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Nixon Backed By Young GOP

ATLANTA, Ga., July 12 (AP)—The nation's Young Republicans went on record today supporting President Nixon in the Watergate scandal, but backed off from a resolution urging him to comment on the scandal on television.

The more than 1,200 delegates to the Young Republicans biennial convention instead passed a resolution urging him to speak out "in a forum of his choice."

Resolutions Committee Chairman Peter R. Chase said the action "took the teeth out" of the resolution "but not its sense." Texas delegate Harold Green said "the President is not on trial" and "we felt the President ought to have the right to determine what forum he will use."

A second resolution drew more controversy. It called Watergate a "political aberration," criticized the Committee to Re-elect the President for not working closely with the Republican Party and called for the National Republican Committee to

handle future presidential campaigns.

Bush Urges Speed-up In Senate Inquiry

ATLANTA, July 12 (UPI)

— National Republican chairman George Bush called on the Senate Watergate committee today to quickly wrap up its hearings and "end the speculation" as to whether President Nixon was involved in the bugging and coverup.

Holding a news conference at the convention of the Young Republican Federation, Bush said, "Let's get all the facts out, let's get the whole thing over with, get all the people up there before the Watergate committee. I don't believe John Dean's testimony."

He renewed his earlier suggestion that Mr. Nixon should appear before a news conference after all the Watergate testimony is complete to give his views on the scandal and refute testimony of the witnesses if he cares to do so.