



JAMES L. BUCKLEY

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President Quoted by Buckley

Sen. James L. Buckley (R-Cons.-N.Y.) last night called on President Nixon to apply to himself the same yardstick he used a year ago in accepting the resignations of White House aides H. R. (Bob) Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman.

In a speech prepared for delivery at the University of Delaware in Newark, Del., reiterating his call for Mr. Nixon's resignation, Buckley quoted this passage from Mr. Nixon's televised address to the nation on April 30, 1973:

"I want to stress that in accepting these resignations, I mean to leave no implication whatever of personal wrongdoing on their part, and I leave no implication tonight of implication on the part of others who have been charged in this matter.

"But in matters as sensitive as guarding the integrity of our democratic process, it is essential not only that rigorous legal and ethical standards be observed but also that the public, you, have total confidence that they are both being observed and enforced by those in authority and particularly by the President of the United States. They agreed with me that this move was necessary in order to restore that confidence."

Buckley then asked: "Is not such a statement equally applicable to the President himself? . . . Is it so unreasonable to suggest that the President himself resign in order to restore public confidence in the presidency?"