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TAPES

Lawyers for the Senate Watergate committee told a Federal Appeals Court today the committee still needs five White House conversations subpoenaed last July. The committee charges that the recently-released White House transcripts are "suspect" and "neither complete nor accurate." But even the incomplete ones, the committee claims, prove its claim that the actual tapes are needed to - quote - "inform the public of the extent of corruption in the executive branch."

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WHITE HOUSE

The White House today denied that it was engaged in a public relations "blitz" - to boost the President and discredit former aide John Dean. Spokesman Ron Ziegler saying the White House was merely attempting "to speak to the issue - and present the White House viewpoint."

He also urged the House Judiciary Committee and the public - to read the President's newly-released tape transcripts "line by line." "The scope and the entirety of the transcripts" - said he - "could lead any fair and open-minded person to realize - they have the whole story of Watergate."

Meanwhile, President Nixon was meeting with his Labor Secretary - Peter Brennan; noting that unemployment has actually dropped - despite the dire predictions of a few months ago.

Brennan later adding that union members - the rank and file - are not yelling for the President's impeachment

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**- but talking mostly about what to do about the inflation
problem, their bread and butter.**

DAIRY

Elsewhere in Washington - a Pennsylvania dairy cooperative today pleaded guilty - to making an illegal contribution to President Nixon's reelection campaign.

The Lehigh Valley Cooperative promptly fined Five Thousand Dollars - the maximum allowed under Federal law.

DALEY

Chicago's Mayor Daley - was suddenly taken ill today; canceling all engagements at mid-morning - hurrying to a doctor - and then entering a hospital. The seventy-one-year-old Mayor - said to be suffering from, quote, "an abnormal blood condition."

KENNEDY

From Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts - an admission today that he would like to be President. This - in a broadcast interview. Kennedy adding, however : "If I was asked today" to make a final decision - "I'd just run for re-election to the ^{senate} ~~House~~."

PARIS

Leftist-backed Francois Mitterand - by far, the biggest vote-getter in yesterday's French Presidential primary; so much so he's now predicting certain victory - in the run-off two weeks hence. Mitterand saying today: "Already I have begun formulating the responsibilities - I will have to assume after May Nineteenth.

PHILADELPHIA

Margaret

Britain's Princess ~~Elinor~~ and her husband,

Lord Snowdon - were guests today in the City of Brotherly Love. The Royal couple visiting Independence Hall - also, helping to dedicate a new building at Philadelphia's Children Hospital. The latter patterned after a London hospital - said to be the oldest children's hospital in the English-speaking world.

PULITZER

Pulitzer prizes for national reporting today went to two newsmen who had written stories about President Nixon.

James Polk of the Washington Star-News won for disclosing contributions to the re-election campaign by the dairy and trucking industries.

Jack White of the Providence Journal-Bulletin won for his disclosure of the President's income tax payments.

ADDRESS

The White House again - an announcement today that President Nixon will make a commencement address - Saturday night at Oklahoma State University. This to mark the President's first campus appearance - since he spoke last June at Florida Tech.

Less than a week ago - giant U.S. Steel announced a general price increase - averaging out to nearly six per cent. Today in Chicago - the firm holding its annual meeting; starting out with an earnings report - showing profits last year nearly double those of the previous year.

Chairman Edgar Speer adds that the outlook for 'Seventy-Four - is even better; citing intense demand for steel - "mostly in the energy-related field."