

A Defense of Nixon

Montgomery, Ala.

Secretary of Commerce Redederick B. Dent charged yesterday that a "vindictive and irresponsible cult" is seeking to force the resignation of President Nixon.

Dent said that if the move is successful, it would set a

precedent that a "well-orchestrated attack" on any president could drive him from office.

Dent issued one of the strongest defenses of Mr. Nixon that has come from any high government figure in recent weeks.

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