

Nixon Won't Reveal His Impeachment Strategy

Washington

A spokesman said yesterday President Nixon's strategy for combatting impeachment will be disclosed as the process unfolds and will not be discussed in the forum of daily news briefings.

After stating for the second consecutive day that a suggestion Mr. Nixon might try to short-circuit House debate on the subject in order to speed any Senate trial "is not under active consideration," deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said:

"Our strategy will become known to you as events unfold."

He said impeachment is "an extremely serious matter" and that any presidential moves or procedures will emerge from the impeachment proceedings themselves.

Saying he would have nothing further to say about what Mr. Nixon might or might not do, Warren told reporters in the White House press center that the forum for such disclosures "is not in this room."

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Nixon Before The Hearings

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President Nixon's popularity rating in a new Harris poll published yesterday showed a rise of three points to 29 per cent in July.

The survey was taken among 1447 persons July 17-21, before the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment debate.

The Louis Harris organization said Mr. Nixon received a negative rating from 68 per cent of persons questioned in the July poll. In June, he received a 26 per cent positive rating and 71 per cent negative.

United Press

Warren again said Mr. Nixon and his aides are "confident in the constitutional process, in the Presi-

dent's position and in the facts, and that the facts do not support the allegations" against Mr. Nixon.

The President spent much of yesterday morning listening to tapes of Watergate-related conversations that he has been ordered by the Supreme Court to surrender to special prosecutor Leon Jaworski, Warren reported.

At the same time, the spokesman said, "the business of government is continuing" and Mr. Nixon is devoting considerable time also to questions involving the economy, foreign policy and budget planning.

In response to a question, Warren said, "the President will not resign."

Asked about speculation that press secretary Ronald Ziegler has been muzzled since voicing strong statements last week about the House Judiciary Committee and its staff, Warren said:

"Ron has not been cut off. He has not been told to lower his profile. He is busy. He is an assistant to the President."

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