

# Dash Calls for Nixon Prosecution

Washington

Sam Dash, chief counsel of the Senate Watergate committee, said yesterday he thinks Richard Nixon should be prosecuted for obstruction of justice in the bugging coverup.

He said that if the grand jury finds probable cause that the former president committed criminal acts, then special prosecutor Leon Jaworski has "a responsibility to the country" to approve the indictment and bring Mr. Nixon to trial.

"If the evidence — and I believe it does — demonstrates the former president was involved in the obstruction of justice conspiracy, then he should be treated by the grand jury and the special prosecutor as everybody else is treated and should be prosecuted," Dash said in response to a question following a speech at the National Press Club.

He said the fact Mr. Nixon resigned the presidency is not enough since he violated a "greater trust" than his former aides now facing trial for carrying out his cover-up orders.

"Because he was president, perhaps that is the reason he should be prosecuted," Dash said.

Dash is about to return to his job as a law professor at Georgetown University after 18 months as the chief staff man to Senator Sam J. Ervin's Watergate committee.

*United Press*