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Impeachment - "Why Congress must Consider Impeachment," by Jerome Waldie. "Impeachment is NOT a course to be taken lightly. To shrink from it now, however, is to take our constitutional system and the rule of law lightly."

"In Communist countries and fascist dictatorships and other nations whose democracy is supposedly more fragile than ours, it is all too familiar for the head of state or the leader of a coup to announce that he has decided, in the best interests of the state, to dissolve the Legislature."

SFEx 4 Nov 73, Jerome Waldie

Resignation - "GOP May Ask Nixon to Resign." * Story on discussions among key Republicans as to the best way to do this; lists papers and columnists, once supporting Nixon "most strongly", now asking for resignation: Detroit News, Denver Post, William Buckley, Joseph Alsop. Even Hearst, who still supports Nixon, seems shaken by the revelation that two tapes are missing. (Editorial.) Story quotes from editorial in NYTimes today (Sunday), which says Nixon should leave office and that "he has been trying to 'tough it out' for too long at too great a cost to the nation."

Story says flood of anti-Nixon mail which started within hours of the Saturday Night Massacre is continuing, up to 98 per cent of it against Nixon.

SFEx 4 Nov 73, William Theis and Patrick J. Sloyan

Julie Eisenhower in hour-long interview (no date) says Nixon will not resign, he has done nothing to warrant impeachment, his health is excellent, and there's nothing irregular about the family's finances; insists that he has carried on his duties with dignity, with honor, and with nothing to hide.

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"Nixon Almost Alone in Ring of Crisis," by Robert Boyd, who says Nixon "is enduring the worst ordeal of his life in the way he apparently wants it - almost alone." Says WH spokesmen report he sees almost no one except Kissinger, Haig, Ziegler, Rose Mary Woods, and his lawyers.

SFEx 4 Nov 73, Robert Boyd

^{*} See entry, Resignation requests

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Nixon (resignation) - Warren says Nixon "has absolutely no intention of resigning," and that he "feels he has much to do for this nation in foreign affairs and domestic policy, including clearing up the whole Watergate matter."

Story is round-up of demands by past press and political supporters for Nixon to resign in the interest of national unity, and with statements made by senators on various panel shows; says Edward Brooke is the first Senate Republican to advocate resignation publicly (on "Issues and Answers"), and describes him as a progressive Republican who campaigned actively for Nixon in 1968 and 1972.

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Missing tapes - Ziegler, interviewed on CBS News Special, "The Embattled President," says of missing tapes, "We have a good story to tell there. As time goes along people will understand that we are not dealing with two missing tapes. We're dealing with a situation where, as unbelievable as it may seem to some, that because of a combination of circumstances these two conversations simply were not recorded."

SFC 5 Nov 73 [UPI]

Saxbe - WXP says he was quoted 23 Aug by the Hong Kong Standard as having said during a speech to American Chamber of Commerce there: "I personally wish I had never heard of the tapes and, unless they're incriminating, they should be destroyed and I'm sure he will." Report was supposedly made from transcript of tape of his remarks. Story in following day's SFC gives this version: "If they're incriminating, they should be destroyed, and I'm sure they will."

SFC 5 Nov, 6 Nov 73 [AP]

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Military alert - James Reston: "Why, if the Soviet Union had such vast geo-political aims, could [Mr. Nixon] tell the press the following day that we had suddenly passed from 'the most difficult crisis' since the Cuban missile alert to the most hopeful outlook in the Middle East in 20 years? Last month the official line here was that the 'detente' between United States and the Soviet Union was building a 'generation of peace,' then a few mysterious actions by Moscow put the Strategic Air Command bombers with their nuclear weapons in the air, whereupon the crisis not only ended as fast as it began, but we are back talking about 'permanent' peace."

SFC 4 Nov 73, Reston

Abplanalp - Column by Betty Beale says he "has not seen nor talked to the President since June - according to a friend of Bob's." Picture of him with Nixon and Rebozo, taken 3 Nov, on page 1 of same paper, with article by Theis and SEEx 4 Nov 73, Betty Beale

"Magruder Memato Pester Paper [WXP]" - WH memo obtained by WXP, Magruder to Haldeman, 6 May 70. SEC 5 Nov 73 [WXP]

Soviet Union gives "another indication ... that it is losing confidence in the staying power of the Nixon administration." A high-ranking Soviet scholar, Yevgeny Primakov, says in television interview (story is datelined Moscow) that the U.S. military alert during the Mideast crisis was "completely without foundation" and "probably connected with American internal politics."

SFC 5 Nov 73 [AP]

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Resignation requests - "Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R Mass) became the first Republican senator to ask the President to step down [during interview today] on ABC's 'Issues and Answers' Brooke actively campaigned for Nixon in 1968 and 1972."

Three Democrats are listed as having asked at various times for Nixon's resignation: Walter F. Mondale, John V. Tunney and Daniel K. Inouye.

- See separate entry, Resignation.

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