

A Boston Woman's \$15,000 Pays for Ohio Antiwar Ads

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COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 23— A 47-year-old suburban Boston sculptress and mother of five has paid out \$15,000 of her own money to start a flood of stop-the-bombing mail rolling toward the White House from Middle America.

Mrs. Kay Worden of Weston, Mass., selected Ohio for her one-woman crusade because, "from what I heard, Ohio represents a lot of support for President Nixon and for the Nixon war policy."

She arranged for full-page antiwar ads to appear today in 12 Ohio newspapers with a combined circulation of more than 1.5 million.

In the ads, Mrs. Worden says, "Where I come from, Boston, Mass., almost everybody is against the war. There is little I can do in my town.

"But in your town, maybe there is something I can do. Maybe I can persuade you, a likely friend of the President, to write him a note."

People Phone In

For the occasion, Mrs. Worden flew to Ohio and is staying in a Columbus hotel, answering responses to a postscript in the ads suggesting that people give her a call either today or tomorrow.

In an interview that was constantly interrupted by ringing phones and well-wishers knocking on the hotel door, Mrs. Worden said the response had been nonstop since 7 A.M.

"I'm trying to keep track, but it's hit-or-miss," she said. "I'd estimate that the score is 2 to 1 in favor of people who think what I am doing is simply terrific and are polite about it. But the ones who think it's awful are more passionate and emotional."

She said several callers had called her a Communist and suggested she go back to Massachusetts.

Mrs. Worden's husband, Frederic, is a neurophysiologist engaged in brain research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

She said she had never before spent \$15,000, the cost of the advertising, on anything "aside from a house" but that it was her own inherited money and her husband approved of her cause.

Mrs. Worden grew up in Tarrytown, N. Y., and majored in art while attending Sarah Lawrence College. She said that as a sculptress she had had shows in the United States and abroad.

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