

# Prove Charges,

WASHINGTON — (AP — Democratic National Chairman Lawrence O'Brien says presidential assistant H.R. Haldeman should document his charges against critics of President Nixon's peace proposals or retract his statement and issue a public apology.

Haldeman yesterday accused critics of the administration's peace negotiations of "consciously aiding and abetting the enemy of the United States."

Sen. Hugh Scott, GOP minority leader from Pennsylvania, emerging from a White House meeting with President Nixon and Cabinet members, warned today of "dangers raised" by candidates presenting alternative peace plans to "go the Pres-

ident one better" that may give hope to Hanoi that delay in a peace settlement would give them a chance "for a better deal from someone else."

## For Criticism

Both Scott and House Minority Leader Gerald Ford of Michigan said they approved of criticism and discussion, but not the presentation of alternative peace plans.

Scott specifically excluded Democratic candidates Hubert Humphrey and Sen. Henry Jackson from his attack on those "presidential senators" who have added to their calls for cease-fire in Vietnam to propose conditions for a solution as well.

Presidential Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said

Haldeman's remarks on the NBC "Today" show were personal opinions and that Haldeman was not speaking for Nixon.

## Answer

But O'Brien said, "I simply cannot accept the suggestion by the White House press secretary that Mr. Haldeman — the President's chief of staff — was expressing only his personal opinion.

"President Nixon should instruct Haldeman either to name those who he accuses and document his charges — or to retract the statement and issue a public apology."

Rep. Paul McCloskey (R-Calif.) whose liberal challenge to President Nixon is based heavily on ending

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the war, said Haldeman "must be out of his mind."

"These people are so sure they are right that they equate criticism to treason," McCloskey said in Kansas City last night.

### Lindsay View

Democratic presidential hopeful Mayor John Lindsay of New York, when asked in New York about the Haldeman statement, said:

"It was the wrong thing to say. It is entirely inconsistent with what our country stands for — free dissent and free expression. If democracy can't survive that kind of difference of opinion, there is something wrong with that democracy."

But Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles, who also is

seeking the Democratic nomination, told a news conference in his city that Muskie and McGovern should put aside politics and "tell the Communists the President speaks for the nation."

In other political developments:

● Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.), the first black woman to seek the presidency, told North Carolina State University students at Raleigh: "I am the kind of person with the guts, the nerve, the audacity, the intelligence and the creativity to bring the pieces together in his campaign. . . . Give me a chance."

● John Graf, a Manchester, N.H., lawyer, announced a write-in cam-

paign for Sen. Edward Brooke, (R-Mass.), for vice president in the New Hampshire primary.

● Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota charged the administration is "playing election-year politics with the American farmer" by asking Congress for more funds for the Farmers Home Administration while at the same time freezing \$75 million in FHA loan funds already appropriated."

"Without this money," Humphrey said in a statement from his Washington campaign headquarters, "not only will some farmers be unable to plant, but for some it could mean bankruptcy and loss of their farms."