President's Counsel Accuses the Washington Post and C.B.S

of 'McCarthyism'

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12—Charles W. Colson, special way that they had aprinted, re-without mentioning denials by counsel to President Nixon, ac-printed and eventually reported Mr. Haldeman and by Hugh cused The Washington Post and as a fact that which was indeed Sloan, the former finance chairthe Columbia Broadcasting Sys-not a fact" regarding the attended the Mixon drive, who allegedly was the original tem last night of "McCarthy-tempted bugging of the Demoism" in their reports of the cratic headquarters at the Mr. Colson, who played a bugging of the Democratic Na-Watergate Hotel in Washington major role in directing the tional Committee and allega- and the alleged disruption of campaign to re-elect President tions of Republican efforts to the Democratic primary cam-Nixon, singled out Benjamin the Democratic paign. Presidential primaries.

Editors at the Shawmut Inn to disrupt the opposition. Mr. that The Post and C.B.S. had Colson complained that The KENNEBUNKFORT, Me., Nov. been "unconscionable" in the Post had repeated the charge

In a rare public appearance, a Post article reporting that criticism. the key Nixon assistant told the H. R. Haldeman, President Describing Mr. Bradlee as the annual convention of the New Nixon's top assistant, had had "self-appointed leader of a England Society of Newspaper access to a "secret fund" used "tiny fringe of arrogant clitists"

aign. Bradlee, the executive editor Specifically, Mr. Colson cited of The Post, for his harshest

Describing Mr. Bradlee as the

in journalism, added:

Georgetown cocktail set where coming up with no new infor-he and his élitist buddies dine mation and noting only a selec-campaign of Senator George he and his élitist buddies dine on third-hand information, gossip and rumor, he would discover the real America. He might learn that all truth and knowledge does not emanate exclusively from The Post, The [New York] Times, and the networks; and that all of the rest of the country isn't just sitting the late of the country isn't just sitting the late of the late Sena-late on third-hand information, gostitive few denials." Fifteen minsures of the suggested no motivation for C.B.S.'s coverage.

The tragedy of The Post's handling of the Watergate story, Mr. Colson concluded, was to "erode somewhat public confidence in the institutions of government; and it around waiting to be told by inineteen-fiffties [the late Sena-late]. around waiting to be told by nineteen-fifties [the late Sena- also eroded as well the confi-

Colson commentator, for two programs on the Watergate case, "re- Post's handling of the Water-"If Bradlee ever left the hashing all of the old charges, gate story to the paper's de-

Mr. Colson also denounced proven innuendo they found so porting of The Washington C.B.S. and Eric Sevareid, the shocking 20 years ago."

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