

## Conservatives Told to Consider Dropping Nixon

Washington

The man President Nixon hired to dismantle the Office of Economic Opportunity said yesterday that conservatives should allow the administration to fall apart if it cannot free itself from the Watergate scandal.

Howard Phillips, former acting director of the OEO, told members of the Conservative Young Americans for Freedom convention that it was support from the right which preserved the Nixon administration as a political force and they should withdraw it if the succession of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew would better accomplish their goals.

"After several more weeks of watching and hoping that Richard Nixon can and will perform history's assigned task, we must be ready to conclude that the time may come when it is better for our old friend to move aside rather than hang there, on liberalism's tree, twisting slowly, slowly in a left-ward blowing breeze," Phillips said, mimicking Nixon aide John Ehrlichman's testimony before the Senate Watergate committee.

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