

Nixon Election

Nader Sues on Aides' Pay

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Ralph Nader has asked federal court to order White House aides to return public funds they collected in salaries while allegedly devoting

most of their time to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

Nader said the State Department when apprised of a similar situation sought and received \$10,000 in reimbursements from the Republican Party. He said the White House refused to acknowledge his complaint and as a result a suit was filed yesterday.

"What we have here is simply a case of a political raid on the U.S. Treasury," Nader said at a news conference.

Joint Action

The suit was filed jointly by Nader and Public Citizen Inc., which was described as a nonprofit consumer-advocate group financed by contributions from 65,000 persons.

The suit alleges that:

"Commencing at some time unknown to Nader and Public Citizen Inc. and continuing until Nov. 7, 1972, Charles Colson, special counsel to the President of the United States; Robert H. Finch, counselor to the President; Herbert G. Klein, director of communications for the executive branch, and various members of their staffs, of the White House staff and of the staff of the Vice President, were devoting substantially all of their working time to the campaign to re-elect Richard M. Nixon as President of the United States.

Salaries

"Messrs. Colson, Finch and Klein and the other persons described . . . continued to receive salaries paid out of public monies in the Treasury of the United States while they were devoting substantially all of their time to the re-election campaign of President Nixon."

In addition to the salaries, Nader said, the White House staff "at the expense of the taxpayer" made free use of White House office space, transportation, phones and office equipment to help re-elect Nixon.