

# Ford at Nixon's Sunday Sermon

## Washington

President Nixon held the first White House worship service since April 15 yesterday, with Vice President-designate Gerald R. Ford on hand along with the Skylab II astronauts.

Representative William H. Hudnut III, (Rep-Ind.), an ordained Presbyterian minister, delivered a sermon on "Lincoln's Religion" to about 300 guests in the East Room where religious services were common during Mr. Nixon's first term.

Hudnut noted that Abraham Lincoln "kept reminding the American people that government was the public's business, that political pragmatism must yield

to political morality, and that doing the right as God gave him to see the right should never be abandoned for the sake of political expediency."

Asked later if his remarks were intended to apply to the Watergate scandal and the resignation of Spiro T. Agnew as vice president, Hudnut said: "Where the shoe fits, apply it."

Mr. Nixon told the congressman-preacher he had made "an excellent choice" of topics.

Ford, who made a special trip back to Washington from his home state of Michigan to attend the service, called the sermon "just magnificent."

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