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White House Sees No Delay on Court

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—The White House press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, said today that President Nixon was still expected to name his two nominees for the Supreme Court before the end of the week.

Mr. Ziegler said that the President and Attorney General John N. Mitchell conferred about the vacancies for 20 or 30 minutes this morning and that nobody had given him any reason to expect a change in Mr. Nixon's announced timetable.

The press secretary insisted that "more than six" potential nominees were still under consideration. Nixon Administration officials have asserted this since the names of six leading candidates became known last week and were met with widespread criticism.

Today the American Bar Association's Committee on the Federal Judiciary began to meet in the New York law offices of Lawrence E. Walsh, the committee chairman.

Tip From Mrs. Nixon

The committee had been expected to meet tomorrow but the members arrived early.

The committee was given the names of the six persons mentioned publicly so it could evaluate their judicial qualifications. However, the panel is expected to evaluate only the two candidates who are said to be at the top of Mr. Nixon's list—Herschel H. Friday of Little Rock, Ark., and Judge Mildred L. Lillie of Los Angeles.

Last night Mrs. Nixon stimulated speculation that Judge Lillie would be picked. The First Lady told reporters at the opening of the Eisenhower Theater that she had been urging her husband to nominate a woman. She said Mr. Nixon "will have to see me if it doesn't happen,

and if Congress doesn't approve it they'll have to see me."

However, opposition to all of Mr. Nixon's six potential candidates appeared to be swelling within the legal profession.

In New York, an organization of young law firm associates obtained 1,300 signatures in 24 hours from lawyers in 52 law firms on a petition that expressed "dismay" at the list of six possible nominees. It said the list "omits the names of the most respected jurists, scholars and attorneys in the country."

The sponsors of the petition said that signers included a number of former officers of bar associations in New York, including Bethuel M. Webster, Bruce Bromley, Lyman M. Ton del Jr. and Samuel I. Rosenman. At Harvard about half the

1,500 students have signed a telegram that is being sent to the committee at Mr. Walsh's office, asking the A.B.A. group to turn thumbs down on all six on the list.

The four others are Senator Robert C. Byrd, West Virginia Democrat; Judge Sylvia Bacon of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, and Judges Charles Clark and Paul H. Roney of the United States Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

In the Senate today the Republican leader, Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, did not take as optimistic a view as Mr. Ziegler as to the immediacy of the nominations. Senator Scott told the Democratic leadership that the nominations would come within seven or eight days.