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**Group Led by Hamilton Fish Sr.  
Appeals for Leniency for Nixon**

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An organization called Operation Freedom, headed by former Representative Hamilton Fish Sr., placed a half-page advertisement in three newspapers Tuesday and yesterday urging that former President Richard M. Nixon not be prosecuted for his involvement in the Water-gate cover-up.

The advertisement appeared Tuesday in The Dallas Morning News and yesterday in The Fort Lauderdale News and The Arizona Daily Star.

"Any attempt to make a martyr of Richard M. Nixon would be very harmful to the tranquility, unity and security of the nation and open the door to the takeover of Congress by the radicals, Socialists and Marxists," the advertisement said.

A plea for donations to continue such "nonpartisan appeals in other newspapers" was included in the advertisement. If enough money is contributed, said Mr. Fish, a Republican, his organization will place the advertisement "in every paper in the nation."

Mr. Fish's son, Representative Hamilton Fish Jr., Republican

of upstate New York, voted for one impeachment article in the House Judiciary Committee.

"There are very few fanatical Nixon haters in Congress who would like to lynch him in an obviously unfair, Washington spectacle or Roman holiday," said the advertisement. "Only a few prominent Democrats such as R. Sargent Shriver Jr., the Kennedy in-law, whose son was charged with taking drugs, but got off easily, now want the last drop of Nixon's blood."

"What about the Chappaquiddick cover-ups? A member of the Kennedy family is the last one to raise moral or cover-up issues."

Mr. Fish declined to discuss the finances of Operation Freedom but said, "we've gotten no money at all that I know of from Nixon associates. I have particularly kept away from all people connected with him, because we want our freedom in our own way."

The three advertisements cost a total of \$2,800, he said.