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NIXON'S LAWYER got a role in impeachment proceedings.

The House Judiciary Committee agreed to let James St. Clair attend the initial presentation of evidence, which is set to begin late next week, and then respond to it. After that, he'll be able to suggest witnesses or evidence, object to testimony and question witnesses. However, the panel rejected a move to state explicitly St. Clair's right to cross-examine. Most of the debate didn't reflect the sharp partisanship of Wednesday night's vote to advise President Nixon that his edited transcripts don't comply with the panel's subpoena.

The committee agreed to let most of its sessions be televised live. That won't include the opening presentation.

Nixon's motion to quash Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski's subpoena of 64 tapes will be argued Wednesday. The original subpoena deadline was yesterday. Jaworski and lawyers for the Watergate cover-up defendants are to file their responses to the White House motion by Monday.

Alexander Haig, the President's chief of staff, refused to testify before the Senate Watergate Committee, which is looking into the \$100,000 Nixon campaign contribution from Howard Hughes. Haig presented a letter from Nixon forbidding him to answer on the ground of executive privilege.

Tape experts who have been studying the 18½-minute gap in a Nixon-Haldeman tape of June 20, 1972, will give their final report to Sirica tomorrow. Their preliminary finding was that the gap was caused by erasing and re-recording.

Bob A. Lilly, a former lobbyist for Associated Milk Producers Inc., was quoted in court papers as saying his bosses told him the co-op had made a commitment of campaign money in March 1971 "in connection with the 1971 price support." Lilly reportedly made the statement in an investigation made for the co-op's board. President Nixon has conceded that "traditional political considerations" affected his decision to raise milk supports.

John Ehrlichman's trial on state perjury charges, which are based on his testimony to a Los Angeles grand jury investigating the Ellsberg break-in, was delayed by a California judge until Ehrlichman's trial on federal charges in the same matter; it begins June 17.

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AGNEW WAS DISBARRED by the Maryland appeals court for his tax plea.

The court, accepting the earlier recommendation of a special three-judge panel, revoked the former Vice President's license to practice law in Maryland. Agnew resigned last Oct. 10 and pleaded no contest to a felony income-tax-evasion count after charges that he had accepted payments from engineering concerns doing business with the state while he was governor. He was fined \$10,000 and placed on three years' unsupervised probation.

The Maryland court stated: "It is difficult to feel compassion for an attorney who is so morally obtuse that he consciously cheats for his own pecuniary gain that government he has sworn to serve. . . ."

Three persons involved in the scandal surrounding Agnew were expelled from the American Society of Civil Engineers, which said they had violated its code of ethics. The society will consider charges against two other members.