Jaworski asked onto committee

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Speaker Thomas O'Neill asked former Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski yesterday to serve as special counsel for the embattled House Ethics Committee's investigation of South Korean influence-buying in Congress

"The job is his if he wants it," a source told UPI. "He's No. 1 on the Speaker's list.".

- Sources said O'Neill telephoned Jaworski in Houston, where he now is in private law practice. Jaworski was not immediately available for comment and the sources said they understood the matter to have been left open for the moment, with both men planning to talk again today.
- O'Neill told reporters earlier that he personally had talked to one of about a half-dozen men of "national stature" who were under consideration to replace Philip Lacovara, who quit as special counsel Friday after a fight with the panel's chairman.

O'Neill declined to identify any of the individuals, but he and Ethics Chairman John Flynt, D-Ga., promised that whoever got the job would have "total independence" to conduct a fastpaced inquiry free of interference.

- Jaworski was named special Watergate prosecutor Nov. 1, 1973, and succeeded Archibald Cox, who was fired 10 days earlier by former President Nixon in the "Saturday Night Massacre.
- Cox, like Jaworski, was said to have been among those mentioned as possible choices to lead the Ethics Committee's inquiry. Other names were understood to include former Sen. Sam Ervin, D-N.C., who headed the Senate Watergate Committee: Sam Dash, that committee's chief counsel; and John Doar, chief counsel for the House Judiciary Committee in the Nixon impeachment proceedings.
- But the sources said Jaworski was at least O'Neill's top choice and predicted that Jaworski would get the Ethics Committee's approval if he agreed to take the job. Earlier, O'Neill, under Republican pressure to take the
- investigation away from the Ethics Committee, made clear that he would give the new counsel any support necessary if further problems developed.
- We're going to have a man of national stature and you can be assured there will be no conflicts of personalities as has happened," O'Neill said in reference to Lacovara's resignation.
- 'You can be sure the Speaker's office will be watching the committee and its actions to make sure things are moving without in any way interfering.'

O'Neill and Flynt outlined the situation at a news conference after they, the rest of the House Democratic leadership and Democrats on the ethics panel held a 90-minute discussion of the problems and criticisms stemming from Lacovara's resignation.

"The attorney had accused Flynt of slowing effort's to determine whether South Korean government agents made payoffs to members of Congress is the 1970s in an effort to influence U.S. economic and military policy toward Seoul.

Under an agreement reached at yesterday's meeting, Flynt said his committee will be asked to approve a resolution specifically guaranteeing freedom of action for Lacovara's successor.

"This new special counsel . . . will have total independence of conduct for the remainder of the investigation," Flynt said, "and we have every reason to believe he will be an individual who will be applauded by you and the American people.'

· Legion prepares Steel City fete

PITTSBURGH (AP) - about what they eat and Members of the Pennsylvania drink," he added. American Legion, hoping that m i sirike inem or peverage remains again, will turn out for this. - a suspicion. year's convention in record numbers. The headquarters hotel has illness, which strikes its been booked for months, and victims like pneumonia, as a most of the city's other bacterium. But they still don't hostelries also will be over- know how the disease is flowing as some 15,000 transmitted. members and families gather stock in the theory that here today. That's about 5,000 more someone sabotaged last people than were at last year's convention deliberately exposing legion convention in Vear's Philadelphia, which left 29 members and their families dead and 162 others sickened to the germ. by the mysterious ailment that came to be known as

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