

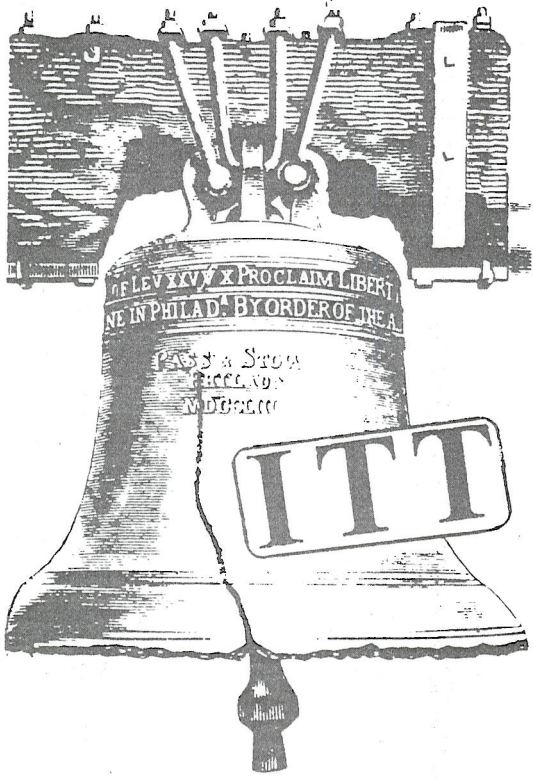
WE THE PEOPLE...



On November 7, 1972, a popular election was held for the purpose of choosing electors who would in turn choose the next president and vice-president of the United States. That election was fraudulent, unconstitutional and otherwise unlawful, in that the people of the United States were, because of a massive number of unprecedented and unlawful acts, deprived of their right to cast intelligent votes, free from fraud, criminal deception and purchase in an open and honest election. As the fraudulent and criminal acts have continued unabated, and in fact, have intensified subsequent to that election, with the president claiming to be above the law and the constitution, beyond the congress, and outside the scope of criminal investigation, this action is brought by the people of the United States to set aside the results of that election, and remove Richard Nixon from office.

Proclaim the 1972 Elections Fraudulent And therefore Invalid.

PEOPLE'S LAWSUIT TO SET



"I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our moneyed corporations, which dare already to challenge our government to a trial of strength and bid defiance to the laws of our country."

Thomas Jefferson

The People's Lawsuit charges that the wall of secrecy around the Cambodian bombing is evidence of a wider conspiracy which denied the American people the facts necessary to cast an informed vote. Furthermore, we charge that those citizens and groups who tried to challenge those lies and war policies were persecuted and harrassed. The lies were intended to fool the American people into believing that Nixon had "peaceful" intentions.

These acts by the President, his subordinates, his agencies, wealthy individuals and giant corporations have jeopardized our democratic institutions. The President's most recent acts display his continued intention to disregard the legal processes and place himself above and beyond the law. The fact that these undemocratic and illegal practices have continued and intensified requires that the results of the 1972 election be set aside and that Richard M. Nixon be removed from office.

Who Are The Defendants ?

The People's Lawsuit to set aside the 1972 election charges that many individuals and corporations conspired to deprive the American people of the right to free and honest elections. We are suing Richard M. Nixon and all those people in and out of the White House who were involved in the illegal acts of the Watergate breakin, the subsequent cover-up, and "dirty tricks" of the re-election campaign.

The People's Lawsuit also charges that the election was bought by certain economic interests. We include as defendants some of the corporations and wealthy individuals who contributed vast sums to the election fraud, and have since received many benefits in the form of ambassadorial appointments, increased prices and profits, favorable government treatment, and subsidies and contracts.

A Few Examples:

- * ITT donated \$400,000 to the Republican convention in return for the Justice Department's dropping a major anti-trust action against them.
- * Dairy industry officials gave over \$2 million in return for a reduction in certain imported dairy items, thus driving up prices. They gave another \$422,500 and were granted an increase in Federal milk price supports.
- * Major oil companies contributed over \$5 million to Finance-CRP. In the past year gasoline prices have risen over 40%.
- * Ray Croc, President of the McDonald's hamburger chain, donated \$250,000 to the campaign. Nixon's veto of the increased minimum wage affected almost all of McDonald's employees.



