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Singer's Woe After White House Flap

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The singer who displayed an anti-war poster while entertaining a White House audience in January said yesterday job offers have plummeted and she believes her phone is tapped.

Carol Feraci, who appeared before President Nixon and his dinner guests as part of the Ray Conniff Singers, said she has had only one job offer since the incident on January 28.

Miss Feraci, 30, said that since 1965 she had been continually employed in various acts and shows as a background singer. But, she said, "since January 29 my phone has not been ringing."

Her White House actions have scared off producers and arrangers who frequently sought her talent before, she said.

She also told a news conference, called to publicize the forthcoming anti-war demonstrations in Los Angeles and New York on April 22, that she believes the telephone in her Van Nuys home was tapped after the White House appearance.

"As soon as I got back," she said, "I could hear clicks on the phone line and the volume fluctuated." She described a "whirring sound" she said she occasionally hears "as if a tape recorder had run out of tape."

Miss Feraci was one of 18 singers in the troupe appearing before 165 White House guests when she stepped forward and pulled from her plunging neckline a sign reading "Stop the Killing."

Then, standing just a few feet from the Nixon family in the front row, she shouted anti-war pleas. She was escorted out of the White House.

Miss Feraci said four singers who appeared with Conniff that night told her she did the right thing and that they would not perform at the White House again.

Next week's demonstrations in New York and Los Angeles will have massive turnouts, said Jerry Gordon, co-ordinator of the National Peace Action Coalition. However, they will be peaceful, legal and orderly, he predicted.

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