

Time Calls Sirica 'Man of the Year'

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Watergate Judge John J. Sirica was named yesterday Time magazine's "man of the year" and praised as "a symbol of the American judiciary's insistence on the priority of law."

In naming Sirica as its 46th annual selection, Time said, "One judge, stubbornly and doggedly pursuing the truth in his courtroom regardless of political implications, forced Watergate into the light of investigative day."

Time praised the 68-year-old Sirica for "insisting that not all the panoply of the Presidency entitled (President) Nixon to withhold material evidence from the Watergate prosecutors (and) brought the White House tapes and documents out of hiding."

Last year time named Mr. Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger as its "men of the year," citing their combined efforts in international affairs.

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