BY SAUL KOHLER

WASHINGTON - President Nixon is losing support rapidly in the Senate and barely has enough votes for acquittal if he stands trial for high crimes and misdemeanors. Seasoned vote-counters are predicting the verdict would bear a direct ratio to the size of the impeachment vote in the House of Representatives.

'A hard count would give the President only about 25 bedrock votes today, regardless of what the White House thinks or says," a reliable and highly placed Republican source in the Senate said. "And if they get too many more disclosures, he would

lose even his strongest supporters in about 12 seconds

What's more, he'd better not act tough. A defiant President would get no sympathy at all in the United States Sen-

Under the Constitution, it takes a two-thirds vote to convict in an impeachment trial This means Nixon would need 34 votes or more for acquittal to remain in office.

They can horse around adopting all the strictest rules of evidence and procedure they can imagine," the source said. "The senators still are going to vote how they feel. This isn't like a jury trial. where the jury comes in cold and not knowing anything about the case.

"These men know what it's all about - they know what the issues are and the consequences of what they'll be

This view was borne out by Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., a conservative former Republican national chairman considered a supporter of Nixon.

When he says impeachment is a foregone conclusion. it is an admission that the House has what it needs. Now I know we in the Senate are going to listen to all the evidence and do everything we are supposed to do, but a heavy house vote could have an impact here - and well

## Nixon, Cabinet Confer--

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Nixon's once-staunch defenders called for his resignation or impeachment. But White House spokesmen again denied Nixon would step down. saying instead he plans "to

A tidal wave of reaction followed Nixon's release on Monday of a statement and new tape transcripts disclosing

-Gave orders within a week after the Watergate break-in that the Central Intelligence Agency be used to blunt an FBI investigation that threatened to expose the fact his campaign aides channeled money to the burglars.

-Was told six days after the break-in that his campaign director and former attorney general, John N. Mitchell. may have had some prior knowledge of the wiretapping

-Withheld evidence from his closest advisers and lawvers as well as the House Judiciary Committee, and made erroneous statements to the American public.

'This was a serious act of omission for which I take full responsibility and which I deeply regret." Nixon said in

the written statement. Acknowledging that his impeachment by the House is 'virtually a foregone conclusion," Nixon said he would give the Senate for a trial the transcripts of 64 White House tape recordings he is turning over to U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica under a Su-

preme Court order. The harsh reaction of even of some of his closest allies eclipsed the furor that followed his firing last October of special prosecutor Archibald Cox - an incident that triggered what aides later called a firestorm of protest.

But his promise to yield more tapes did little to soften the harsh reaction of some of his closest allies

Republican members of the House of Representatives are likely to call for Nixon's resignation at a party caucus today, according to Rep. John B. Anderson, R-III., chairman of the GOP caucus.

Indications are that Nixon is anticipating such a demand

Battles Again

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Cease-Fire

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) -

Fighting between the Turkish

the Kyrenia mountain range.

Famagusta an armed clash

Cypriot fighters led to the in-

tervention of the United Na-

The sound of artillery and

in the area Monday for the

The Cyprus national guard

vest of Lapithos, nine miles

west of the district capital.

Ankara radio counter-

was the Greeks who launched

Kyrenia.

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itions peace force.

and will accept it. although goes .... You wonder if he'll White House sources said have a handful to support Monday that Nixon has not made a final decision.

A meeting of the 187 House Republicans had been scheduled today for consideration of campaign reform legislation. but Anderson said there was no doubt that the question of President Nixon's fate would dominate discussion.

Visibly shaken and fighting to keep his composure. Rep. Charles E. Wiggins, R-Calif., the silver-haired lawyer who carried the burden of Nixon's defense in the Judiciary Committee, told newsmen;

'After considerable reflecdent of the United States office. should resign.

for impeachment if Nixon didn't quit. Four of his GOP also abandoned their support said they were reassessing Ford. their positions.

Other leading Republicans joined in the chorus of resignation or impeachment de-

Rep. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan, the ranking Re-

feels he has been deceived. "It is clear to me the evijustice charge," Hutchinson

said in a statement "I don't believe in leaders who mislead." said influential conservative Rep. Barber B.

