

Martha Says Public Bored by Watergate

Greenwood, Miss.

Martha Mitchell, insisting that "what happened to me in California was a heck of a lot worse than anybody breaking into Democratic headquarters," said yesterday the American public is bored with the Watergate hearings.

Mrs. Mitchell also said the "press was always torturing me, 24 hours a day," and "I don't understand this freedom of the press — it's gone too far ... somebody is going to have to put the lid on them."

Concerning the Watergate hearings, in which her husband, John, the former attorney general, was a witness last week, Mrs. Mitchell said.

"The mass of the people don't realize that these Senate hearings are not spontaneous. These set of hearings are as much rehearsed as any play on Broadway.

Speaking from the veranda of a white - columned

mansion at Greenwood, Miss., Mrs. Mitchell said the Watergate affair has been overplayed.

"What they did to me in California was a heck of a lot worse than anybody breaking into Democratic headquarters.

"I was kidnaped in California. At the time they gave me that injection, I really thought they were trying to kill me. I haven't told all the details of California."

Mrs. Mitchell would not say whether she still believes the President should resign, as she said earlier, but said the presidency has become too great a responsibility for one man.

Mrs. Mitchell said she had been in Greenwood three weeks, staying at the home of a friend from her college days. She called reports of trouble between her and her husband a lie.

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