Ziegler Impugns Inquiry As a 'Kangaroo Court'

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"falsely presenting a picture of Wattrgate burglary figures.
The excerpts were given yesfairness.

Mr. Ziegler said that the committee's chief counsel, John M. defense lawyer, James D. St. Doar, along with "radicals and Clair had released a small part were seeking to force a "pre- had demanded. judgment" of Presidential guilt Mr. Ziegler,

Doar Strongly Attacked

Mr. Ziegler directed his sharpest attacks at Mr. Doar, who presented to the committee today the staff recommendations for articles of impeachment against President Nixon.

"It is appalling and startling,"
Mr. Ziegler daid, that "this
staff lawyer," appointed by the
majority chairman of the committee, should recommend "a course of action on such an important constitutional mat-

He suggested that Mr. Doar's role should have been limited to presenting the evidence to the committee in a "fair way." Not only has Mr. Doar presented the evidence in a "distorted" way, Mr. Ziegler by presenting the articles of defendents. However, in his

the press secretary asserted.

"There is no proceeding in our free system where someone who has the key responsibility like Mr. Doar has, that institute in any what sever is the committee, Mr. Ziegler focused on the "hush money" issue.

Mr. St. Clair has also concentrated on this narrow issue is any what sever is the contracted on this narrow issue. the drawing up of impeachment articles before the evilore the judiciary committee.

In recent weeks, the White

Mr. Ziegler said that the President would have no direct comment on today's presentation of impeachment articles. However, he stated that "I am speaking as the President with the process in the entire impeachment proceeding. Mr. Ziegler reiterated that charge today.

Mr. Doar, he said, "is a partisan, has been a partisan from

vote to recommend articles of impeachment to the House of Representatives.

Now, apparently, the White

Nixon of charges that he auof the committee, Peter W. thorized or knew of the pay-Rodino Jr. of New Jersey, of ment of "hush money" to the

Later, at a news briefing, and some members expressed partisans" on the committee, of the evidence the committee

Mr. Ziegler, responding toon other members of the com-mittee as well as the rest of the House of Representatives by "presenting a biased and partisan case."

In Ziegier, responding to-day to that anger, contended that the committee was not in-terested in the facts. "They came of the meeting and said, "Oh, please don't give us the "Oh, please don't give us the facts," Mr. Ziegler said.

Now that the committee has the excerpt, he asserted." The facts are there in black and white." He said the facts show that the President did not know of or authorize the payment

of hush money.

"Now the House Judiciary can either look at the facts and make their judgement on facts or they can do it in a partisan, duplicitous, false way, like Mr. Doar and the partisans on that committee are proceeding, and I feel this very strongly," Mr. Ziegler said.

Restricted Forces

The articles of impeachment torted" way, Mr. Ziegler on far broader charges than a charged, but he has also viorecommended today were based lated constitutional procedures money to the original watergate impeachment to the committee, discussion of the facts before the press secretary asserted. the committee, Mr. Ziegler

bility like Mr. Doar has, that centrated on this narrow issue justifies in anyway whatsoever in much of his argument be-

less it is a kangaroo court, and I would suggest that Mr. Doar may feel he is conduting that kind of proceeding.

cles. However, he stated that "I am speaking as the President's spokesman."

White House Tactic
The harshness of Mr. Ziegle attack on the Judiciary Committee would seem to indicate that the White House is convinced that the committee will

"I am speaking as the President's san, has been a partisan from the beginning. Doar out there this morning was advocating the President's impeachment,"

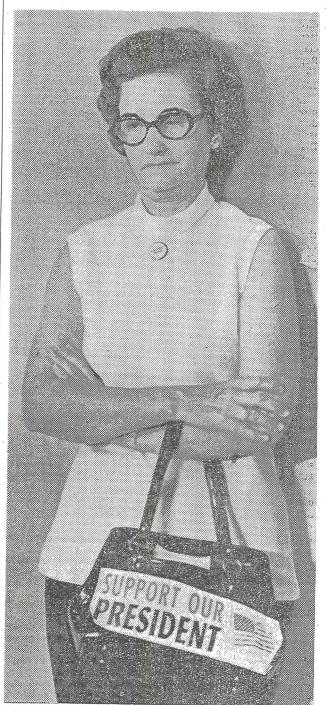
Mr. Ziegler said, based on "a lot of theories, speculation, innuendo—but not on facts to support the charges."

"Radical' Defined"

'Radical' Defined

Asked to define what he meant by "radicals" on the committee, Mr. Ziegler said he House is seeking to persuade "radical in their view of the House to reject the articles on the ground that they were president of the United States." on the ground that they were allegedly prepared in a partisan and unfair way.

At total's briefing, Mr. Zieg-



A member of the Citizens Congress of the National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency waiting outside the House Judiciary Committee impeachment hearing to talk to a committee member from her state. Thursday night, group held rally for 1,500 supporters.

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Ronald L. Ziegler, White House press secretary, assailing the impeachment inquiry in his news briefing yesterday at Mr. Nixon's estate in San Clemente, Calif.