

Javits Feels Nixon Issue Affects World's Economy

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Senator Jacob K. Javits said yesterday that there would be "a very positive effect on the world's economy" if President Nixon "stepped down." But he added that the same effect might be obtained if Congress acted quickly on the question of impeachment.

What is needed, he asserted, is "certainty" about the status of the Presidency. Without that certainty, he said, the United States cannot exert its leadership as the greatest economic power in achieving world stability.

When he was asked if he wanted the President to resign, he said, as he has before, that as a lawyer he could not ask a man to resign when he was affirming his innocence.

"I can't find him guilty," said the Senator, a Republican and candidate for re-election, said.

In March, when James L. Buckley, the Conservative Republican Senator from New York, urged the President to resign, Mr. Javits disagreed. He said that Mr. Nixon should not resign "at this time" and that

he would press for early action by the House on impeachment.

Mr. Javits, who returned Monday night from an 11-day visit to Britain, West Germany, France and Israel, gave his views at a news conference yesterday at his office here.

He said that he was giving his views after having talked with the new leaders of the four countries, but that he was not quoting them. Asserting that there was "tremendous inflation" and other economic problems, he said the world was waiting for the United States to act.

He said that the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, which is conducting closed impeachment hearings, should make its report to the full House within the next four weeks, and that the House should vote "yea or nay" on impeachment within the following two weeks.

He repeated an earlier statement that the President should turn over his powers to Vice President Ford if the House voted to impeach him.