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Mrs. Mitchell Is Angered
By 'No-Rancor' Statement

Martha Mitchell objected yesterday to a statement by a lawyer for her husband, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, that the separation action filed Wednesday by Mrs. Mitchell was a "friendly proceeding" and that there is "no rancor between them, no ill-feelings on either side."

"I never intended, not do I intend to go public, as far as my matrimonial problems are concerned," Mrs. Mitchell said in a telephone call to The New York Times. "But Mitchell went public and placed me at a disadvantage."

"I have fought for truth, honesty, decency and justice all the way from the top of our Government to the bottom of our Government and consequently I feel that the former Attorney General should not be allowed to set an example for matrimonial cases that is so uncouth and despicable."

"Can you imagine what it is like when a man walks out on his wife?" asked Mrs. Mitchell, who said her husband had not been in touch with her since last September despite her repeated requests to his lawyers that he "simply come and sit down nicely and talk to me."