Conable of New York. 'This is the end." said Rep. Harold V. Froehlich, R-Wis. 'He's gone," said Rep. Joel

T. Broyhill, R-Va. Some Southern Democrats who had been solidly in Nixon's anti-impeachment camp were wavering toward undecided. But one. Rep. Otto E. Passman, D-La., said he still backed the President because to err is human, to forgive

House Democratic Leader Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill of Massachusetts said. "A tidal wave is about to strike the House as far as impeachment

But Nixon said in his twopage statement that 'I am firmly convinced that the record, in its entirety, does not justify the extreme step of impeachment and removal of a president.

Aides said the President and his closest advisers discussed his possible resignation during a Camp David conference Sunday.

But they said that Nixon rejected the option and decided instead to follow "the constitutional process" because he didn't want to set "a precetion. I have reached the pain- dent ... of a president allowful conclusion that the Presi- ing himself to be driven from

Two hours after Nixon's Wiggins said he would vote statement was given to a crowd of newsmen milling in the press room 30 paces from colleagues on the committee the Oval Office. Vice President Gerald Ford's office was of the President. Five others distributing a statement from

In it. Ford said he had not seen the new evidence and would stand on his views that Nixon is innocent of any impeachable offense "until I have reason to change them."

But the vice president depublican on the House clared a personal moratorium Judiciary Committee, said he on further discussion of im-

Rep. Charles W. Sandman dence is there to support ar- Jr., R-N.J., who vociferously defended Nixon during the House Judiciary Committee inquiry, said today he has called on Nixon to resign and that he will vote for impeachment if the President does not

Others besides Wiggins on the Judiciary Committee changing their minds on impeachment were Republican Reps. David W. Dennis of Indiana. Wiley Mayne of Iowa and Joseph J. Maraziti of New

Others on the committee who said they were reassessing their opposition to impeachment were Reps. Delbert L. Latta of Ohio, Carlos Moorhead of California, Henry P. Smith III of New York and the committee's ranking Republican. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan.

## Robison's

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impeachment resolution....

what it can be called, there was, I believe, substantial army and Greek Cypriot doubt as to whether or not the troops erupted again today information presented us by around the western edge of the Judiciary Committee as to this article measured up to In the east coast port of the agreed standard of 'clear and convincing' proof of presbetween Greek and Turkish idential involvement in the Watergate break-in, and also would constitute admissible evidence of such in a Senate The fighting in the Kyrenia impeachment trial where mountains centered just west more technical rules of eviof the town of Lapithos and at dence would presumably ap-

Although I will want to machine-gun fire shattered look at the newly released the lull which had taken hold tapes, those doubts would now seem to be erased for the abfirst time since the cease-fire solutely overwhelming majoragreement was signed in Genity of members of the House. which is now ready to vote im-

peachment on Article 1 alone. charged the fighting was set 'But (in the absence) of Mr. off when the Turkish invading Nixon's resignation, which force attempted to improve may be imminent. I think the its positions by advancing House should go forward with the impeachment process and hopefully at a quickening

"In doing so. I hope we will charged in a broadcast that it still pause to give appropriate attention to Article No. 2 of the Judiciary Committee reso-

"But today's statement by lution charging broad abuses the President is equivalent. I of Presidential power and aubelieve, to a plea of guilty of thority, since there, as in its obstruction-of-justice as further elaboration in the Sencharged in Article No. 1 of the ate, we may begin to define the parameters, both moral Prior to this plea, if that is and practical, of acceptable presidential power and author-

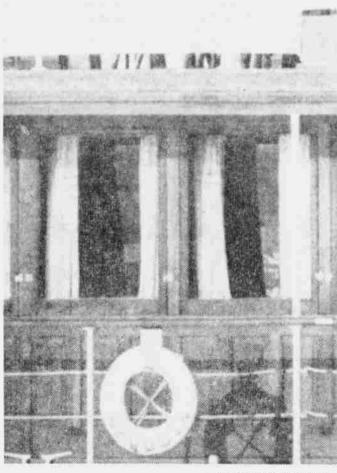
> Such an in-depth view of the institution of the presidency is long overdue, and out of it may come enough potential future good to outweigh the present tragedy of Watergate in all its implications both for the nation and for Richard M. Nixon as an individual.'

