

Scott backs Nixon, eyes future issues

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WASHINGTON — The general attitude here today is that President Nixon was involved in the Watergate scandal, according to Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania.

But Scott said he thinks Nixon was not involved in the scandal and maintains, even after the indictments handed down earlier this month by the Watergate grand jury, that he was not "duped by the White House."

Unless the transcripts of the tapes that he has seen are counterfeit, Scott said, he believes "on the basis of what I've seen" that Nixon is not guilty.

"The sooner the tapes come out the better," Scott said. "When the tapes are released, I hope people will be honest in their judgment."

"I have been told that by the end of May the House will take a stand on impeachment. If they vote against it, people will say get off the man's (Nixon's) back. Some will keep trying, but I think we'll head out of the woods by early fall. Then maybe we can settle down to issues and who best represents the people."

Scott said the members of the House should "do their duty" and investigate the possibility of impeachment, but said he was not going to tell them what standards to use in their investigation.

"There are some crimes that are not impeachable," he said, adding there also some things which are not crimes but for which one can be impeached.

Scott said he wears "three hats" in the Senate — as a Senator for 12 million Pennsylvanians, as the Republican Party leader in the Senate and as spokesman for the Nixon administration.

As administration spokesman, even if he disagrees with Nixon, he is still obligated to put forth the administration's view, Scott said.

"Sometimes I don't want to go back to the White House on Tuesday or Thursday because of what I've said on Monday or Wednesday," Scott joked.

Scott said he has good relations with the Democratic majority in the Senate, especially Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana.

"They run the Senate and I cooperate," Scott said. "Mike Mansfield and I must run the Senate on a unanimous consent basis. One thing about the Senate, all the work on the Senate has to be done by agreement."

Scott said he is not satisfied with the way

Congress is organized.

"I have supported reorganization bills," he said. "Congress ought to streamline itself more. We have some computerization, but not nearly enough. We need to consolidate committees and cut down visits by officials. Some Cabinet officers spent 25 to 30 per cent of their time testifying before Congress."

"The comprehensive health bill is the most important legislation of the year," Scott said in a discussion of major issues. "We've got to have comprehensive health legislation and it has to include out-patient care, convalescent care and a broad area of health care."

Trade law reform, voter registration laws and urban mass transit will be major issues this year, Scott said. He added there would be tax reform this year, but "it may not be complete."

Scott said Congress was very slow in the energy field.

"Congress has fiddled around," he said. "I think we have shown less initiative in the energy field than in any other field."

Scott said he thinks an energy bill will be passed again, but with an excess-profits tax added and some of the "so-called obnoxious features out of it."

The way to avoid rationing is to end the cutoff of Arab oil to the United States, Scott said. "We can't do anything until Kissinger comes riding to the rescue."

Gov. Shapp got a tongue-lashing from Scott for Shapp's part in last month's truck strike negotiations in Washington.

"Some government officials say Shapp came close to upsetting the negotiations," Scott said.

Maybe Shapp did settle the strike as he claims, Scott said, but the settlement could not have been reached without the federal government's participation.

"The federal government wishes he would give notice before he piles in and runs another one (negotiation)," Scott said.

Scott said he would campaign in Pennsylvania for Republican U.S. Sen. Richard Schweiker who is up for re-election and GOP gubernatorial candidate Drew Lewis.

"I'm going to do as much as I can," Scott said. "I believe Drew Lewis would be a good governor. And I have confidence in Schweiker. He just might do better than any other Republican running."

"They should campaign on their own merits, ideas, methods and their concept of how best to represent their constituents."



Senator speaks Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania talks to reporters from the Washington Journalism Center.



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False teeth from rocket nozzles?

BOSTON (AP)—A super carbon material, created for the nozzles of rocket engines, may be the key to future artificial tooth implants.

Dentists at the Clinical Research Center of Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry are among several researchers working with vitreous carbon, a highly purified, super-strong material that is unusually compatible with body tissues.

Richard E. Stallard, director of the university center, and J. Henry Skerman, have used vitreous carbon implants to replace tooth roots in about 55 patients in the past two years. The researchers say the implants were successful in all but five cases at the beginning of their work.

The American Dental Association's Council on Materials and Devices has labeled the vitreous carbon implant "experimental" and cautions that much more work is needed to gauge the safety and effectiveness of the material.

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In addition, washers and dryers were installed for tenant's convenience, as well as lighting in the parking lots for safety purposes.

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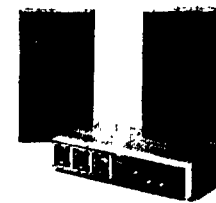
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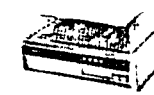
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