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CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 22

— H. R. Haldeman gave a deposition here today under a Federal court order in an \$840,000 civil suit arising out of a disturbance at a speech given by President Nixon three years ago.

The former White House aide was ordered to appear in Charlotte by United States District Judge James B. McMillan after his attorney requested a delay in the proceedings. A year ago, Judge McMillan ruled that the Charlotte Police Department, the Secret Service and some members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars illegally "abused, manhandled and excluded" numerous young people from the Charlotte Coliseum on Oct. 15, 1971, when Mr. Nixon honored the Rev. Billy Graham.

On advice of counsel, Mr. Haldeman refused today any comment on any subject. However, outside the lawyers' offices where the deposition was taken, for members of a local antiwar group attempted to engage him in a dialogue.

When one of the group told Mr. Haldeman to "go in there and tell the truth," the former Presidential adviser replied, "I always have."