

2 Congressmen Urge Nixon Immunity

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 29 (UPI)—Two Louisiana congressmen are urging that Richard N. Nixon be granted immunity from prosecution for his role in the Watergate cover-up.

Rep. David Treen of Metairie, La., the only Republican elected to Congress from Louisiana in this century and an avid Nixon loyalist, said Wednesday he asked Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski not to press charges against the former President.

"I am not saying that Richard Nixon is above the law," Treen said in a letter to Jaworski. "I quite agree that no one is above the law." But he said, "Prosecutive action against the former President would be extremely divisive and counter-productive in unifying our country."

"The divisiveness and acrimony which would result could weaken and imperil this nation," Treen said. "On the other hand, the exercise of your discretion not to prosecute would contribute immensely to the healing of divisions."

Sen. J. Bennett Johnston Jr. (D-La.) said that while he opposed unconditional and blanket amnesty for draft evaders, he would support and recommend such treatment for Mr. Nixon.

"The fact of the matter is that the resignation of the President of the United States is perhaps the most patriotic and noble act of his presidency," Johnston said. "By resigning, the President saved this country."

Rep. Joe D. Waggoner, a

veteran Democratic congressman and a staunch Nixon supporter, volunteered no stance on immunity but said he had talked to the former President three times since he left office.

"He realizes he has problems," Waggoner said. "He knows that the problems he has, by and large, he helped create. But he's looking to the future as well and I really think that his attitude is just a further extension of that which he exhibited while he was President while so much criticism was being heaped upon him."