



Leon Jaworski of Houston was recently appointed special Watergate prosecutor. He is a former president of the State Bar of Texas and the American Bar Association.

Jaworski Answers ‘A Call to Duty’

Special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski, an active member of the State Bar of Texas, referred to his appointment as “a call to duty.”

Reaction to Mr. Jaworski’s appointment was epitomized by U.S. Rep. Jake Pickle. He said he thought the choice of Leon Jaworski was particularly significant because Mr. Jaworski is not only a skilled and proven legal expert and a man of considerable independence, but also because the Houston attorney “has a keen political sense.”

He called Mr. Jaworski “an outstanding American and jurist who has the strong acceptance of the American legal community.”

Mr. Jaworski, who has never held public office, is well known for his experiences in an earlier history-making prosecution role—chief of the war crimes trial section in Germany. He saw lessons for his own country in the German experience. In his book “After 15 Years” he outlined his thoughts on the rise of tyranny in Germany in the years before World War II. “No nation, no matter how powerful and great, whatever be its form of government can long withstand the stranglehold of moral deterioration in its people.

“Apathy and indifference to a course of wrong-doing of political leaders and acquiescence in their evil practices can prove to be as helpful as active assistance.”

About his appointment as Watergate prosecutor, Mr. Jaworski has said that the American people are entitled to have some answers without waiting forever.

“I will take any position I think necessary in order for justice to be served in the situation.”

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