

COURT ORDERS NIXON TO ALLOCATE FUNDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP) —The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has upheld a lower court ruling that it is illegal for President Nixon to refuse to spend \$6-billion in funds to control water pollution.

In its first ruling on the issue of impounding, or refusing to spend, funds voted by Congress, the appeals court said yesterday that it was not ordering the money be spent. Rather it directed that the funds be allocated to states so that they could plan pollution control projects.

The money was approved

by Congress to be allocated to states so that municipalities could enter into contracts for building waste treatment plants.

Congress approved \$11-billion to be allocated over two years, but Mr. Nixon directed the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce that amount to \$5-billion.

Under the law, proposals that would be financed with the allocated money would have to specifically approved by the agency and Congress would then have to appropriate funds for the projects.

The ruling came in a suit filed by New York City and Detroit asking for their full allotment under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972.