

Isolated Nixon Planning Big Shake-Up?

GRAND CAY (Bahamas) — (UPI) — President Nixon isolated himself with two close personal friends at a private island estate today to plan what appeared to be a major shake-up in his White House staff.

His aides said nothing publicly, but privately they did not dispute widespread speculation he would act within a few days on the results of his own investigation into the June 17 bugging of the national Democratic headquarters and announce the resignations of some high-ranking assist-

ants.

His Worst Scandal

The White House also is no longer bothering to deny that the scandal over political espionage and attempts to cover it up are the worst to hit the Nixon administration since it took office more than four years ago. The President himself reportedly compared it at a meeting of his cabinet last Friday in Washington to the Cambodian crisis of 1970.

His closest political associates and several top assistants — White House chief of staff H. R. Haldeman, domestic counselor John D. Ehrlichman, former Attorney General John Mitchell, presidential counselor John W. Dean III and others — have become the focus of a grand jury investigation into the case.

With Rebozo

Nixon flew here yesterday to the island home of Robert H. Ablanap, a close personal friend, after attending Easter services with his family at a neighborhood church on Key Biscayne, Fla.

With him was C. G. 'Bebe' Rebozo, another close friend with whom he has spent time during similar crises in the past. The

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President took along a brief case but no aides.

Yesterday Nixon and his family posed for photographers in their Easter finery on the front lawn of their vacation villa and then hopped into a limousine for the three-minute drive to the Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. John A. Huffman Jr., who is a Nixon favorite and has presided over services in the White House, preached a sermon on redemption of sin which — whether intended or not —

carried overtones of the Watergate case.

"I'm sorry, I'd like to give a nice pleasant talk about the tulips coming up in the spring, the cycle of life. I don't like to talk about sin, but let's face it: It's a fact of our society, it's a fact of your and my life," he told the congregation.

"We can sweep it under the rug and dismiss it and walk out of here in the sunshine . . . Or we can walk out of here transformed individuals by the power of Jesus Christ. It's time, perhaps, for you to fish or cut bait."