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U.S. Judge Keeps Haldeman As Rights Suit Defendant

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 22 (UPI)—A Federal judge refused yesterday to remove H. R. Haldeman and two other persons who have served the White House as defendants in a suit filed in connection with a Billy Graham Day observance here in 1972.

The suit was filed by 14 persons who charged that their civil rights were violated because they were denied admittance to the observance attended by President Nixon. They are seeking \$840,000 in damages.

Attorneys representing Mr.

Haldeman, former White House Chief of Staff; William Henkel, a White House aide and Ronald H. Walker, a former White House advance man, said that their clients had not been involved in denying admission to anyone, and added that Mr. Haldeman and Mr. Walker, now director of the National Park Service, were not in CHARLOTTE AT THE TIME.

District Judge James B. McMillan has delayed taking depositions from the three men until the Court of Appeals for the fourth circuit rules on an appeal by the Secret Service that an injunction barring its agents from violating the civil rights of citizens was invalid.