

Stans' Plea for 'My Good Name'

Washington

Maurice H. Stans ended his Senate Watergate testimony yesterday with a defense of large campaign contributors and a personal plea: "Give me back my good name."

"A lot of innocent people have been drawn through the mire of unrelenting publicity, insinuations, accusations, charges," the President's campaign finance chief said. "They paid a horrible price merely because they participated in the campaign merely as a contributor or a worker."

"Somebody has got to speak up for those people," he said.

Stans read his closing statement after answering two days of questions, some of them sharp and critical.

He said he hoped the Senate Watergate investigating committee would clear, by name, a number of people, including himself.

Stans, who raised \$50 million for Mr. Nixon's re-election, defended those who give large amounts of money. He said few of them seek favors, and those who do seldom get very far under either Democrats or Republicans.

He specifically mentioned insurance man Clement Stone and hamburger franchiser Ray Kroc, both of Chicago.

Stans said Stone gave \$2 million and "never asked for anything." It had been widely reported that Stone expected to be named as an ambassador.

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