

Haldeman Approved Ban on

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Former presidential assistant H. R. Haldeman personally approved a plan to exclude demonstrators from a "Billy Graham Day" speech by President Nixon in 1971. Two days ago a federal judge ruled that the barring of antiwar demonstrators from the Charlotte, N.C., Coliseum was "a wholesale assault upon the civil rights and liberties of numerous citizens."

A memo read to the Senate Watergate committee yesterday by Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. (R-Conn.) carried Haldeman's initialed

approval of the security plan with the hand-written notation "as long as it is local police and local volunteers doing it—not our people."

The memorandum was prepared by Ronald H. Walker—now director of the National Parks Service—and Weicker indignantly questioned Haldeman on penciled margin notes, apparently approving predictions of violence.

In a passage suggesting that demonstrators would be violent and carry obscene signs, the two words "obscene" and "violent" were underlined and the word "good" was appended.

Where the intelligence memorandum later suggested the demonstrations would be aimed at the Rev. Billy Graham as well as the President, Haldeman had added the written comment, "great."

In a question he said was related to the mentality in the White House that would approve the likely occurrence of obscenity and violence directed against the President, Weicker asked, "How in any way can that be good?"

Haldeman replied that his comments related to a "very great" campaign problem of heckling, violence and ob-

scene signs that he said the media did not recognize. In that case the demonstration would be before the press and public "in a place like North Carolina where the people are wise enough not to feel that this is a very good thing to do."

In Charlotte yesterday, George S. Daley Jr., lawyer for 14 people excluded from the coliseum meeting due to the Walker-Haldeman memo, said he now plans to name the presidential assistant as a defendant in an \$840,000 civil damage suit.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge James B. McMillan

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ruled the Secret Service could not prohibit dissenters from attending presidential functions unless the President's personal safety was endangered. He also sent the damage suit to trial.

Other defendants are Secret Service Director James Rowley, the city of Charlotte, the Charlotte police chief and unnamed police officers and Secret Service agents.

Daley said the case was handicapped by lack of cooperation from the Secret Service and difficulty in identifying the men who were guarding the door.

When one man, Ernie Lee Helms, was identified from photographs and asked to testify on his actions, he invoked the Fifth Amendment.

In his ruling, Judge McMillan called Helms "a mystery" and added that he is "a person of muscle and dimension adequate to playing tackle for the Washington Redskins."

Daley said he was unable to establish who hired Helms to act as bouncer at the meeting. "Everybody ran from him like he was a leper. We couldn't make a link up from him."

The only evidence, Daley said, was the testimony of a Charlotte agent of the Secret Service, John Grimes, "who was the world's most evasive witness. About the only thing he did admit was that the Secret Service was in town that day."

In addition to naming Haldeman as a defendant, Daley said he would ask what connection there was between Helms and the White House. "I'm going to ask him under oath if he had anything to do with ordering Helms to take the Fifth Amendment."

The memo recommended

recruiting Veterans of Foreign Wars to man checkpoints, and Helms is a member of the Charlotte VFW post. He could not be reached for comment yesterday.

The post commander, Don Santaus, said friends of Helms believed that "he was doing what any other U.S. citizen would do if someone from Washington asked you to help the President."

Asked where Mr. Helms could be located, he replied, "He's incommunicado. He is getting an \$840,000 law suit against him, and he doesn't make that much money."