Korff Pushing Nixon Aid Drive

Cincinnati

Rabbi Baruch Korff, who has taken it upon himself to raise money to pay former President Nixon's debts, came here yesterday to solicit \$15,000 from sympathetic Republicans.

"President Nixon has a \$30,000 payment to make to his attorneys the 26th of this month (Wednesday)," Korff said. "Right now we are short \$15,000."

Korff, 60, a chaplain in the Department of Mental Health in Massachusetts who says he talks with Nixon regularly on the telephone, said Nixon's health and mood are steadily improving.

Korff spoke at a \$10 a plate luncheon attended by more than 200 persons at a nightclub in Newport, Ky.

Luncheon organizers said besides the more than \$2000 earned from ticket sales, another \$500 had been donated before Korff's arrival and the rabbi was hoping for more during his visit.

Korff complained that Congress has allocated only \$200,000 from a requested \$800,000 for "post-presidential transition."

"The salaries that President Nixon has had to pay his staff really left him nothing at all," he said. "The other day he wrote a personal check for \$11,000 in medical fees and he had less in his checking account than I had in mine."

Asked why Mr. Nixon needed to keep Ron Zeigler; Rosemary Woods and other secretaries on his staff, Korff answered, "just because he is not now the president doesn't mean he ceases to be what he was."

Mr. Nixon needs such a staff, Korff sald, "to keep in touch with foregin dignitaries, because they keep in touch with him."

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