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THE PRESIDENT WAVED AT A MEMPHIS CROWD
Tennessee's Governor Dunn was behind him

Nixon's Pledge to GOP Governors

Memphis

President Nixon told the nation's Republican governors yesterday that he knew of no further embarrassing revelations to come out of the Watergate scandals and said he was sorry for the problems he had caused them.

Mr. Nixon met for almost two hours with the governors at their winter conference, and several governors said later the President promised them full revelations about Watergate.

"The President looked at us around the room and said, 'I'm sorry if I have added to your burden,'" Tennessee Governor Winfield Dunn said.

Dunn also said Mr. Nixon assured them he knew of no more painful facts about the

Watergate still to come to light.

"He said if there are, he is not aware of them," Dunn told a news conference. "If there's anything waiting yet to be revealed, he's not aware of it."

Deputy White House press secretary Gerald L. Warren said Mr. Nixon "felt it was a very good session . . . it was very worthwhile."

Warren said Mr. Nixon told the governors he would "cooperate with the courts and with the special prosecutor . . . that he was determined to make the facts known."

However, Warren said he had no further details on precisely how the facts will be presented, saying those decisions will be made known "as soon as we can."

Dunn said Mr. Nixon answered the governors' questions extensively and gave the strongest indication yet that full disclosure on all aspects of the various White House scandals will be forthcoming.

"He indicated a number of papers will be issued, clearly responding to the ques-

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tions which have been raised," Dunn said.

Dunn, newly installed chairman of the Republican Governors Association, said Mr. Nixon mentioned his personal finances, the ITT case and the milk case as potential subjects of the papers.

Mr. Nixon, making his third Southern appearance

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in four days, spoke before the meeting to a crowd of several thousand near the Mississippi river bluffs.

After the governors' meeting, North Carolina Governor James E. Holshouser said Mr. Nixon's explanation of the Watergate tapes controversy was "no different than we already had known."

But Holshouser said Mr. Nixon told the governors, "the key tapes, the key dates, the tapes are there, and would be heard by the courts."

Missouri Governor Christopher Bond said Mr. Nixon gave a detailed presentation on his personal finances and improvements made at his home in San Clemente, Calif. Bond said Mr. Nixon insisted that the only government expense involved security measures, requested by the Secret Service, such as bullet-proof glass and a new heating system for the sake of fire safety.

He said that Mr. Nixon presented an additional four or five-point program. It provided, he said, for continued answering through the courts, through open news sessions and through forthcoming documentation and

would include "fuller answers to most of the unanswered questions."

Oregon Governor Tom McCall, who had said earlier in the conference that the fate of all Republican office holders depended upon Mr. Nixon's ability to clear himself, said the governors came away from the meeting encouraged.

"I think they left with a sense of relief that the President was relaxed, in complete control of himself," McCall said. "I've never

seen a more conversational meeting."

Dunn volunteered that "the President left no doubt that he is absolutely in control of himself mentally and physically."

When one governor complained that the President didn't return his telephone calls, Mr. Nixon responded, "this is a big job . . . I work from 16 to 18 hours a day . . ."

As for demands for resignation or impeachment, Dunn said the President reported "I've heard them calling for me to walk away . . . I'm not going to . . ."

As for the tapes, Dunn said the President indicated he "continues to be concerned that people are not harmed" or their rights damaged by release of the tapes.

Governor Robert Ray of Iowa said Mr. Nixon reported that some of the tapes "are more audible than others. They are not the kind of tapes that you can play on

the radio, you have to have ear plugs to hear them."

The governors said Watergate and other allegations dominated the session. The possibility of gasoline rationing was not mentioned, although the President touched broadly on the energy crisis, on foreign affairs and on his legislative hopes, promising "a strong push" for a national health insurance plan and new study of welfare reform.

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