

# The rundown on Nixon's

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WASHINGTON — President Nixon's legal problems are popping up in a wide variety of courtrooms and Congressional committee rooms.

Here is a score sheet to help sort out the fast-breaking developments:

- The Watergate cover-up case. Judge John Sirica on Monday ordered the President to turn over 64 taped conversations subpoenaed by Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski. The President refused and at 4 p.m. Friday asked the U.S. Court of Appeals to overturn Sirica's order.

- An hour later, Jaworski filed a petition in the Supreme Court, asking it to by-pass the Appeals Court and hear the tapes case before it recesses for the summer. If not, Jaworski said, the cover-up trial of seven former Nixon associates, now scheduled for September, will be delayed until next spring.

- The "Plumbers" case. Judge Gerhard Gesell on Thursday granted a subpoena requiring the Presi-

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dent to surrender the personal files of John Ehrlichman and Charle Colson, two top aides who are awaiting trial in the burglary of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office.

There were three separate actions in the "Plumbers" case Friday.

At 11:30 a.m. Judge Gesell rejected motions by the defendants asking that the charges against them be dismissed or their trial be moved to another city because of massive pre-trial publicity.

At noon, Gesell issued a 10-page order declaring, essentially, that the "Plumbers" cannot use national security as a defense.

At 2 p.m., the President's lawyer, James St. Clair, told Gesell that the White House would not comply with the subpoenas for Ehrlichman's and Colson's files. Gesell said the refusal threatened to wreck the prosecution. He ordered St. Clair to reconsider, and report back next week.

- Campaign contributions. Another federal judge, George Hart, Friday ordered former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans, who was Nixon's chief fund-raiser during the 1972 election campaign, to turn over 17 folders of his private files to a federal grand jury. The jury is investigating allegations that Nixon's campaign organization traded jobs and favors for political contributions.

- The House Judiciary Committee. The President notified the committee Wednesday that he will refuse subpoenas for additional tapes and evidence in its impeachment inquiry. The committee served notice Thursday that the edited transcripts of presidential tapes are unsatisfactory and insisted it needs the actual tapes.

- The Senate Judiciary Committee. On Monday, Jaworski informed the committee, which sanctioned his job last winter, that Nixon was reneging on his promise to cooperate and making "a farce" out of his independent status. The committee, by a 14-to-1 vote Tuesday, upheld Jaworski's right to seek presidential tapes.