Jaworski's Warning On Nixon TV Interview

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Former Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski says he will speak out "for the record" if former President Nixon doesn't come to grips with his role in Watergate during the David Frost television interviews that begin next Wednesday.

Jaworski said he did not think Nixon would face up to the facts in the syndicated television shows.

"I have the feeling, between you and me," Jaworski said, "that he's going to lay a lot of this off on his staff. I could be wrong, but that's what I expect."

Jaworski, 71, a leader in state and national bar circles for two generations, was in Dallas speaking at Southern Methodist University's "law and public affairs week."

Jaworski said his reaction to the televised interviews will appear in a national publication soon after the Nixon-Frost programs. He would not name the publication, but Newsweek officials in New York said they have contracted with Jaworski for "comment."

Jaworski said he intends to speak out, not with "venom" but

with the facts, if Nixon doesn't come completely clean.

Asked to what he thinks Nixon should "confess," Jaworski stated:

"Certainly obstruction of justice." He added that the House Judiciary Committee had voted 38-to-0 on this allegation as a charge toward indictment.

"If I were in his shoes, I just would not know how to tackle this situation unless I was prepared to say, 'Yes, I was guilty of wrongdoing.' I don't think he'll ever say that."

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