ASIDE THE 1972 ELECTIONS

Who Are The Plaintiffs ?

The constitutional right of Americans to choose their highest elected officials has been violated. Therefore, the people of the United States must bring the lawsuit. Every person, no matter for whom he or she voted, can be a plaintiff. Even those who were ineligible to vote, or did not vote, but who have nevertheless been injured by the election, may become plaintiffs.

Since the election was a fraud, all subsequent acts of this administration are invalid. So, the fight to set aside the election must include all of us who have been adversely affected by Nixon's legislation. We have watched prices soar as our wages were frozen. Nixon vetoed the minimum wage bill as our prices doubled and sometimes tripled. There were huge Federal cutbacks in health, education, housing and all other areas of human need. Larger and larger amounts of money were funnelled into the Indochina war and military spending.

<i>Cut Backs</i>	<i>Millions</i>
Elementary/Secondary education	-\$ 1,500.
Federally funded hospitals (Veterans Administration hosps.)	-\$ 36.
Office of Economic Opportunity	-\$ 423.
Public assistance	-\$ 1,237.
Medical programs	-\$ 60.
Environmental Protection Admin.	-\$ 75.
Education for handicapped	-\$ 24.
Child nutrition programs	-\$ 252.
<i>Increases</i>	
B-1 Bombers	+\$ 29.
MK-48	+\$ 7.
SAM-G Missiles	+\$ 23.
F-15 tactical aircraft	+\$ 240.
Air force development	+\$ 92.

... besides the untold billions spent on the Indochina war and in support of the Thieu regime.



"While all men could be persuaded they had no rights, or that rights appertained only to a certain class of men, it was not difficult to govern them authoritatively. . . . But when the ignorance is gone and the superstition with it, when they perceive the imposition . . . when they reflect that the cultivator and the manufacturer are the primary means of all the wealth that exists in the world . . . when they begin to feel their . . . usefulness and their right as members of society, it is then no longer possible to govern them as before. The fraud once detected cannot be retracted. . . ."

Tom Paine

Those who have benefited from Nixon's administration are corporations and wealthy individuals such as those in agri-business and war-related industries. Howard Hughes, ITT and corrupt foreign dictators have flourished while conditions for us have become increasingly worse.

Our entire history, including the struggle for independence, for the abolition of slavery, for the abolition of child labor, for the right of women's suffrage, for the right to form unions, for civil rights, and for an end to the Viet Nam war has taught us that *the people must always fight for their rights*. Perhaps we have had no power in the decisions that affect our lives. We will not have any power unless we fight for it.

If we had been able to take direct action during these last years, we wouldn't be facing inflationary prices, an impending energy crisis and three more years of a corrupt president. The People's Lawsuit gives us the opportunity to stop being spectators and take part in making the policies which affect our lives.

Do We Have A Case ?

Yes. There are compelling constitutional issues and legal precedents on our side. This type of action has been instituted at both the state and federal levels and *has been successful*. In one of the first lawsuits of its kind in the 1960's, a federal court set aside an election in Sunflower County, Mississippi because of fraudulent activity; and in 1972, the Rooney-Lowenstein Congressional primary election in New York was declared null and void.

The issues we are raising in this lawsuit are extremely explosive. The success of the legal battle depends upon the strength of the support among the people. The number of plaintiffs, the amount of local interest and the loudness of the public outcry will all affect the outcome of the court proceedings.

While the lawyers fight inside the courtroom, we have to continue to fight outside. We must take the people's lawsuit to our community groups, unions, churches, schools and to our neighbors. The more people who know about the lawsuit, talk about the issues and join with the rest of us as plaintiffs, the greater effect we will have.

President Nixon, during his re-election campaign, completely disregarded democratic procedures. His actions since then have also been injurious to our country. We must work in every conceivable way to remove his illegitimate hold on the office of President. We must demand that Congress move ahead with plans for impeachment; and we, *ourselves*, must press this lawsuit to invalidate the 1972 election and remove Nixon from office.

