

NO HARM ABROAD SEEN BY ROGERS

But He Cites Need for 'Full Disclosure,' Prosecution and Remedial Action

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WASHINGTON, April 30 — Secretary of State William P. Rogers said today he did not believe that the Watergate scandal would damage American foreign relations so long as there was "full and complete disclosure" of the facts, prosecution of all those guilty and remedial action to prevent such affairs in the future.

Mr. Rogers said that so far the Nixon Administration's foreign policy machinery had not been adversely affected by the Watergate affair.

"We're moving ahead in every area as we planned to do," he told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "Nothing has bogged down. I can assure you and the American people that the Government is functioning in the foreign policy field," he said.

Secretary Rogers, long a close friend of President Nixon, who served as Attorney General in the Eisenhower Administration, said that it was "a little early to tell" what the repercussions of Watergate might be on foreign governments.

No Effect Discerned

"At the present time, I've not seen anything being affected," he said.

"My own belief is that if we handle it properly, there won't be any harmful results," Mr. Rogers said, giving a three-point prescription.

He said that there "must be a full and complete disclosure of the facts, however embarrassing that may be. But it has process."

to be done within the judicial process," he said. "Those who are involved should be called to account, dealt with according to our system, and punished if that is called for."

Mr. Rogers said that the Watergate affair should serve as a reason to "take whatever corrective action is necessary; clearly corrective action is necessary."

Wealthy Envoys Cited

He acknowledged that "in campaign funding, we can learn some lessons." At another point he said that he and Mr. Nixon had agreed that something should be done about the tradition by which wealthy campaign contributors can "buy" assignments as ambassadors.

Secretary Rogers's view that the scandal had not yet affected American foreign policy ma-

chinery was supported by a senior White House official who said, in an interview, that the National Security Council was running under Henry A. Kissinger, the President's national security adviser, as before.

But officials acknowledged that some matters — such as the search for ambassadors — had been slowed. For instance, Mr. Rogers acknowledged that the Administration had not yet found an ambassador to Moscow to replace Jacob D. Beam, who retired in January.

Search for Envoy

A White House official said that President Nixon had decided to look beyond the career Foreign Service for the next ambassador to the Soviet Union but had failed so far to find a prominent American capable and willing to take the assignment.

Mr. Rogers's stress on full and complete disclosure of the Watergate affair drew praise from members of the Foreign Relations Committee. While he was testifying, the committee learned from newsmen that the White House had announced the departure of four key Administration officials in connection with the break-in and bugging last June of the Democratic national headquarters at the Watergate complex here.

Senator J. W. Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, who is chairman of the committee, said that he was now "optimistic" that the full airing of Watergate would lead to a better relationship between Congress and the Nixon Administration.

After the hearing, Secretary Rogers was asked if he had conferred with Mr. Nixon on Watergate. He would say only that what he had said reflected Mr. Nixon's views as well as his own.

Interest in Europe

By United Press International

European radio stations went beyond their normal programming hours last night to broadcast President Nixon's address on the Watergate affair, as Government leaders and spokesmen firmly refused to comment on the scandal.

In London, the British Broadcasting Corporation said it would continue radio transmissions past its normal 2 A.M. signoff to broadcast the President's address. Word of the departures of four top officials came too late for Britain's afternoon newspapers, but the story dominated all British radio and television newscasts.

In Paris, a radio announcer, breaking the news of the resignations, called the Watergate scandal the "marathon thriller that is finally breaking open."