

Haldeman Jeered at Arrival in N.C.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C., Aug. 22 —Former White House aide H. R. Haldeman was taunted by demonstrators here today as he arrived to give a deposition in a \$840,000 civil suit filed by protesters who were barred from a 1971 speech by former President Nixon.

The 10 demonstrators who dogged Haldeman during a 200-yard walk from his car to a lawyer's office were members of the "Red Hornet Mayday Tribe," a group of self-styled radicals who are suing Haldeman, two other Nixon administration officials, and the Secret Service for allegedly violating their civil rights.

They say they were illegally ejected from an appearance by the former President at Billy Graham Day ceremonies in the Charlotte Coliseum nearly three years ago.

"People here hate you as much as anywhere else, H.R.," one of the Red Hornets shouted at him.

Haldeman then went into a secret session with at least six attorneys that lasted less than 30 minutes. His deposition will not be made public until after the completion of his trial in Washington for conspiracy in the Watergate cover-up.

Earlier, Haldeman and his Charlotte lawyer, S. Dean Hamrick, refused to answer questions from about 20 reporters who followed him nearly everywhere. At every

question regarding his testimony, Haldeman repeated, "On advice of counsel, I've been told not to make any comment about what I plan to say."

George S. Daly, Jr., the attorney for the plaintiffs, also would not answer questions because of a secrecy order issued by U.S. District Judge James B. McMillan of Charlotte.

It was McMillan who ordered Haldeman and former Nixon advance man William Henkel Jr. and Ronald H. Walker to come to Charlotte to give testimony.

Henkel was in Charlotte Wednesday, where he testified

for six hours and denied to the press that he had ordered anyone ejected from the Coliseum on Billy Graham Day.

Walker is due here next Wednesday.

During the Senate Watergate hearings last summer, a memo from Haldeman to Walker surfaced indicating that Haldeman had approved tough security measures for Mr. Nixon's Charlotte visit.

In the memo, Haldeman said "Yes" to the ouster plans, and added: "As long as it is local police and local volunteers doing it—not our people." The word "not" was underlined.

The Charlotte police and the president of a local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter, whose members ejected large numbers of persons from the Coliseum on the claim that they held forged tickets, are also named as defendants in the law suit.

On Haldeman's walk into the lawyer's office today, Marvin Sparrow, the self-styled Red Hornet leader, shouted at him: "Bob, I want you to tell the truth in there today and don't lie."

Red-faced, Haldeman mumbled back, "I've never lied in my life."