

Fire Nixon Advisers, Percy Says

Chicago

Senator Charles H. Percy (Rep-Ill.) said yesterday the White House advisers who steered President Nixon to the brink of impeachment proceedings should be fired.

Those advisers "seriously miscalculated" the effect on public opinion of the dismissal of Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox and the resignation of Elliot Richardson as attorney general, Percy said.

"If they are still in the White House they should be fired," Percy said of the advisers.

The Senator told a news conference Mr. Nixon's surprise decision to release the Watergate tapes "has been a wise one" and has "lessened the pressure for impeachment."

Percy said he received more than 1000 telegrams in the past 48 hours, "overwhelmingly against" the removal of Cox, Richardson and deputy attorney general William French Smith.

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