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Anderson Still Skeptical

ROCHESTER (N.Y.) — (UPI) — Columnist Jack Anderson says he thought President Nixon was still trying to "con" the American people in his speech on the Watergate scandal, but he thought the Justice Department would "get to the bottom" of the incident.

"Nixon's change of heart comes awfully late," Anderson said here last night after Nixon's nationally broadcast speech, and shortly after his own address on public television.

"It seems impossible that a few newsmen could dig out facts that an entire federal government couldn't dig out," he said. "Nixon tried to hush it (Watergate) up because he was in the middle of a political campaign. There's no doubt that he did order a cover-up.

"His original strategy was to seek guilty pleas for the original seven and to confine it to them."

Anderson said he had a "mixed reaction" to the President's message, adding, "I kind of had the feeling he's still trying to con us, but I'm pleased and believe he's going to try to get to the bottom of it."

He said the President "has taken the responsibility to look into it and the responsibility is his. He has issued orders to get to the bottom of Watergate and I expect the Justice Department will do just that."