

# Ford Says 'Extreme' Wing Extends Watergate Ordeal

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In what appeared to be a new, more aggressive defense of President Nixon by the White House, Vice President Ford lashed out today at what he called "a few extreme partisans" who he said were "bent on stretching out the ordeal of Watergate for their own purposes."

In a speech in Atlantic City, Mr. Ford charged that those who sought the President's impeachment were really attacking the President's philosophy and policies, such as reduced Federal spending and increased "individual independence."

Mr. Ford said that the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, Americans for Democratic Action and other "powerful pressure organizations" were engaged in "an all-out attack against the President."

"Their aim is total victory for themselves and the total defeat not only of President Nixon but of the policies for which he stands," the Vice President declared. "If they can



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Vice President Ford in Atlantic City yesterday.

crush the President and his philosophy, they are convinced that they can then dominate the Congress and, through it, the nation."

The Vice President's harshly worded speech, delivered to 4,000 applauding members of the American Farm Bureau Federation, was reminiscent of Spiro  
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