House Members of Both Parties Attack Ehrlichman's Testimony

WASHINGTON, July 30 (AP)
—Republican and Democratic House members took the floor today to criticize the President's former chief adviser for domestic affairs, John D. Ehrlichman, in light of his testimony before the Senate Watergate committee.

But the House Republican "President Nixon would have been much better served by the advice of J. Edgar Hoover than he was by men such as Ehrlichman . ." Mr. Brown concluded, having noted Mr. Hoover's refusal to let the Federal Bureau of Investigation be used in covert White House operations.

lichman, in light of his testimony before the Senate Watergate committee.

But the House Republican leader, Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, took no part in the criticism, saying: "I personally know and personally respect John Ehrlichman. I think it is premature at this time to form conclusions."

Representative Clarence J. Brown, Republican of Ohio, contended that Mr. Ehrlichman's "disdain for traditional Republican and American values has damaged the President, his legislative program and his foreign policy."

Representative Brown said that he deplored what he called Mr. Ehrlichman's thesis that implied constitutional powers of the Presidency could justify break-ins to obtain security information.

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Representative Wayne L. Hays, Democrat of Ohio, criticized Mr. Ehrlichman's state-ment that gathering derogatory information about political opponents was proper because voters were entitled to know about the drinking and other habits of public officials.

"Ehrlichman acts like a Nazi ..." Mr. Hays said. "Part of the Nazi program was to tell a big lie, tell it over and over until it was believed."

Representative Clarence D. Long, Democrat of Maryland, told the House that he was introducing legislation to used in covert White House operations.



George Murphy, a committee lawyer, covering the witness's microphone as he and John D. Ehrlichman reviewed a series of documents.