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# WALDIE SAYS NIXON USED ETHNIC SLUR

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California Democrat Refers  
to Tape of Feb. 28, 1973

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WASHINGTON, June 2 (UPI) — Representative Jerome R. Waldie, Democrat of California, said today that he heard President Nixon make an ethnic slur on a White House tape recording that is in the possession of the House Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Waldie is a member of the committee, which is conducting an investigation into Mr. Nixon's possible impeachment.

Mr. Waldie said that, "beyond any question of a doubt," he heard the President make "ethnic references that were in the nature of a slur" on a tape recording of a conversation in the White House on Feb. 28, 1973.

Mr. Waldie did not say whom the President was talking with at the time, nor would he repeat exactly what was said.

"No matter how insensitive the listener might be, you could not interpret that language [on the tape] other than an ethnic slur," Mr. Waldie said.

### White House Support

Gerald L. Warren, the deputy White House press secretary,

responded by reiterating the White House's previous statements that the tapes contained no ethnic or racial remarks.

Mr. Waldie, who is regarded as one of the most outspoken proponents for impeachment on the Judiciary Committee, and Representative Lawrence J. Hogan, Republican of Maryland, who is one of the President's strongest supporters on the 38-member committee, were interviewed jointly on the CBS-TV's "Face the Nation."

Mr. Hogan said he had "not heard any ethnic slurs in any of the tapes that I have heard." But he conceded that he had not heard the section of tape to which Mr. Waldie was referring.

The issue of ethnic references was first raised last month, when The New York Times reported that sources said Mr. Nixon had used the terms "Jew boy" and "wop" while talking with his former counsel, John W. Dean 3d.

J. Fred Buzhardt, the President's special counsel, denied the allegation during an interview on "Face the Nation" on May 12, and maintained that The Time's article was part of a "concerted campaign" to "poison the public mind against the President."

Mr. Buzhardt said later today that he stood by his previous remarks that he had heard no slurs, and added that revival of the issue was an attempt "to divert attention from the inability of the committee to find substantive evidence of an impeachable offense."