

Senator Demands Panel Be Disbanded

PHILADELPHIA, April 13, (AP)—U.S. Sen. Richard S. Schweiker (R-Pa.), called today for immediate disbandment of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, calling its deep involvement in the "sordid" Watergate affair "a blot on the name and future of the Republican Party."

"Its continued existence raises fundamental questions about its true role and purpose," Schweiker said in a statement.

"The election has been over for nearly six months. Stories about its involvement in the Watergate keep appearing daily about alleged payoffs and cover-ups. . . . It has come to stand for everything the party is against."

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Rep. Henry Reuss (D-Wis.) yesterday called for the replacement of Henry Petersen as President Nixon's Watergate investigator because Petersen blocked previous investigations of the bugging case.

Reuss said Petersen, an assistant attorney general picked by Mr. Nixon to head the second White House investigation of the incident, should be removed from the job and replaced by "an outside, uncompromised, and unimpeachable citizen in whom the public has confidence."

Reuss, a member of the House Banking and Currency Committee, said Petersen "orchestrated the torpedoing" of the committee's investigation of the Watergate case last fall.

Petersen wrote to the committee Sept. 29 asking that the investigation be called off because "the public interest in a prompt and successful prosecution may be imperiled by widely publicized hearings at this time." The committee then voted 20 to 15 to cancel the investigation.

Reuss attributes the outcome to Petersen's letter. "What the Petersen Sept. 29 letter clearly did accomplish was a six-months' delay in con-



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gressional oversight hearings," Reuss said.

Petersen was named to head the investigation after new evidence disclosed that John W. Dean III, Mr. Nixon's counsel who headed the first presidential investigation last summer, was implicated in the bugging case.

Reuss said that "exchanging Mr. Petersen for Mr. Dean as chief investigator does not remove a fox from guarding the hen-house; it simply changes foxes."