

A Pep Rally for The President

Washington

President Nixon told a cheering crowd of 350 supporters last night that he plans to "stay on my job — the job I was elected to do."

Mr. Nixon repeated the statement at least three times at a White House gathering he hosted for the National Citizen's Committee for Fairness to the President.

The President received a prolonged ovation when he entered the East Room. His guests shouted, "Right Mr. President!" to nearly every utterance he made.

Standing beside him was his wife Pat and the committee's organizer, Rabbi Baruch Korff.

Rabbi Korff organized the committee to counter what he said was news reporting that unfairly concentrated on the Watergate scandals and in the process demeaned the presidency and ignored Mr. Nixon's contributions to the country.

"At the cost of personal

criticism against me and my family," the President said, "even more than the man Nixon, I am considering the office of the presidency and the country."

"It's not me that you honor," he told exuberant guests. "It's for the presidency and peace in the world."

"Let's think of the future of America," he said.

At one point Mr. Nixon extolled achievements of the U.S. and asked, "Do you want Russia to do this?"

To each question he got a resounding "No!"

The press was barred from covering the event.

At a \$100-a-plate fundraising luncheon for the committee earlier yesterday, Vice President Gerald R. Ford said, "I say we need to encourage fairness clear across the board . . . or we stand in danger of losing the greatest free government the world has ever known."

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