

Ruth and Jaworski Say They Oppose Plan for Prosecutor

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WASHINGTON, July 30 (UPI)—Henry S. Ruth Jr., the special Watergate prosecutor, and his predecessor, Leon Jaworski, said today that they opposed establishing a permanent special prosecutor to investigate and try Government crime.

"As special prosecutor now, I take directions from no one, I report directly on ongoing investigations to no one and I could easily abuse my power with little chance of detection," Mr. Ruth said.

Mr. Ruth and Mr. Jaworski testified at the Senate Government Operations Committee's second of three days of hearings on the Watergate reform bill. Its key provision would establish an independent "public attorney" to investigate and prosecute Federal corruption.

Mr. Ruth and Mr. Jaworski, who was special prosecutor during most of the Watergate investigation, said the scandal that drove Richard M. Nixon from the Presidency was an aberration not likely to be repeated and thus not requiring a permanent watchdog.

"I am not so naive as to believe that future Watergates may not occur—although in my judgment it is highly improbable that anything approaching [Watergate] in scope and degree will confront our nation in the next generation," Mr. Jaworski said.

The committee chairman, Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff, Democrat of Connecticut, asked Mr. Ruth to supply his recommendations to the committee as soon as possible. Mr. Ruth said his final report would be issued in October.

Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr., Republican of Connecticut, who was a member of the Senate Watergate committee, said a different system of justice applied in the United States to the powerful and to the poor.

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