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COMPLAINT FILED ON ANTI-NIXON AD

Common Cause Acts on Call in Times for Impeachment

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, June 19—Common Cause, the citizens' lobby, filed formal complaints today against The New York Times and the Committee to Impeach the President over an advertisement published May 31 in The Times.

The two-page advertisement urged readers to support a resolution to impeach President Nixon because of his Vietnam policy. It was promptly assailed by Republican leaders.

The statement of complaint

filed by Common Cause was contained in two letters written by John W. Gardner, the group's chairman, to W. Pat Jennings, Clerk of the House of Representatives, and to Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats of the General Accounting Office.

In his letter to Mr. Jennings, Mr. Gardner said that the committee had failed to meet the requirement of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 that groups supporting Congressional candidates must file statements of organization and a report of receipts and expenditures.

The committee listed nine members of Congress who were on its "honor roll" for supporting the impeachment resolution. It said it would support them and others who joined them for re-election.

The letter to Mr. Staats said

the advertisement had violated two regulations promulgated by the G.A.O., the agency that monitors campaign spending.

Mr. Gardner said that one regulation required "publications to display the name and address of the person paying for an advertisement derogating a candidate's position on a campaign issue, and a statement that the person is not authorized by a Federal candidate to place the ad, if that is the case."

Another regulation, Mr. Gardner said, "requires a committee to include on the face of all literature and advertisements a statement that the committee's statement of organization can be obtained from the Government Printing Office."

Neither of these requirements were met, Mr. Gardner said.

In another action, Mr. Gardner said he had again asked

John N. Mitchell, chairman of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, to disclose the sources of President Nixon's campaign funds received before April 7.