" on five of the campuses, and a rally by Stanford students, all to be held tomorrow.

SFC 25 Oct 73

"U.S. Is Hopeful on Truce [in the Middle East]", but ~~has~~ Kissinger reschedules trip to Peking.

"A Report of North Viet Troop Shifts"

"Big Attack in Highlands of Vietnam"

SFC 25 Oct 73

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Executive privilege (milk price supports) is claimed by WH to prevent testimony by former Agriculture Secretary Clifford Hardin (story does not say where he would be testifying). Executive privilege is claimed for testimony about a meeting in the Oval Office 23 Mar 71, "largely in hopes of heading off forced production of a tape recording of the session." Story is unclear, but this meeting ~~was apparently private~~ appears to have been a private one ~~meeting~~ with Nixon, also attended by George Shultz, following publicly announced meeting with dairy industry spokesmen. The publicly announced meeting was held in the cabinet room and apparently not taped.

SFC [WXP] 25 Oct 73

See entry 23 Oct.

See entry 3 Dec 73.

see entry 15 Dec 73

see SFC 2 Apr 75 [UPI]

Nixon (investment portfolio) - See entry, Cox, intv by Walter Cronkite.

(24 Oct 73) AMP

Ⓐ - Rodino says committee will investigate allegations of "impeachable offenses." (Story lists some of them.) Rep. Jerome Waldie, one of the first on the committee to call for impeachment, says the "most easily provable" ground for impeachment would be obstruction of justice in the firing of Cox.

SFC 25 Oct 73 [AP, UPI]

Ⓑ - Cronkite asks Cox about rumors of Nixon investment portfolio administered by Rebozo; * Cox gives "ambiguous reply." This part of interview is attacked by WH, through Warren, who says reporters had already inquired about the report and had been told it was untrue; says Cronkite should have noted, in questioning Cox, that the story had been denied by the WH. AMP - D, E, F

SFC 30 Oct 73 [WXP, Greider] *See entry 22 Oct 73.

Ⓒ - See entry 25 Oct, Alert ... See also WXP 2 May 74, long report by Murrey Marder on Russian report of having mobilized seven divisions to fight for Egypt 20 Oct 73.

WXP 2 May 74, Murrey Marder

Ⓓ - "For some reason, the President's spokesman did not make a point of attacking the network that originated the story, ABC, which broadcast the initial story on the previous Monday night [22 Oct] - an account that vividly characterized the supposed secret portfolio as 'The Nixon Checkers fund of 1973.'"

WXP 30 Oct 73, William Greider

Ⓔ - See entry 22 Oct 73, Rebozo, ABC says

Ⓕ - See entry 7 Nov 75, Nixon (Bahamian bank).