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Martha Slept There

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Martha Mitchell said yesterday that she first incurred the everlasting wrath of the Nixon administration when she walked away from a partying group at Camp David and fell asleep on the President's bed.

The wife of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell said a small, "intimate group" had gathered at the presidential retreat in Maryland for the weekend and was watching a movie.

"I hated it," Mrs. Mitchell said. "I'd read the book and the movie was so depress-

ing." So, she said, she got up quietly, walked down a hallway, "curled up on the President's bed, read the TV Guide two or three times and fell asleep."

"It sounds bad, but it wasn't," she added quickly. "But that was the beginning of the blacklist for Martha Mitchell."

The story was one of several she swapped with actress Carol Channing, the star of the Broadway musical "Lorelei," who appeared as a guest on CBS-TV's "Pat Collins Show," which Mrs. Mitchell is co-hosting this week.

Miss Channing, who was on the original White House "enemies list," was greeted exuberantly by Mrs. Mitchell on the program.

"Welcome to the society!" exclaimed Mrs. Mitchell, who wanted to know first off how the actress wound up on the blacklist.

Miss Channing admitted that she had once sung "Hello Lyndon" at a White House affair for President Johnson and had campaigned for both of the Kennedys, but added that she never considered herself an enemy of the Nixon administration.

Once, the actress said, she presented Mrs. Nixon with a diamond ring at a White House luncheon. "One week later," she said, "I was on this list. Do you suppose the President had the ring appraised?"

Miss Channing praised the wife of the former attorney general for alerting the country to some of the facets of the Watergate scandal.

"This is our Paul Revere," Miss Channing said, "You were truthful and honest enough to warn all of us."

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