

Ziegler Rips Tactics

Of Impeach Inquiry

Washington

President Nixon's chief spokesman accused the House Judiciary Committee yesterday of "dribbling out" its impeachment evidence in a "hyped public relations campaign . . ."

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler reacted sharply to the committee's release of its transcripts of presidential conversations, transcripts of which were previously released by the White House.

Talking with reporters, Ziegler demanded anew that the committee release all evidence presented in its impeachment investigation.

The committee, Ziegler contended, has "chosen a

public relations route . . . focusing attention only on

one section of the tapes. They ought to release the full body of evidence altogether, all at once, and not in a piecemeal fashion."

Ziegler contended that the transcripts and other evidence, when taken in entirety, and the actions subsequently taken by Mr. Nixon show he was not involved in the Watergate coverup.

Repeating his previous criticism of leaks from the Judiciary Committee, Ziegler said, "Here we go again into a public relations approach of taking portions of the material and dribbling it out." He said the committee should release all its evidence to "get fair play into this, some due process into this."

"After all the public relations efforts on their part,

they don't have a case," Ziegler said.

Committee members, he added, "should think about their constitutional responsibilities instead of a public relations campaign . . ."

Ziegler declined to comment on specific portions of the committee's version, contending that "you cannot judge the relevancy of material . . . simply by isolating one or two sentences."

When a reporter cited some of the phrases used by Mr. Nixon, according to the House transcripts, Ziegler responded that "a negative twist can be put on them if looked at in isolation . . . you cannot take sections of these transcripts and draw conclusions from them."

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