Robison, with his impeachment vote decision and call for the President to resign. has come full circle political-

Only 23 months ago, he was stumping for Nixon's re-election. In September 1972, in a speech in Delhi, he said the choice between Nixon and George McGovern was a choice between "steadiness of purpose and clarity of vision on the one hand, and uncertainty as to both goals and

methods on the other. He was emerging at that time, however, as a critic of President Nixon on the waging of the Vietnam war and the impoundment by the White House of funds that had been appropriated and authorized for spending by the Congress.





went on the cruise Monday an hour after he made

his latest Watergate disclosures.

- Associated Press WIREPHOTO ABOARD THE SEQUOIA — Julie and David Eisenhower, President Nixon's daughter and son-in-law, relax aboard presidential yacht Sequoia on Potomac River. President Nixon and family members

Rejects Resignation-to accept how bad it really more likely every day.

congressionally conferred immunity from future prosecutions of civil suits.

He said the House leadership on both sides of the conviction was becoming angry aisle would now insist upon a

Both House Speaker Carl Albert, D-Okla., and Majority Leader Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., denied they had been approached with proposals for

a presidential immunity bill. One Republican said it would be impossible to get such a proposal through the House. He said a majority of GOP members probably would vote aganst it out of resentment at the President's disclosure Monday

This source said Nixon had weighed the possibility of an immediate resignation. Another source said the President had instructed one speechwriter to prepare "material that could be used in a resignation speech" while emphasizing Nixon had made no decision to step down.

Speechwriter Ray Price was described as agreeing Nixon's position was nearly hopeless, but suggesting that he again take his case to the people

The 25th Amendment option was raised by Nixon after St. Clair and Buchanan brought up the option of resignation. Nixon told aides he is not prepared to resign now and questioned Buchanan and St. Clair about the accuracy of their impeachment assessment.

"He wasn't quite prepared

Ward Named DA

ALBANY (AP) - Walter J. Ward of Seneca Falls, public defender in Seneca County, was named today as the county's district attorney.

is." the source said.

I wish you hadn't said Buchanan delivered a that "the President reportgloomy political assemment, edly replied in a tone the advising Nixon that Senate source described as sad not

## Path of Departure--

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sel, John W. Dean III, told him of it on March 21, 1973 - nine months after the latest tape indicates he was aware of it.

In the light of all of the backing, filling, mistakes, erasures, deletions, and omissions that have characterized the White House's handling of the Watergate coverup evidence so far, it seems unlikely that the President will get far with his explanation for why he remained silent.

In a statement accompanying the transcripts, the President says that he listened to two June 23 conversations and recognized that these "presented potential problems," but he confesses that he told none of his staff, his lawyers, or his defenders in the House about it.

"At that time, I did not realize the extent of the implications which these conversations might now appear to have." That the President could not have "realized the implica-

tions" of this information transparently is straining the credulity of even his most faithful followers. This specific charge - using the CIA to head off the FBI

investigation - had been among the matters investigated by the Senate Watergate Committee in its public hearings. It was one of the principal charges made against seven of his former White House and political associates March 1

in U.S. District Court here (for which they will be tried next And finally, it was fully debated in the evidentiary proceedings - which began May 9, with the President's lawyer present - and has become one of the charges (Article II.

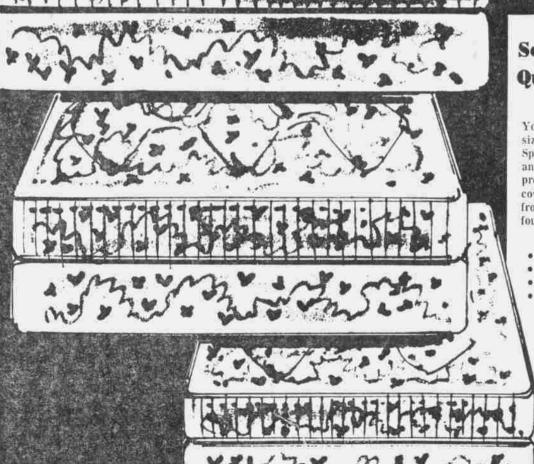
Paragrah 5) of the impeachment resolution against the President adopted by the Judiciary Committee at the end of last The President makes two pleas in his defense, but early

outraged returns from Congress indicate that neither one is getting houseroom. One is that as a result of his instructions, the FBI did check with the CIA to see if it was involved in Watergate. The other is that the evidence must be looked at "in its entirety.

Had the President supplied the "evidence in its entirety" a long time ago, as his best friends urged, he might not be in the fix he appears to be in now.

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