OUTCRY REPORTED ON NIXON 'STYLE'

Rep. Holtsman Hails Change, in Brooklyn College Talk

Representative Elizabeth Holtzman told a graduating class of 5,839 and their relatives and friends at Brooklyn College yesterday that "an outcry" had been raised about President Nixon's "intellectual style" and that it was heartening.

"We perhaps realize that we have to start thinking about this country as if we were the President because this President is not going to do our thinking for us," said the Brooklyn Democrat, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, which is considering whether to impeach the President.

Setting the question of criminal malfeasance aside, she asked what had been "exposed" in the Watergate-tape transcripts, and she replied:

"Talk of beating raps, of paying hugh money, of cutting off Congressional investigations, of threats to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, of threats to members of other investigating committees, of presenting as the whole story incomplete reports to the country."

Sharp Change Reported

As a result, she said the country has undergone a sharp change in attitude.

"Just in the last weeks, a change of sentiment so profound it has shaken all the political weathervanes, has swept over us," she said. "Far from fearing impeachment, a word that smacked only a few months ago of foreign political revolution, of tumbrils and regicide, the country has now begun to trust its constitutional remedies."

More than 10,000 people were packed into the Quadrangle on the Flatbush campus for the ceremonies to honor the recipients of undergraduate and graduate degrees. Among the former were 120 graduates who were admitted in 1970 as the first students to benefit from the "open admissions" policy.

Franklin H. Williams, vice chairman of the Board of Higher Education, pointed out that 11 of the 120 had been graduated cum laude.

"Many problems associated with the open-admissions policy remain to be solved," Mr. Williams said, "but these results show that action was needed."