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Poll Says Bugging Upsets GOP Brass

BOSTON, April 7 (AP)—The Watergate affair has stirred up bitterness against the Nixon administration among key Republican leaders in every section of the United States, according to a Christian Science Monitor survey. State chairmen and national committeemen across the country are upset over the administration's failure to clear up the controversy surrounding the break-in at Democratic national headquarters last

year, the newspaper said in a story in today's editions.

The Monitor said the Republicans talked only after they were assured they would not be identified by name.

"The survey also shows that the public, long apathetic about Watergate, is becoming aroused," the Monitor said.

The Monitor said many of the Republicans it contacted said they wished the President would speak candidly about the affair and clear up doubts.

"The President ought to facilitate facts coming out, and anyone who is involved should be nailed to the wall," the newspaper quoted one GOP leader as saying.

The strongest criticism came from leaders in Northern industrial states, particularly the East, the paper said, but a number of leaders in other regions also said they were unhappy over the administration's inability to "clear things up."

"Watergate is the biggest issue of all in this state, bigger than inflation. If the issue continues, it is going to hurt those running for office all the way down to the local level," the Monitor quoted one Midwest state party chairman as saying.

None of the leaders responding said they thought President Nixon was involved personally in the break-in and bugging, the newspaper said.

However, it quoted a Midwestern state chairman as saying, "There is a growing feeling in this state among Republicans that the administration is involved. Here and there there is a feeling that Mr. Nixon may be involved, but generally this view does not prevail, and there is a heavy feeling that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell knew all about it."