

Criticism Of Press Corps

Washington

Representative John B. Anderson (Rep-Ill.) criticized the White House press corps yesterday for its "apparent preoccupation with the pardon issue" at Monday night's press conference.

He said in a House speech that newsmen practically excluded mention of such other important issues as the economy.

More than two-thirds of the questions were related to President Ford's pardon of former President Nixon, he said, adding that the press corps "may have suffered a Watergate relapse or at least the serious side effects of overskepticism and distrust."

While he questioned the timing of the pardon, Anderson said he does not doubt that President Ford acted in what he felt was the long-term interests of national tranquility.

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