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# White House Claims Nixon Won't Resign If Impeached

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Deputy White House Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren said flatly yesterday that President Nixon will not resign if impeached by the House of Representatives.

But he also said, "We are confident, the President is," that the House will not impeach him.

"The facts do not support the article voted," Warren told reporters yesterday morning. He referred to the article of impeachment approved 27 to 11 by the House Judiciary Committee last Saturday charging the President with obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up.

Warren refused to be drawn into a characteriza-

tion of either the committee or its deliberations, saying simply, "I would think our assessment would be self-evident."

"We do not feel a majority of the House of Representatives will deal with it in a like manner."

Warren spoke as the Judiciary Committee was considering additional articles of impeachment. A color television set in the White House press room was tuned in to the proceedings, the picture on, the sound temporarily turned off.

The President returned from two weeks in California Sunday night.

Warren said the President spent the morning meeting with his staff on such things as the pending education bill in Congress and the talks in Geneva between Greece and Turkey over Cyprus.

Mr. Nixon met yesterday afternoon with his layers, James D. St. Clair and J. Fred Buzhardt, to review the tape recordings the Supreme Court ordered him last week to turn over to Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

Warren said the White House is doing no "traditional" lobbying in the House on impeachment; has taken no formal headcount, though "there may be some people who are mentally counting;" and has no meeting scheduled on the issue with the House Republican leadership.

He also said the President has no plans to go on national television to defend himself anew, as House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes (R-Ariz.) said Sunday he must, as the "only viable" way remaining to avert impeachment.

"Does the President accept the idea that he will have to pay his own lawyers' fees in a Senate trial?" Warren was asked.

"There is no focus of attention here in the White House on . . . anything to do with the Senate," Warren replied. "We do not feel that it will go to the Senate."

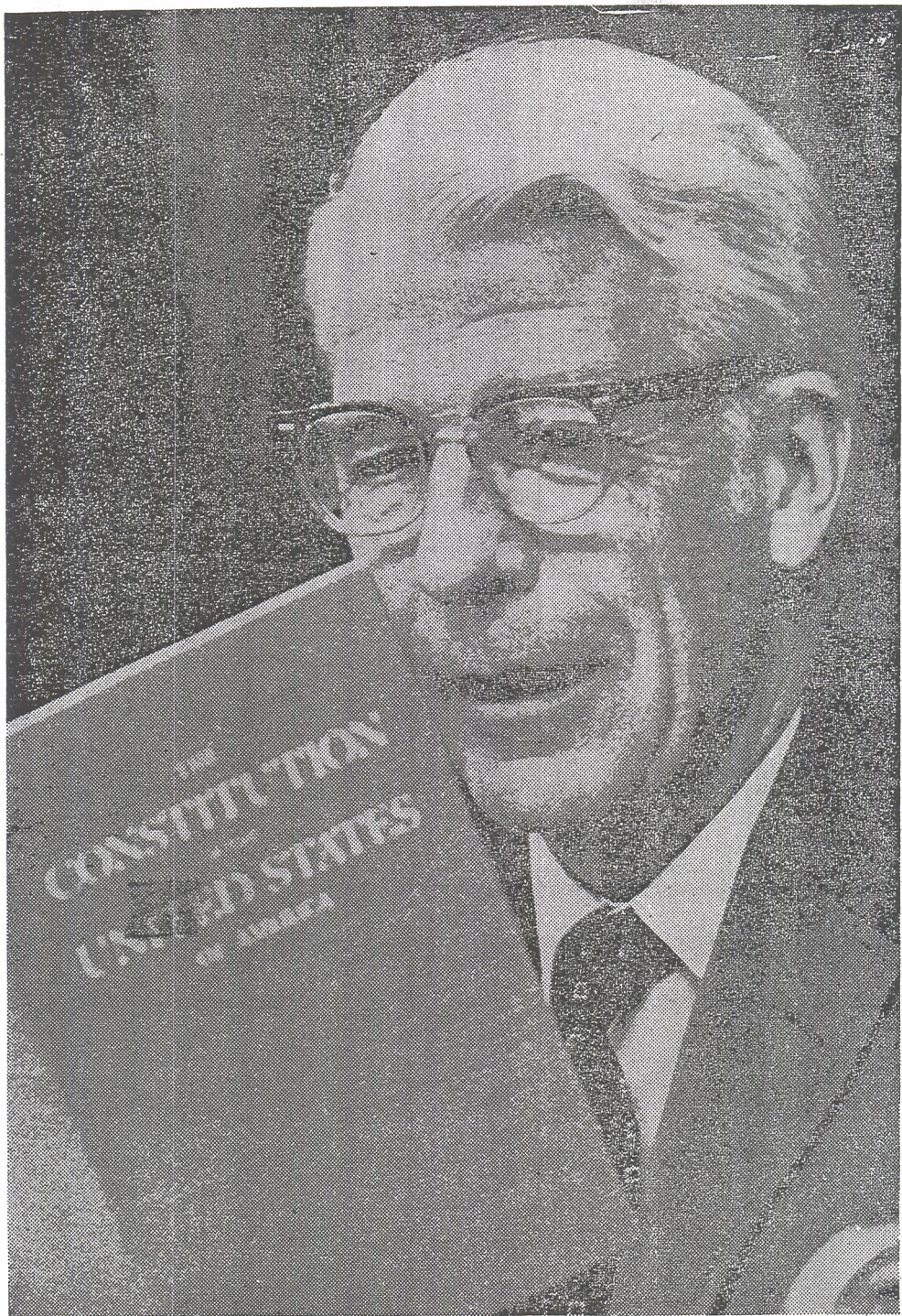
Warren repeated yesterday, in reply to questions, that "I do not leave open the possibility that circumstances in the future could be such that it could be in the best interests of the nation for the President to consider resigning."

Pressed further, he said "there is no set of circumstances that he can conceive, that I can conceive."

What if the House votes to impeach, he was asked. "I do not see that as a set of circumstances that would cause his resignation," Warren responded.

## TV Schedule For Debates

Today's sessions of the House Judiciary Committee are to be broadcast beginning at 10:30 a.m. by Channels 4 and 26. Radio stations WTOP (1500), WLMD (900) and WETA-FM (90.9) will also broadcast the debates.



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