

Nixon Will Face Quiz By GOP

Washington

President Nixon plans to meet this week at the White House with all 234 Republicans in Congress and answer all their questions on Watergate and related matters.

A spokesman for the President confirmed that there would be a series of six meetings after Senator Charles H. Percy (Rep-Ill.) disclosed the President's plans and said, "I think this will be the beginning of full and total disclosure" on the part of Mr. Nixon.

The spokesman said there is no plan at present for meetings with Democrats, even though Percy said he understood Mr. Nixon would meet with "every member of congress, Democrat and Republican."

The meetings are part of a White House promise to make more information on Watergate available to the public, Congress and courts in an effort to stem a rising tide of demands for the President's resignation and a steady decline of the President's standing in public opinion pools.

ANTICIPATE

White House officials have confirmed that they did not anticipate the extent of adverse public reaction that followed the firing of special prosecutor Archibald Cox and the disclosure that two of the Watergate tape recordings sought by the courts never existed.

The latest poll, released yesterday, showed that less than half the people 49 per cent, wanted Mr. Nixon to continue in office. The poll, based on telephone interviews with 778 adults last week, was conducted by Daniel Yankelovich Inc., for Time magazine. A similar poll conducted in August showed that 60 per cent wanted to see Nixon continue

as President.

Further, the recent poll showed that 56 per cent believe Mr. Nixon had violated his promise to the people to "get to the bottom" of the Watergate affair. Only 32 per cent said they believe he had kept his promise. And 55 per cent said they believe Mr. Nixon was not telling the truth about the missing tapes and is trying

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to cover up his involvement.

ANSWER

Faced by this kind of evidence of public mistrust, Mr. Nixon and his assistants have begun to put together over the past few days a comprehensive campaign to answer the President's critics and make information available from the White House files to clear him.

Republican leaders in Congress, meeting with the President Friday, were told he would try to make information from the Watergate tapes available to the public after they have gone to the grand jury. There was little indication so far, however, to show that documentation or detail would be made public from White House papers and tapes.

Percy, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," said that to restore public confidence Mr. Nixon would have to make "total and complete disclosure . . . everything relating to the possibility of criminal activity."

"I think the President is preparing to do this now," he said. "I think he is moving in this direction. The very fact that we have now been invited, every member

of Congress, every senator, every congressman, Democrat and Republican, to meet with the President next week in six unusual sessions where at least nine hours will be spent by the President being interrogated by the Congress, explaining his position, I think this will be the beginning of full and total disclosure."

SURPRISE

The White House, however, seemed to be caught by surprise by the senator's disclosure.

A spokesman said planning for the meetings had not been completed but it was the President's intention to meet with the representatives at three breakfast sessions and with senators at smaller gatherings, probably in the White House library or other rooms less formal than Mr. Nixon's oval office.

Asked if a transcript of the meetings would be made public, the spokesman said, "We just don't know yet." He said that the questions would not be limited to the Watergate break-in but could range to such matters as the President's income tax and personal finances.

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