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**Watergate News Spurs
 Wave of Stock Buying**

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A surge of buying moved into the market yesterday morning shortly after reports circulated that several high-level figures in the Nixon Administration were resigning in connection with the Watergate affair.

The Dow-Jones industrial average was down 9.86 points at 11:30 A.M. Moments later, news wires carried reports of the impending resignations and the market rallied sharply, apparently on the theory that the scandal finally was being resolved.

By 1 P.M. the Dow was in plus territory and it traded in a narrow range for the balance of the afternoon, closing at 921.43, down 0.76 point for the session. Declining stocks outnumbered gainers, 826 to 596, indicating that the general market was decisively lower.

Nevertheless, the morning rally came as an optimistic sign following a week in which the D-J had toppled 41.01 points and the clouds of gloom had thickened over Wall Street.

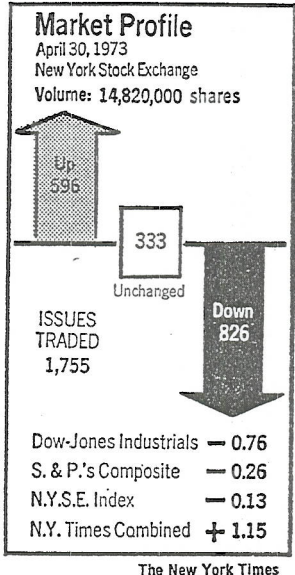
Stocks and Scandals

Analysts have repeatedly contended that the Watergate scandal was not a factor in the stock market's behavior because it lacked economic significance. But yesterday's market turnaround implied that the scandal's psychological impact on the investment atmosphere may have been underestimated.

The theory gaining strength now is that resolution of the Watergate matter will enable the Nixon Administration to devote its energies once more to the state of the economy, where the pace of inflation has been the paramount concern of investors.

Trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange accelerated after the President said he had accepted the resignations of John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman, his two top White House aides; had requested and accepted the re-

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signation of John W. Dean 3d as White House counsel and had received the resignation of Richard G. Kleindienst as Attorney General.

Turnover Slackens

Turnover slackened, however, following the disclosure that the President planned to address the nation on television last night. Obviously, investors were electing to await the contents of the President's message before making further commitments.

At the close, 14.82 million shares had changed hands on the Big Board, up from 13.73 million Friday, but still moderate by most standards. Virtually all of the increase occurred between 11:30 A.M. and 1 P.M., when the Watergate news was breaking.

The volume leader was Gulf Oil, down 1/2 at 25, on mas-

Percentage Gains
 Stocks with the largest percentage gains on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday:

Stock	Last Price	Net Chng.	Pct. Chng.
Republic Co	2	+ 3/8	+23.1
ArlansD St	1 1/2	+ 1/4	+15.4
Talcoff Nat	13 3/4	+ 1 1/2	+11.4
Survey Fd	21 3/4	+ 2 1/4	+11.5
Addressos	17 1/2	+ 1 3/4	+11.1

Percentage Drops
 Stocks with the largest percentage drops on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday:

Stock	Last Price	Net Chng.	Pct. Chng.
Penn Fruit	4 1/4	- 3/4	-15.0
Cent Invest	6 3/4	- 1 1/8	-14.5
Seatrains Lin	3 1/2	- 1/2	-12.5
GAC Co pf	11 1/2	- 1 1/2	-11.5
Calif Finl	4	- 1/2	-11.1
Loral Corp	3	- 3/8	-11.1

New 1973 Highs/Lows

	Monday	Friday
New Highs	3	8
New Lows	373	276

Odd-Lot Transactions

Friday, April 27, 1973		
Purchases	Short Sales	Total Sales
298,528	8,908	323,840

sive turnover of 859,600 shares. Salomon Brothers crossed a block of 524,000 shares at 24 3/4, another block of 100,000 at 24 6-8 and handled the buy side of a third block of 139,600 shares at 24 3/4. The sell side of the final block was handled by Drexel, Burnham & Co.

Exxon and Phillips Weak

After the close, Gulf said in a statement that it knew of no reason for the decline in its stock, except for the fact that the issue became ex-dividend on the quarterly payment due June 7 to holders of record May 4.

Two other petroleum stocks, Exxon and Phillips, were actively traded and weak. Exxon, which touched a high of 103 3/4

last week before being hit by profit taking, slid 1 1/2 yesterday and closed at 96 1/4. Phillips fell 1 3/8 to 44 3/4.

I.T.T. remained soft, losing a point and closing at 32 as the second most-active stock. It had dropped 2 3/4 last week and 6 1/8 the week before, following the disclosure of the company's efforts to block the election of a Marxist government in Chile in 1970.

The gold stocks were strong again, reflecting improving earnings and speculation on further increases in the price of the yellow metal. Dome Mines climbed 1 1/2 to 88 3/4 after reporting a sharp first-quarter earnings gain and rising its dividend.

Campbell Red Lake Gains

Campbell Red Lake shot up 3 to 61. After the close, the company announced plans to pay an extra 5-cent quarterly dividend on top of its regular quarterly payout. American South African rose 1 3/4 to 72 1/4 and Homestake Mining moved up 3/8 to 41 3/4.

A. H. Robins, trading for the first time since last Thursday, tumbled 5 1/2 points and closed at 59 1/2. It was announced prior to the trading halt that the Food and Drug Administration had proposed removing one of the company's antihistamine products from the market.

Surveyor Fund announced plans to merge with the Eberstadt Fund and Surveyor stock moved up 2 1/4 to close at 21 3/4. Surveyor would be converted to open-end status, meaning that its shares would be continuously offered and redeemable at net asset value. Closed-end funds traditionally have sold at discounts from net asset value.

Market Averages

Monday, April 30, 1973				
THE NEW YORK TIMES AVERAGES				
	High	Low	Last	Net Chng.
25 Industrials	1,059.16	1,031.78	1,050.18	+ 2.87
25 Rails	116.07	113.59	115.01	- 0.56
50 Combined	587.61	572.68	582.59	+ 1.15
DOMESTIC BONDS				
	High	Low	Last	Net Chng.
20 Rails	10	86.45	86.45	+0.02
10 Industrials	10	72.20	72.20	+0.01
10 Utils.	10	69.45	69.45	+0.02
Comb.	10	69.45	69.45	+0.02
DOW-JONES STOCK AVERAGES				
	High	Low	Last	Net Chng.
30 Industrials	929.18	907.51	921.43	- 0.76
20 Transport	185.47	180.52	184.19	+ 0.96
15 Utilities	108.10	105.99	107.20	+ 0.35
60 Stocks	291.63	284.78	289.30	+ 0.37
STANDARD & POOR'S INDEX				
	High	Low	Last	Net Chng.
425 Industrials	120.76	117.93	119.70	- 0.39
20 Rails	37.44	36.57	37.12	- 0.02
55 Utilities	55.20	54.41	54.86	- 0.06
500 Stocks	107.09	105.44	106.97	- 0.26
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE				
	High	Low	Last	Net Chng.
Composite	56.75	56.25	56.73	- 0.13
Industrial	62.23	61.76	62.19	- 0.17
Transport	37.99	37.59	37.54	+ 0.02
Utilities	38.66	38.48	38.63	- 0.01
Finance	66.00	65.51	65.93	- 0.11
AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX				
31.62	23.39	23.49	23.49	-0.08