

Nixon Opponents Accused of Using 'Repulsive Tactics'

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WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—A top White House aide charged tonight that "repulsive tactics" were being used by those "who wished to drive the President from office." The comment by Ronald L. Ziegler, the President's press secretary, was prompted by a Gannett News Service report earlier in the day. The Gannett report said the inflection of President Nixon's voice while uttering an expletive that was edited out of the White House tape transcripts had led some to conclude that Mr. Nixon ordered the payment of the hush money to Watergate defendants.

The Gannett story cited sources who have listened to the original tapes and are close to the House Judiciary Committee, which has obtained some of the tapes in its impeachment investigation.

"Who is this mysterious source?" Mr. Ziegler asked, adding that the total transcripts and tapes "dispute this type of partisan judgment leaked to the press by partisans who wish to drive the President from office by whatever tactic, by whatever form of dishonesty, by whatever form of vindictiveness they can develop to elicit public opinion to their side."

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Coast Lawyer to Marry Talent Scout for Nixon

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP) President Nixon's top woman talent scout, Mrs. Nola Smith, is going to leave her job to marry a San Francisco lawyer, Paul Hearle, it was learned today.

The two met at a dinner party here a few months ago.

Mrs. Smith, from Austin, Tex., is resigning effective Aug. 1.

She is a staff assistant to the President seeking qualified women for high-level Presidential appointments. She was a political associate of Senator John G. Tower, Republican of Texas, and managed his 1972 re-election campaign.

Mr. Haerle is vice chairman of the Republican party of California.

tics being used in the Watergate environment will ultimately be called to account by the American people," Mr. Ziegler said in a telephone call to a newsman.

Gannett reported that its sources said the President told his counsel, John W. Dean 3d, "God damn it! Get it!"

The edited transcript shows Mr. Nixon saying: "(Expletive deleted), get it . . ."

The remark came after Dean suggested on March 21, 1973, that some sort of "signal" should be given to Watergate defendant E. Howard Hunt Jr. that \$120,000 of his blackmail demands would be met.