

McGovern Says Nixon Lacks Respect for Americans' Rights

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ESSINGTON, Pa., Oct. 19—Senator George McGovern charged today that President Nixon had “no respect for constitutional government and personal freedom.”

On a day when he used some of the most unvarnished language of the campaign to link the President to the Watergate affair and alleged acts of political sabotage against the Democrats, Mr. McGovern told more than 400 members of Local 107 of the United Electrical Workers here:

“A President who will send his agents over to wiretap the Democratic National Committee, a President who will send saboteurs inside the Democratic ranks to try to sabotage another major national party, that is the kind of a man who won't hesitate to wiretap your union hall, or your law office, or your university, or your church or even your home. And that's the real significance of the Watergate affair.”

The union members had

packed their hall near the Westinghouse plant from which they had taken time off without pay to hear the Democratic Presidential nominee. They applauded him loudly, and he declared:

“This man has no respect for constitutional government and personal freedom.”

Declaring that “this Administration more than any other in the history of this country has undermined our personal and our constitutional rights,” Mr. McGovern admonished them:

“Think about those things. Remember we only have 20 days left. They may be the most important 20 days of your lives.”

A little later at Cheyney State College, a former black institution that still has a large number of Negro students, Senator McGovern appeared with Representative Shirley Chisholm of Brooklyn, who flew on with him to New York for a rally in her Bedford-Stuyvesant district.

After repeating his charges against the Nixon Administration, he called upon the 4,000 enthusiastic young people in the college gymnasium to help him put together a “coalition of conscience” composed of people of all races and income levels to provide “the kind of majority for decency that we need to win this election on Nov. 7.”

Before Mr. McGovern left Toledo, Ohio, this morning, he discussed the Watergate and political espionage issues with newsmen briefly at his hotel and at the airport.

He termed the denial yesterday by Ronald L. Ziegler, Mr. Nixon's press secretary, that anyone at the White House had been connected with either case, a “total fabrication.”

“I think Nixon is up to his ears in political sabotage,” Senator McGovern charged.

“They're a cutthroat crew,” he said of the Republican Administration. “Nixon's having families followed. All the families of the [Democratic] candidates have been followed. I don't think there's anything Nixon wouldn't stoop to. They're really a corrupt regime, this Nixon bunch.”