

Vice President Defends The Impeachment Panel

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Disagreeing with White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler, Vice President Gerald Ford said yesterday he would not describe the House Judiciary Committee as a "kangaroo court."

Ford was asked at a news conference about Ziegler's statement earlier in the day that special counsel John Doar and committee chairman Peter Rodino were conducting a kangaroo court.

"Rodino as chairman of that committee has done his utmost to handle it in a fair way," Ford said. "You would certainly not call the manner in which that committee has operated a kangaroo court."

"Of course," the Vice President said, "there are some members of that committee that decided on impeachment before they even saw the evidence, but that's understandable."

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