

Nixon Pledges Victory

In a Call to 1,500 at Rally

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WASHINGTON, July 18 — More than 1,500 of President Nixon's most ardent supporters gave an enthusiastic demonstration of their confidence in him and his Administration Thursday night.

Mr. Nixon, vacationing in California, informed them in a telephone message that he planned to finish his second term despite efforts to impeach him.

"We are going to continue until we win," he said, and the Citizens Congress of the National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency filled a spacious ballroom at a local hotel with an explosion of applause.

Dancing in the Aisles

It was but one of many such outbursts of admiration for Mr. Nixon during the three hours of foot-stomping, hand-clapping, standing ovations, prayers, hopeful speeches, jazz and some impromptu dancing in the aisles.

There were appearances by Mr. Nixon's younger daughter, Mrs. David Eisenhower, members of his Cabinet, a United States Senator and many of the President's White House aides, counselors and assistants.

The \$10-a-plate dinner in the Shoreham Americana Hotel was the opening session of the committee's five-day meeting here, intended by the group's leaders to stimulate fund-raising and increased support for the President.

The rally was organized by Rabbi Baruch M. Korff, the founder and president of the organization that says it has more than two million members in 233 groups in all 50 states. It was Rabbi Korff who answered the President's call from San Clemente, Calif.

Mr. Nixon told the group that he was grateful for its loyalty and support.

He added that his gratitude was extended on behalf of the "others [who] will follow me in this office, beginning in 1977 when I shall finish my term."

The Rabbi, who is said to have spent more than \$14,000 of his funds attempting to gain public support for his organization, told the President, "We love you dearly."

"Now, I guess he will know that he is not alone in this mess," an elderly woman from Chicago said as Rabbi Korff replaced the telephone receiver and brushed a tear from his cheek.

Like many of the other participants, the Illinois woman was wearing a button with the slogan, "Get Off the President's Back," and, like many of the others, she was hostile to the press.

"If you'd leave the man alone, everything would be fine," he suggested to reporters standing near the long head table where moments before a Baptist minister from North Carolina had asked for divine

attention to "a malicious press corps."

The Rev. Ross Moyer, pastor of the Rocky Mount Baptist Church, suggested in his invocation that journalists and other "opportunists" were the "enemies of world peace."

That brought whispered "amens" from a few persons with bowed heads around the glittering, brightly lit room. When Mrs. Anne Armstrong, a counselor to Mr. Nixon, castigated the press, she received a standing ovation. Her remarks followed speeches by Ms. Eisenhower and Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz and a concert by Lionel Hampton and his band.

Mr. Hampton, a long-time supporter of Mr. Nixon, presented a new song to the audience called "We Need Nixon." Mr. Hampton's gravel-throated rendition with his 10-piece band elicited a chorus from the committee's representatives:

*"We need Nixon.
Let's stay with Nixon.
Let's help him finish the job.
People know him,
So let's all show him,
We're sure that he's the best
man for the job.*

*We need Nixon
Please stay with Nixon,
With faith and love we'll place
our trust;
Our man is Nixon,
He's right on fixin'
A better world for all of us."*

Senator Carl T. Curtis, the Nebraska Republican, and Frederick B. Dent, Secretary of Commerce, told the gathering that Mr. Nixon deserved an outpouring of public support for his work.

Also on hand were Patrick Buchanan, Bruce Herschensohn, James R. Holland, the Rev. John McLaughlin, David N. Parker, William J. Baroody and several others on the White House staff.