



RONALD L. ZIEGLER
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Ziegler Reinvited to Speak But Offer Is Cut to \$1,000

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BOSTON, Jan. 30.—Former President Nixon's White House press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, was re-invited today to speak at Boston University.

University President John R. Silber issued a statement offering Ziegler the school's standard maximum speaker's fee of \$1,000 plus expenses, not the \$2,500 he was originally offered.

"Since the withdrawal of the invitation has received national publicity that has distorted the university's position on free speech, I am acting to remove any doubts about that commitment," Silber said.

Earlier this week, the student government of the university's School of Public Communication voted to rescind Ziegler's invitation for a Feb. 26 lecture on "The Use and Abuse of Power." Students and faculty questioned the "morality of helping the chief spokesman of the Watergate cover-up profit from his actions," as one student put it.

John Roberts, executive director of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, said Wednesday students at Boston University have served to "kill the freedom of speech" by rescinding Ziegler's invitation.

Silber said he spoke with Ziegler's agent at the W. Col-

ston Leigh lecture bureau in New York today and the agent reportedly "took the \$1,000 fee under advisement."

In other developments, at Suffolk University here, students have begun circulating a petition opposing the scheduled appearance of former White House Counsel John W. Dean III. A protest meeting with that school's student government is scheduled for next week.

At Michigan State University in East Lansing, the student government has withdrawn its 50 per cent backing of Ziegler's scheduled Feb. 25 lecture. University officials said the school's administration will pay the \$2,500 fee.

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