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Dean and Magruder 'Cleansed' by Telling the Truth

By The Associated Press

John W. Dean and Jeb Stuart Magruder, released last week from Watergate prison terms, say they feel "cleansed" after telling the truth about Watergate, and Mr. Dean said that former President Richard M. Nixon should tell the truth too.

Mr. Dean said, in an interview in Time magazine that was released yesterday: "We've done wrong. We've admitted it. We're no longer burdened by it. Nixon can achieve the same."

Mr. Dean, a former White House counsel, and Mr. Magruder, former deputy director of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, both pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice in the Watergate affair.

Part of Sentence Served

Mr. Dean had served four months in prison and Mr. Magruder seven months when United States District Judge John J. Sirica reduced the sentences last Wednesday to time already served.

In a separate interview yesterday on the "Face the Nation" program on CBS television, Mr. Magruder said he felt he had been forgiven by his family and by God and that "the feelings of guilt have been washed away."

"The thing that made all the difference for me was admitting it," he said.

Mr. Dean maintained that if Mr. Nixon told the truth, "in a relatively few years the ugly side of the Nixon Administration will begin to roll back."

"If not, the good will be obscured," he said. The feeling of retribution will linger.

"Telling the truth is an extremely cleansing, happy way to live," he said, adding that he objected to being labeled a "Judas" by G. Gordon Liddy, a convicted Watergate burglar.

Mr. Dean said: "Judas did not forewarn Christ. But if I am Judas, I don't regret turning from the religion I turned from."

Mr. Magruder said in his interview that he approved of President Ford's pardon for Mr. Nixon.

Ziegler Cites Nixon Plight

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Jan. 12 (UPI)—Ronald L. Ziegler, declaring he is "fed up with Richard Nixon taking it in the

ear," said that Mr. Nixon had become the target of vindictiveness and President Ford probably does not know it. The Los Angeles Times reported today.

Mr. Ziegler, 35 years old, the former White House press secretary who is about to leave his post as Mr. Nixon's chief of staff, lashed out at some members of Congress and the Ford Administration in a Times interview.

"It's the first American political exile," he said. "You only have to be here to sense it is exile—the abandonment by friends, the isolation, the vindictiveness of some in Washington, including some in Con-

gress and some in the Ford White House."

'69 Nixon Tax Bill Unpaid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (UPI)—Former President Nixon's \$171,055 additional income tax bill for 1969 has not yet been paid, the Internal Revenue Commissioner, Donald C. Alexander, said today.

As a result of the Nixon tax case, Mr. Alexander indicated in an interview that the income tax returns for 1974 of President Ford, Vice President Rockefeller, House Speaker Carl Albert and Cabinet members would be reviewed to determine whether an audit was needed.

Mr. Nixon is not legally liable for the 1969 tax debt because the three-year statute of limitations expired before it was discovered. But Mr. Nixon said that he would pay the 1969 bill along with the principal, interest and negligence fees legally due for 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Taking Stand Advocated

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI)—Alabama Attorney General William J. Baxley sits at his office desk under a plaque with the following Dante quote: "The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in a time of great crisis maintain their neutrality."