

Eviction From Rally Described

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CHARLOTTE, N.C., April 22 (AP)—A former photographer said today in a damage suite involving former White House figures that he was forcibly evicted from a Billy Graham rally attended by former President Richard M. Nixon.

Thomas Anthony Alsop, now a printing consultant here, said that he tried twice to enter the Charlotte Coliseum to cover the rally. At the time, Alsop said, he was a photographer for the student newspaper at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The testimony came on the second day of the U.S. District Court trial of a \$1.2 million damage suit against H. R. Haldeman, Nixon's chief of staff; Secret Service Director H. S. Knight, and 24 other persons, including other members of the Nixon White House staff and members of the Charlotte Police Department.

Attorneys for the 19 plaintiffs, whose suit was filed on their behalf by the American Civil Liberties Union, contend they were turned away from the rally because authorities "didn't like their looks or they

were unfriendly to Richard Nixon."

Nixon attended the Oct. 15, 1971, rally, which honored evangelist Billy Graham, a Charlotte native.

Also, one of the plaintiffs, said "an elderly man" directed him to a point inside the coliseum but, in following the crowd moving in that direction, he found himself at an exit. Alsop said he got another ticket and re-entered the building.

"At that point, two men dressed in suits approached me and asked me what I was doing. I told them I simply wanted to take pictures of the President. They took my camera gear and said no cameras were allowed inside," Alsop said.

"I asked them where I could leave it (the gear) and they said I couldn't. Then each one grabbed one of my arms and led me back to the exit," Alsop testified.

Another plaintiff, Joy Justice, a 24-year-old secretary, testified that she was escorted from the coliseum by a woman in a uniform. She testified, however, that she could not say the uniform was that of a police officer.