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Young GOP Urged to Back Nixon

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The Nation's Young Republicans were urged yesterday to take a formal stand supporting President Nixon in the Watergate controversy and declaring that "the Republican party is not the party of Watergate."

The appeal came from Don Sundquist of Memphis, Tenn., national chairman of the organization, as more than 1000 Young Republicans gathered for the start of their national convention.

Four resolutions dealing with Watergate are before a convention committee. All express support for Mr. Nixon, but they call for different measures to counteract the effects of Watergate.

Sundquist told the resolutions committee that most Young Republicans "support the President in that they believe he was not involved in the planning or coverup of Watergate."

But he said the resolution that goes before the full convention tomorrow should also disassociate the Republican party from the break-in at Democratic party headquarters.

Peter R. Chase of Beverly Hills, chairman of the resolutions committee, said his group probably will draft a resolution along the lines Sundquist suggested, but Chase said it may call on Mr. Nixon to make further disclosures.

The committee chairman said the longer the President delays in commenting further on Watergate, "the more difficult it will be for him to govern."

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