

I. F. Stone Assesses Watergate

The Watergate crisis "involves both the character of President Nixon and the institution of the presidency," liberal journalist I. F. Stone asserted last night.

Stone spoke at a 182nd anniversary celebration of the American Bill of Rights, held at the Geary Theater by the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

Watergate proves the presidency as an institution is "simply too powerful for the bounds of our civil liberties," Stone asserted.

The Constitution should be amended to prevent another Watergate, the speaker contended.

More than 1450 persons applauded Stone's speech enthusiastically. The journalist recently retired as ed-

itor of I. F. Stone's Weekly.

Anthony Amsterdam, Stanford University law professor who in 1972 persuaded the California and U.S. Supreme Courts to outlaw capital punishment, was given the ACLU chapter's first Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award.

Retired Chief Justice of the United States Warren spoke, commenting that "I

know of no lawyer who has given more to the cause of civil liberties than Amsterdam."