



ARTHUR GOLDBERG
Hastings College speaker

Ex-Justice Blasts Nixon Lawyers

Arthur J. Goldberg, a former U.S. Supreme Court justice, sharply criticized the White House lawyers involved in the Watergate scandal in a speech here yesterday.

He spoke at ceremonies in the San Francisco Opera House honoring 50 graduates of the Hastings College of the Law.

Goldberg, however, specifically declined in his speech to say whether President Nixon could or should be removed from office.

He asked if "the much-vaunted independence, objectivity and, above all, sense of morality of the bar are in danger of joining some other vanishing American virtues."

"A number of lawyers formerly on the White House staff —did not pursue justice—they obstructed it," Goldberg said.

This is obvious from convictions, "guilty pleas and sworn testimony," he said.

"A reading of the transcripts recently released by President Nixon," Goldberg continued, "discloses a shocking insensitivity to the standard of ethics and mo-

rality required on the part of all participants in the reported conversations in the Oval Office."

Disbarment of those lawyers convicted in the Watergate scandals is not enough, he said.

"The remedy, if there is one, can only be the teaching and practice of the law, in all its aspects, with genuine acceptance of the premise that the goal of law is justice."