

Rep. Mills Predicts

Little Rock

Representative Wilbur D. Mills predicted yesterday that a congressional report next month on President Nixon's income tax payments will increase pressure for him to resign.

For that and other reasons, he said, he believes "very strongly" that Mr. Nixon will resign.

Mills would not predict how soon Mr. Nixon might quit. He said the President should resign, and when asked why, he replied,

"That will come out later. You will know about it in 30 or 40 days."

That is when the Congressional Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation is expected to report on its investigation into Mr. Nixon's income tax difficulty, he said. He would not say what the report would contain but he hinted that it would be so damaging that it would increase the pressure for Mr. Nixon's resignation.

There are strong indica-

tions that the joint committee believes it has proof that Mr. Nixon paid far too little in taxes during the first four years of his presidency.

Senator Russell Long, chairman of the joint committee, said recently that the President's back tax bill might be \$325,000 to \$350,000.

Another committee source says it might run as much as \$500,000.

Mills (Dem-Ark.) said at his press conference that some Republican congressmen had told him they will

urge Mr. Nixon to resign if he is still in office by June. They fear that the President will be "a chain around their necks" in the November elections, he said.

"I find in talking to people that they are tired of the Watergate investigation," he said. "But I haven't found anybody yet who is satisfied with the President's tax payments during the years he has been in office."

Although he discounted the chance of Mr. Nixon's impeachment, Mills said the

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joint committee will send its report to the House Judiciary Committee, where impeachment is being studied.

He said the report also will be made public.

Mills was chairman of the joint committee when it began the investigation last year. The chairmanship rotates each year.

The joint committee is investigating Mr. Nixon's tax returns for 1969 through 1972. There have been alle-

gations that he took illegal deductions on the donation of his vice presidential papers to the national archives, on the sale of more than 20 acres of his San Clemente property to his friend Robert H. Abplanalp, on the depreciation of furnishings in his San Clemente and Key Biscayne homes that he claims are not taxable because they are used in his work and on the capital gain he realized when he sold a New York apartment.

The joint committee is

said to be considering disallowing those deductions.

Either the joint committee or the Judiciary Committee will decide whether fraud was committed. Mills said fraud might have been committed but he would not say by whom. He noted that the President did not make out his own tax returns.

He said the investigating committee had found errors "and some questions about which accountants and lawyers can argue." He said the main question was whether

the President had completed giving his papers to the national archives by July 25, 1969, when a new federal tax law prohibiting such deductions went into effect. The deed was dated March 27, 1969, but there has been testimony that the deed was not signed until April, 1970.

Mills, who is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, also told newsmen that he will seek a tenth term in the House.

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