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Elmer Winter, president of Manpower Inc. and the American Jewish Committee, with Arthur Goldberg, center, and speaker of the House Carl Albert, right, at a reception honoring Winter.

'Monarchical Trappings'

By Henry Mitchell

This is no time for compassion but a time for outrage over Watergate, Arthur Goldberg was saying, and the plain hard issue is very simple, he thinks:

"It's the same question that arose with Lord Chief Justice Coke and King James I. The king was furious when Coke insisted the king was under the law, not above it. It is a lesson we need to learn anew," Goldberg said, alluding to Coke's sass to James in 1608: "The king, of himself, cannot adjudge any case," but is bound by the common law of England.

Goldberg was host for a reception honoring the new president of the American Jewish Committee, at the Madison Hotel, but when asked what was on his mind he said:

"What's on everybody's mind?" Asked if he had come to any conclusions, he started on Lord Coke.

"For a century," Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) tossed in, "we have loaded the presidency with monarchical trappings." The result is that many people, he suspects, believe the President can do very little wrong.

It had been suggested that fierce loyalty to a President is nothing new and that

Kennedy fanciers were barely dismayed by the Bay of Pigs.

"We have had many errors, many scandals in our government," Goldberg said (he was a Kennedy appointee as Secretary of Labor), "but I cannot think of anything in our history quite like the Watergate. I have been on the commencement circuit making graduation addresses, you know how it is, you say you won't but then you are seduced, and I've been to small conservative colleges — all over — like Worcester College where John Dean went to school. I have said the same thing everywhere I spoke, that it's come down to a very simple thing, whether the government is above the law or under it.

"And I don't see why we needed a White House counsel in the first place, with the Attorney General," he said.

"Or," added Church, "that mini-State Department, in the White House."

"When I was Secretary of Labor," Goldberg went on, "there wasn't anybody in the White House in labor."

"No," said Church, "you were the secretary, they didn't need anybody in the White House for labor."

Elmer Winter of Milwaukee, president of Manpower, Inc., and guest of honor as new president of the Com-

mittee, said he had "agonized" for some days over Watergate and concluded it could be a "watershed" if the country reaffirms its trust in "decency." He said the American Jewish Committee records were in good shape — Goldberg is a former president of the 40,000-member nationwide group of Jewish leaders whose stated aim is to improve human relations, end bigotry and reinforce tolerance.

Among the guests were Associate Justice William O. Douglas and his wife, a new member of the bar. She was pleased, she said, to be through her law studies "but, no, I don't feel grave and reverent at all—something always prevents my feeling that, such as the business of living. I do feel somehow a quantum leap into the establishment."

Justice Douglas, when something was said about technicalities of the law, said he agreed they sometimes served the great purpose of defending a man from his government: "Yes, technicalities are important. To enter the Watergate to search an office, for instance, you need a warrant signed by a court and setting forth probable cause that a crime is being committed. Some would consider that a technicality."