

Woman Sues GOP on Phone Calls

Washington

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation filed a \$1.25 million suit yesterday on behalf of a Massachusetts woman who claims here telephone calls were intercepted by GOP security forces at the Republican National Convention.

Katharine C. Worden, 47, of Weston, Mass., seeks damages from the Republican National Committee, the Committee for the Re-election of the President, the FBI, the Secret Service and the Hotel Fontainebleu in Miami Beach.

Mrs. Worden told a news conference that during the August convention she placed full-page advertisements in three Miami daily newspapers urging citizens to write to President Nixon expressing their views on the Vietnam war.

The ads, costing a total of \$10,000, said she would be at the Fontainebleau during the convention and would talk to anyone who wanted to discuss the war. The ads were anti-war in tone.

She said she occupied a suite at the hotel with two telephones to receive calls. But, she said, "few calls came."

The ACLU Foundation claims in the suit that shortly after the ads were published one or more employees of the hotel "acting at the direction of the security forces of the defendants Republican National Committee and the Committee for the Re-election of the President" ordered hotel telephone operators to "screen, monitor and intercept" all telephone calls to Mrs. Worden.

Persons telephoning Mrs. Worden were asked by operators whether they were calling in response to the ads, the lawsuit states. It also contends that operators were told by the GOP security forces "to turn away calls made in response to such advertisements."

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