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ARCHIBALD COX, '76 MANSFIELD LECTURER  
SAYS AMERICAN DREAM CAN SURVIVE

MISSOULA--

Archibald Cox, the Samuel Williston Professor of Law at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., and former Watergate Special Prosecutor, told a crowd of about 1,400 people at the University of Montana Theater Wednesday evening that the American dream of self-government can survive.

Cox presented his speech as part of the seventh program in the continuing series of the Mike Mansfield Lecture Series on International Relations.

"Let me state my conviction that the adventure in self-government can go forward, if we have the will--but only if we have the will," Cox said.

He outlined several changes in this "adventure" and "dream of those who signed the Declaration of Independence." Cox said that since 1776 America has "...assigned a new and larger role to the political system."

An authority on constitutional and labor law, Cox said, "Government not only has become big; it has become the forum in which men and women, business corporations and other organized groups contend for their own economic interest with all the selfishness and ambition...that once characterized the market (place)."

The Harvard professor suggested that one solution to the problem of big government might be in putting the political "contest in a forum which can be relatively open to public scrutiny, where men who are somewhat more disinterested and who are charged with a sense of justice and the general welfare can exercise some influence."

Commenting on the scandals involved in Watergate, Cox said, "Watergate provided more evidence of strength in the American system of government than of defects.

"The machinery of justice proved adequate to the vigorous, thorough, but fair investigation and prosecution of charges of abuse of power in the highest official circles."

The former Watergate special prosecutor said that "...the central challenge in public life today is to take the action necessary to restore confidence in the honor, integrity and impartiality with which government is conducted, because today government lies at the center and sets the tone of our joint human endeavor."

Cox is the author of the recently published book, "The Role of the Supreme Court in American Government."

His other publications are: "The Warren Court: Constitutional Decision as an Instrument of Reform," 1968; "Civil Rights, the Constitution, and the Courts," with Mark DeWolfe Howe and J.R. Wiggins, 1967; "Law and the National Labor Policy," 1960, and "Cases in Labor Law," with Derek Bok, 1948.

The Mansfield lecture program, established in 1967 under the Mike and Maureen Mansfield Endowment of the UM Foundation, was in recognition of Senator Mansfield's 25 years of service in the Congress and UM's 75th anniversary in 1968. Mansfield inaugurated the series in 1968.