

# Martha Demands to Be Heard

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WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Martha Mitchell, angered by testimony of former presidential adviser John D. Ehrlichman, said last night that she is demanding to be heard by the Senate Watergate Committee.

"My name is being taken in vain," she said in a telephone call.

Mrs. Mitchell said she had heard her name mentioned in the hearings, "and I feel I have a right to be heard."

She said she was disturbed by the testimony of President Nixon's former chief domestic adviser Ehrlichman, who testified before the committee for four days this week.

"He is arrogant, insolent and insipid," she said. "If I had really known what I had been up against in the Nixon Administration, I would

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have really been scared, by God . . . I would have asked the press to protect me."

Asked what her husband, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, thought of Ehrlichman's testimony which linked him to the bugging and subsequent cover-up, she said, "My husband is protecting the President."

"I demand to testify," she said. "I want to clear up a lot of facts."

Mrs. Mitchell said Ehrlichman, in a deposition in the Democratic Party's \$6.4 million civil suit against the Committee to Re-Elect the President, had testified that she was responsible for Mitchell quitting his job as head of the re-election committee.

"I get more furious every day about testimony that John Mitchell was influenced by me," she said.

The committee's Chief Counsel Samuel Dash has indicated his desire to call Mrs. Mitchell as a witness. But Chairman Sam J. Ervin, (D-N.C.), has quietly put his foot down against her appearance.

"I'm going to demand that they accept my testimony," she said.

"When they start on me . . ." she said without ending the sentence, "I want to justify my name."