Meany Demands a 'Vigorous 'Inquiry

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WASHINGTON, May George Meany, president of the gate disclosures, combined with had been received, Mr. Meany A.F.L.-C.I.O., describing the what he said were the Gov-Nixon Administration as ernment's economic failures, "You think Chuck Colson made "has caused many Americans, "has caused many Americans, by privilege," called today for fidence" in the Nixon Adminisdiant with that "I know he tried to cut that "I know he tried to cut the train."

conspiracy.

He said it should be conducted by an "outside commistely completely complet unconnected with the Government.

cil of the American Federation impeachment of Labor and Council of Indus-sought." trial Organizations asserting

airing of this bizarre and sick-ment. ening chapter in the history of dirty politics, the better for the Administration and for the

ment declared.

Mr. Meany said in response Democratic party last year of a question that the Water- When asked if similar calls to a question that the Water-

sion" of citizens completely ented on the Executive Coun-of a White House telephone At a news conference, Mr. in the last week for an informaking the federation look Meany read a statement apvestigation of "whether or not bad as a result of Mr. Nixon's proval by the Executive Coun-President Nixon's resignation or appearance at the convention. should be

that "we are not satisfied that demand was discussed at tomy role in his 1971 convention anything like the full truth has day's council meeting, but he is untrue. The President was been put forth or that the declined to answer any ques-cover-up is over."

declined to answer any ques-tions about the Watergateis-knowledge by the normal ad-

Colson Is Accused

However, Mr. Meany did accuse Charles W. Colson, until recently special counsel to President Nixon, of sending 40 "operatives" to the federation's convention in November, 1971, to "contrive a conferential of the convention of th to "contrive a confrontation White House and is practicing white House and is practicing of Colson & between the President and the law with the firm of Colson &

Mr. Meany suggested that Shapiro.

sabotage.

manager for the Democratic like." Presidential nominee, Senator

incident was one of many that declared.

American people," the state-exacerbated the breach bement declared. exacerbated the A.F.L. ¶C.I.O. and the

Mr. Meany said that he was my throat." When asked how, one of those who had lost con-Mr. Meany related the account dence.

of the 48 political operatives and said he had a transcript cil, the Communications Work-memorandum in which aides ers of America, has called with-of Mr. Colson discussed plans

Later today Mr. Colson issued а statement saying: Mr. Meany said that this Meany's charge with respect to "The sooner we get a full sue beyond reading the state- vance personnel and Secret wing of this bizarre and sick- ment.

Service personnel who travel with him when he attends any However, Mr. Meany did ac-public events. There was pres-

the agents were dispatched by ment said: "Corruption is no Wr. Colson to act as agents provocateur to provoke convention delegates into insulting the President in order to make this case particularly outrageous is that the object was not the satisfaction of personal greed "When we did not insult the faction of personal greed on the phone o call all the subversion of the Democratic

The labor leader brought up Presidency in the midst of a Mr. Colson's name in connec-Presidential redesigning of our tion with another event tainted foreign relations; it also comes with the suspicion of political amid increasingly aggressive assertions of executive powers He told of a telephone call over our domestic affairs by to his secretary from someone means of economic controls, purporting to be the campaign impoundments, vetoes and the

"The American people cannot George McGovern, Gary Hart, help but wonder whether such demanding, in arrogant terms extraordinary powers can be meeting with Mr. Meany. wielded wisely, and for the meeting with Mr. Meany. wielded wisely, and for the Mr. Hart subsequently denied common good, by an Adminishe had ever made or author tration so steeped in scandal zed such a phone call. But the and twisted by privilege," it