

Cox Says Nixon 'Circle' Focused Only on Power

TUCSON, Jan. 5 (UPI)—Abuses of power such as Watergate came about because President Nixon's "inner circle" was unconcerned with the "substance" of government and instead was involved in building a power structure, former Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox said Saturday night.

Cox made the remarks in a speech at a testimonial dinner for Rep. Morris K. Udall (D. Ariz.) It was the first public address by Cox since he was fired in October by President Nixon.

"One cause of the corruption and abuse of power we have come to call Watergate was that nearly all the dominant members of the inner circle about President Nixon had no knowledge of or interest in the substance of government acquisition, covertly and in cash if possible, of the financial resources thought necessary to building and holding power."

He said that in taking up

the question of impeachment proceedings, the House Judiciary Committee will be faced with the problem of attempting to define constitutional grounds for impeachment.

"The constitutional phrase 'high crimes and misdemeanors' almost surely was intended to include some kinds of misfeasance or nonfeasance in office which are impeachable wrongs against the people, even though not technically indictable offenses," Cox said.

In addition to finding facts, the Judiciary Committee "must articulate standards defining morally unacceptable political and official behavior in the conduct of the presidency," he said.

Road Accidents Drop

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 6 (UPI)—Accidents on the Penn-Lincoln Parkway decreased about 40 per cent last month compared to December, 1972, and state police attributed this to the 55-mile-an-hour speed limit.