

Ziegler Reacts Angrily, Calls Doar Biased

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., July 19—White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler reacted angrily and emotionally today against the case that John Doar, House Judiciary Committee special counsel, presented for the impeachment of President Nixon.

Calling Doar "partisan," "radical," and "biased," Ziegler said Doar must think he is operating before "a kangaroo court."

"There is no proceeding in our free system where someone who has the key responsibility like Mr. Doar has that justifies in any way whatsoever the drawing up of impeachment articles before the evidence has been presented unless it is a kangaroo court, and I would suggest that Mr. Doar may feel he is conducting that type of proceeding," Ziegler said.

"Most members of Congress and of the Judiciary Committee want to proceed in a fair way," Ziegler said.

But he declared that Doar and Chairman Peter W. Rodino (D-N.J.) and four or five other Democrats on the committee have "violated due process, they have violated fairness and they, in my view, have made a total shambles out of what should have been a fair proceeding," the President's spokesman said.

Ziegler refused to concede any wrongdoing on the part of the President, picturing him as an innocent victim of a par-

tisan and biased attack who will speak out again in his own defense at some time in the future.

Ziegler refused to say when Mr. Nixon would address the subject again, but he announced that presidential special counsel James D. St. Clair, who is flying here this weekend to consult with his client, would hold a press conference before returning to Washington.

There was speculation that St. Clair is coming here to be present should the Supreme Court hand down its decision Monday on Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski's subpoena of additional presidential tapes.

At a press conference today at Roanoke, Va., Vice President Ford took issue with Ziegler, saying he believes Rodino "has done his utmost to handle it in a fair and proper way."

Ford said he is "not privy" to whether Ziegler's statement reflected the President's thinking and reiterated his contention that the Judiciary Committee does not reflect the ideological outlook of the House as a whole. But he added: "I certainly would not call the manner in which that committee operates a kangaroo court."

Ford was in Roanoke for a fund raiser for two Virginia congressmen, including M. Caldwell Butler, who is considered one of several possible Republican votes for impeachment on the Judiciary Committee.

When told that Doar is a Republican, Ziegler said he was not using "partisan" in a party sense or "radical" in an ideological sense but in terms of a

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desire "to run the President out of office." However, he said leaders of the impeachment campaign belong to "the McGovern wing of the Democratic Party."

"By God, they've stepped over the line in my view," he insisted. He said it seemed "unconscionable" to him that Doar and some committee members would begin drawing up articles of impeachment "five or six weeks before the evidence was heard."

The facts demonstrate that the President is not guilty of the most serious charge

against him, supporting the payment of hush money, the press secretary said.

"Now, the House Judiciary can either look at the facts and make their judgment on facts or they can do it in a partisan, duplicitous, false way, like Mr. Doar and the partisans on that committee are proceeding."

Asked his opinion of minority counsel Albert Jenner, Ziegler said: "I've never had a very high opinion of Mr. Jenner."

Ziegler said he thought members of the committee and other members of the House would resent having one man employed by the committee tell Congress what

it should do.

White House spokesmen have conceded that they expect the Judiciary Committee to vote a bill of impeachment, and that they expect the House to reject it.

Today's attack appeared to indicate a growing concern that the House might follow the Judiciary Committee's recommendation.

But Ziegler maintained that he made his charges without consulting the President directly. He said he did speak to White House staff chief Alexander M. Haig Jr. before meeting reporters. However, he emphasized that he was speaking as the President's official spokesman.