

# Row over Nixon's stability

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WASHINGTON — AFL-CIO President George Meany said today that President Nixon appears to suffer from "dangerous emotional instability."

The White House quickly called Meany's charge "incredible, inexcusable and irresponsible" and declared that Nixon's health is excellent.

"The events of the last several days prove the dangerous emotional instability of the President," Meany said in a statement issued through AFL-CIO headquarters here.

"We firmly believe there must be a completely independent investigation of the scandals in this administration.

"Nothing that happened yesterday changes our opinion that the President has so destroyed the people's confidence in government that he should resign or be impeached.

"Meanwhile the Congress should move immediately to establish by law an independent office of special prosecutor completely removed from the President's authority."

The sharp White House response came within minutes.

Deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren called Meany's assertions "one of the most incredible, inexcusable, irresponsible ever made by an individual who is in a position to have his remarks and comments carried in the national news media."

Asked to describe Nixon's current health, Warren responded: "Excellent."

It was Meany who led labor into neutrality in last year's presidential election and indirectly produced

much of the muscle for Nixon's landslide over the Democratic candidate, Sen. George McGovern.

He has moved away from Nixon subsequently, angered over the condition of the economy and the Watergate scandal.