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Nixon to Talk as Warren Retires

but Bars Role in Later Tribute

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WASHINGTON, June 20 —

President Nixon will speak at the Supreme Court on Monday when Earl Warren retires as Chief Justice but he has declined an invitation to participate in a national tribute for Mr. Warren at the Lincoln Memorial on Sunday, June 29.

The President was understood to have told sponsors of the Lincoln Memorial event, including three members of his own Cabinet, that his schedule would not permit him to be present. He did not indicate any prior engagement.

Invitations are being sent to former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Lyndon B. Johnson, members of the Supreme Court

and former Justices, members of Congress, the diplomatic corps, present and past Cabinet members and other dignitaries.

The invitation was said to have been made in a letter to Mr. Nixon from former Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, Republican of California, and former Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, a Democrat. They are on an organizing committee that also includes the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Robert H. Finch, and former Justice Arthur J. Goldberg of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Finch is a close adviser to the President and a former Lieutenant Governor of California, Chief Justice Warren's home state.

A White House spokesman

said that there was nothing sinister, implied or calculated in Mr. Nixon's declining the invitation.

He said that the President and Chief Justice had been on good terms and that Mr. Nixon could be expected to speak about Mr. Warren on Monday when the Chief Justice steps down and his successor, Judge Warren E. Burger of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, is sworn in. The spokesman, however, did not know whether Mr. Nixon had a prior engagement for June 29.

The Chief Justice, who has had political differences with Mr. Nixon stemming from their California days, was honored by the President with a White House dinner last April 23.

President Eisenhower appointed Mr. Warren as Chief Justice in 1953.

Sponsors of the event at the Lincoln Memorial include Secretary of State William P. Rogers, Attorney General John N. Mitchell, former Justice Tom Clark of the Supreme Court and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

The National Park Service of the Interior Department gave the committee approval to use the Lincoln Memorial. The Pentagon was reported to have reluctantly acceded to a request that the Army Chorus sing at the event, which will start at 6 P.M.

Speakers at the tribute will include former Justice Goldberg, Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, Negro rights spokesman, who

is a professor of psychology at New York University, and Eric Sevareid of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Other sponsors of the tribute include former Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach; Solicitor General Erwin N. Griswold; and five former Solicitors General, Judge Walter Cummings of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, in Chicago; former Chief Judge Simon E. Sobeloff of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, in Baltimore; J. Lee Rankin, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York; Archibald Cox of the Harvard Law School and former Judge Charles Fahy of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.