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Rhodes Hits 'Lobbying' For President's Ouster

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 31 (UPI)—House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes, (R-Ariz.) said Thursday that "the AFL-CIO and several ultra-liberal groups have already judged President Nixon on Watergate and are openly lobbying to have him removed from office."

Rhodes, speaking to an Appreciation Day dinner for Rep. William L. Dickinson (R-Ala.), said the House Judiciary Committee is trying to do a good job.

"The Republicans on the committee, and I confer with them often, are working to keep the proceedings as fair as possible," he said, but added that there are "outside elements determined to make impeachment another election—a political carnival. They have judged and now are openly lobbying for Congress to kick the President out."

Rhodes appealed to the

Judiciary Committee not to substitute emotion for reason.

At a news conference before his speech, Rhodes said that although he had not taken a head count he did not believe there were enough votes in the House to impeach the President.

He also said Mr. Nixon had given the Judiciary Committee more tapes and transcripts than the committee could ever force him to give up.

Dickinson, one of several conservatives Mr. Nixon invited for a cruise on the Potomac Wednesday night, said the President has vowed there are some tapes he will never give up.

"He said . . . there are some tapes that are so sensitive to national security that he wouldn't release them under any circumstances," said Dickinson, "even if it mean that he had to leave office."