

A Warning

On Nixon Prosecution

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Dallas

A half-page newspaper advertisement published yesterday warned that any attempt to put former President Nixon on trial for the Watergate coverup would be "harmful to the tranquility, unity and security" of the United States.

The advertisement, in the Dallas Morning News, indicated it had been paid for by Operation Freedom, Inc., of New York. Former Republican congressman Hamilton Fish Sr. is president of the group. His son, now a Republican congressman, voted for an impeachment article in the House Judiciary Committee hearings.

Asking for donations to publish more such "non-partisan appeals in other newspapers," the advertisement said:

"This appeal is not meant as a threat but as a suggestion. In the words of Abraham Lincoln, 'To sin by silence when you should protest makes cowards of men.'

It is merely a protest to ascertain where members of the House and Senate stand on this issue affecting the vital interests of our nation."

"Only a few prominent Democrats such as R. Sargent Shriver, the Kennedy in-law, whose son was charged with taking drugs but got off easily, now wants the last drop of Nixon's blood.

The advertisement also said: "If such a trial is set in motion we will, with the help of many millions of Americans, launch a public campaign in the press by paid advertisements to get off Nixon's back and it will light a torch that will be seen in every village, hamlet and town."

It concluded: "Let him without sin cast the first stone. Any attempt to make a martyr of Richard M. Nixon would be very harmful to the tranquility, unity and security of the nation and open the door to the takeover of Congress by the radicals, Socialists and Marxists."

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