No contribution is required to become a plaintiff in the People's Lawsuit. We are, however, fighting the most powerful, best financed political machine in this nation's history. This administration raised millions by selling political favors and special treatment of those interests who could afford to pay huge sums of money. Their strategy was to win the election by overcoming the opposition with the sheer power of the dollar and as many dirty tricks as money could buy. This remains their basic weapon today.

We don't need Nixon's millions to prove our case, but we do need enough money to conduct a well-researched, well-prepared lawsuit. We won't tap the resources of the corporations which financed Nixon's campaign to support this action, but we do have faith that the people of this country will take a stand. Every new plaintiff, every contribution brings us one step closer to removing Richard M. Nixon and taking back control of our country and our lives.

IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A PLAINTIFF IN THIS LAWSUIT, COMPLETE THIS COUPON.

PEOPLE'S LAWSUIT TO SET ASIDE THE 1972 ELECTION

I want to be a plaintiff.

I hereby authorize the Committee to Set Aside the 1972 Election to act on my behalf by doing all things necessary or desirable to carry through this suit including retaining attorneys and receiving any and all notices. This authorization is valid only in connection with this suit. I understand the Committee will assume all expenses and will not require me to make any reimbursement.

Signature of Plaintiff _____

- I will help organize support for the lawsuit.
 Enclosed is a contribution to help defray legal expenses.
 Please send me _____ copies of this brochure (\$20.00 per thousand)

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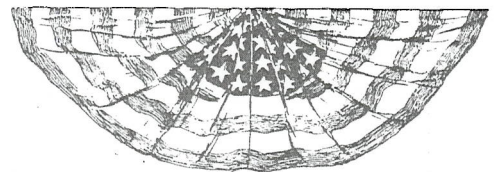
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Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal... with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.



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Dear Friend:

Do you believe that Richard Nixon would have been elected if the American people had known the truth about Watergate and countless other scandals prior to November, 1972? Do you believe the American people would have voted for higher food prices, impoundment of Congressionally authorized funds, secret bombings of Cambodia and the "energy crisis"? We don't think so. We think that Richard Nixon came to power on a wave of fraud, deceit, extortion and bribery. And we intend to prove it, in court.

The National Lawyers Guild has committed itself to one of the most important lawsuits in America's history--a suit to have the 1972 Presidential election declared null and void, as both the election process and the outcome were patently illegal and unconstitutional.

This is a serious piece of litigation, based on established legal principles and amply supported by facts. During the past three months a team of National Lawyers Guild members has been amassing factual and legal material necessary to institute this action. Yet most of the work--uncovering sources, taking depositions, investigating evidence, interviewing witnesses and preparing the case for trial--lies ahead.

The events of the last several months have made it clear that WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, must take direct action. Thousands of people have already become plaintiffs in the People's Lawsuit, people who demand that a strong, independent approach be taken to end Mr. Nixon's illegal possession of the Presidency.

The success of the People's Lawsuit depends on all of us, for we cannot undertake this action alone. Together, we can win! Please support this crucial lawsuit by contributing as much as you can today.

Sincerely,



James Larson,
President, NLG



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Prof. of Law, Rutgers Univ.

P. S. Despite overwhelming public outcry and criticism, Mr. Nixon continues to flaunt the law. One day it's five erasures of 18 minutes of incriminating tape, the next day it's a secret deal with big oil interests. We must act now to remove Richard Nixon from office and prevent future election frauds.

Established 1937



THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The People's Lawsuit is in the tradition of the Guild's 37 year history of supporting the constitutional rights of groups and individuals working for social and economic justice in the United States. The NLG has provided legal support for the

- * Labor Movement
- * Civil Rights Movement
- * Peace Movement.

Today, more than 4,000 Guild lawyers, legal workers and law students are fighting in the fields of

- * Health rights
- * Consumer protection
- * Race and sex discrimination
- * G.I. and Veterans rights
- * Labor
- * Prison reform
- * Abuse of governmental power.

The Guild and its members are providing legal defense for

- * The United Farmworkers
- * The American Indian Movement at Wounded Knee
- * The Attica Brothers Legal Defense

Widespread, almost daily publicity is evidence of The Guild's work and that of its members in trials such as

- * Pentagon Papers
- * Angela Davis
- * Harrisburg
- * Gainesville
- * Chicago Conspiracy

as well as thousands of other trials each year.