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'Decision on Fact'

Ziegler Foresees No Impeachment

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Presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler said yesterday the House should "not pass the buck" to the Senate to remove the President from office because the American people will not accept that.

He told reporters that he, President Nixon and Mr. Nixon's defense lawyer, James St. Clair, feel there is no evidence of major crimes against the President.

Ziegler said he doesn't think the House will vote for impeachment.

"I will not be surprised at all if the House Judiciary Committee passes to the floor a bill of impeachment . . . If they do, that will not

be approved by the House of Representatives because they will make their decision on fact and not on conjecture or implication," he said.

The House "should not vote just to pass the matter to the Senate if they do not have the facts and put the nation through a wrenching ordeal," he added.

The House Judiciary committee is scheduled to begin nationally televised deliberations today on proposed articles of impeachment.

Ziegler said Mr. Nixon does not plan to watch the proceedings and the committee's voting will have no effect on the President's day-to-day operation.

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