

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



There seems to be no end to the number of crises that have piled upon the nation's doorstep.

The shock waves that flowed from the resignation of Mr. Agnew as Vice President three weeks ago had hardly begun to subside before another crisis arose at the Justice Department. The President's initial refusal to comply with Federal court orders respecting the "White House tapes" was a great tragedy. This refusal and the subsequent dismissal of Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox have caused a multitude of

Americans to question the President's commitment to our constitutionally-established processes of justice.

Recent developments underline the necessity of continuing a truly independent investigation of the serious allegations of wrongdoing connected with the 1972 Presidential election. I have joined in cosponsoring legislation which directs the Chief Judge of the District Court of Washington, D. C. to appoint a Special Prosecutor who could be dismissed only by the Chief Judge and only in the event of "extraordinary improprieties."

The traumatic episodes involving former Attorney General Richardson, former Deputy Attorney General Ruckelshaus, and former Special Prosecutor Cox came at a time when the issue of an international conflagration threatens in the Middle East. The cease-fire agreement



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between the Arabs and the Israelis seems ready to unravel as this is written. Better relations with the Soviets, a subject of intensive negotiations for many months, is endangered by the rapid succession of events.

Entwined with the issue of peace in the Middle East is the strategy embarked on by the Arabs to cut off all oil exports to the United States. The best that can now be hoped for is that some agreement can be reached which will quickly reopen the Arab oil pipelines. The American people are not fully aware of the immense problems which may be in store for us as a result of this Arab action. Already jobs are jeopardized by lack of fuel for industrial plants and when winter comes, the Administration is saying that some homes may be cold. There is an urgent need for mandatory planning to insure fair and equitable distribution of available petroleum supplies. I

supported Senate passage of legislation on June 5 to achieve this.

Inflation continues to affect everyone. The dollars and cents costs of living continues to rise daily. High interest rates are becoming the most burdensome taxes on incomes. The money squeeze is reflected in almost everything we buy—food, clothing, homes, services, and even government itself.

All this is reflected in a crisis of confidence in government.

There is a general uneasiness that pervades our society and a pessimism about the ability of government to find solutions to pressing problems. Someone said recently that the fact that government has continued to function at all in spite of recent events is a tribute to the stability of our people and our institutions.

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