
Nixon aide's bitter reaction

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SAN CLEMENTE — President Nixon's political adviser, Dean Burch, described the House Judiciary Committee impeachment proceedings yesterday as one of the "black spots in jurisprudence" and accused the panel's chief lawyers of serving as "hired guns" for the Democratic majority.

Burch made the comment at a news conference after discussing the impeachment situation with Nixon several times in the past few days. He said he felt confident in concluding that the President also considered the proceedings highly partisan and unfair.

His attack was much like one mounted Friday by Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler and appeared to reflect a new offensive strategy by the White House as the Judiciary Committee prepared to vote perhaps this week on articles of impeachment.

Burch, echoing past White House complaints about the committee's closed door investigation and the gradual publication of evidence, said the public now is witnessing "the reaping of a whirlwind whereby bad procedures are almost guaranteed to give you bad results."



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