

Rabbi Heads Campaign Against Nixon's Critics

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NEW YORK, July 30 (UPI)—A citizens' committee headed by a Massachusetts rabbi has started a campaign against the "vigilante atmosphere" of the Senate Watergate committee, charging most of its members are "hanging judges" trying to destroy President Nixon.

The committee took out a \$5,772 advertisement in Sunday's New York Times headed "An Appeal For Fairness."

Rabbi Baruch Korff, 59, of Rehoboth, Mass., who gained fame in the 1940s for his work in the rescue of Jews from Nazi Germany, is the temporary chairman of the group.

He and 17 other persons signed the 1,600-word advertisement, which charged that Chairman Sam J. Ervin Jr. and four other committee members display open prejudice and hostility toward the President.

The ad said Sen. Edward J. Gurney "has been a friend of the White House throughout the hearings,"

but that "only Sen. Howard Baker approaches the position of objectivity claimed by his colleagues."

"In concert with the anti-Nixon media, these hanging judges . . . are fostering a vigilante atmosphere in the nation so pervasive that the people may be led to forget the central fact of this hearing," the advertisement said.

"That fact is one and only one witness—John Dean—has implicated the President in Watergate . . . (through) a supposition based on an interpretation of a single remark made to him last September by the President."

Korff said \$3,300 was raised among the committee members for the ad and \$3,000 was borrowed from an unidentified bank. A solicitation for funds to be used for more advertising was included in the ad.

Other signers of the advertisement were Thomas W. Pearlman, a Republican councilman in Providence, R.I., and Joseph F. Fernandes, a GOP candidate for Massachusetts treasurer in 1966.