

'I Have Not Violated Trust'

Won't Resign, Nixon Says

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President Nixon declared in a television address last night that he has no intention of resigning and would never walk away from his job so long as he is physically able to carry on.

His statement was an unscheduled and unexpected conclusion to his speech on the coming energy crisis in the United States.

This year, Mr. Nixon said, had not been "easy" for him. His integrity is under challenge and there are demands for his resignation because of the "deplorable Watergate matter" and related matters, he said.

But he will not quit, he said, and he will attempt, in the months ahead, to

demonstrate to the country that he is worthy of its trust.

"I have no intention whatever of walking away from the job I was elected to do," he declared. "As long as I am physically able, I am going to continue to work 16 to 18 hours a day for the cause of a real peace abroad and for the cause of prosperity without inflation (and) without war at home.

"And in the months ahead I shall do everything that I can to see that any doubts as to the integrity of the man who occupies the highest office in this land, to remove those doubts where they exist. And I am confident that in those months ahead the American

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people will come to realize that I have not violated the trust that they placed in me when they elected me as President of the United States in the past. And I pledge to you tonight that I shall always do everything that I can to be worthy of that trust in the future."

The shape of his coming effort to "remove those doubts" about his integrity was outlined earlier yesterday at the White House.

Presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler revealed that detailed answers to Watergate-related accusations will be issued.

Another highly placed White House official described the refutation effort as a "final attempt by the President to set the record straight" on a variety of charges.

These will include questions raised about Mr. Nixon's income tax payments and about a controversial \$100,000 campaign contribution from Howard Hughes that was kept by presidential intimate C. G. (Bebe) Rebozo in a safe deposit box for three years before being returned to Hughes, the official said.

Without referring to any specific issue, Ziegler said:

"We are compiling information on all of those problems that have come in such a rush and we are going to communicate to the Congress, the press and the American people the President's position more effectively than we have done in the past."

At the same time Ziegler again referred to Watergate

as "foolishness," a phrase he first used on the press plane returning from Key Biscayne on Monday night.

"... There was some downright, outright foolishness on the part of some individuals," Ziegler said.

He also called Watergate

a "tragedy" and said that neither he nor the President was trying to minimize its importance, only to "put it into perspective."

On Monday night Ziegler said the President was "devoting his energies not only to this Watergate foolishness" but also to important foreign and domestic policies.

Ziegler also hinted yesterday that President Nixon was continuing to explore other solutions to his continuing credibility problem over Watergate. When he was asked whether the President might go before the Senate Watergate committee, as suggested by Sen. Barry Goldwater, Ziegler said that he did not expect Mr. Nixon to meet with Watergate Committee Chairman Sam J. Ervin Jr. "on the Hill." He left open the possibility that Mr. Nixon and Sen. Ervin might meet together informally somewhere else.

Ziegler also was asked yesterday whether President Nixon had been seeing a psychiatrist.

"Absolutely not," he replied.

After the briefing Ziegler told another reporter that Mr. Nixon also was not taking tranquilizing medicines or any other drugs.

The briefing was a rarity

for Ziegler, who usually leaves the daily chore of answering reporters' questions to his deputy, Gerald L. Warren. Warren was away because of illness yesterday.

At the briefing Ziegler reasserted Mr. Nixon's determination to meet the Watergate charges "head-on" in the hopes of clearing them up.

It was learned later in the day from other officials that the White House also intends to answer charges that Mr. Nixon raised milk price supports in response to contributions from dairy lobbyists.

One of the possibilities being discussed, it was learned, is that the President himself may open a press conference by reading his own answer to one or another accusation and inviting questions about it.

This would be a departure from past practice for the President.

He has usually opened press conferences with a policy statement on a domestic or international issue and then responded to Watergate questions only when these are raised by reporters.