

Poll Shows

'Permanent Nixon Scar'

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The Christian Science Monitor says that a poll of 198 congressmen shows the vast majority believe that President Nixon's image in history will be permanently scarred by the Watergate affair—even if he had nothing to do with the break-in or coverup.

The Monitor, in a story in today's edition, also said that the majority of the legislators believe the President should neither resign nor be impeached.

The 198 Senators and members of the House of Representatives who responded to the poll were evenly split between Republicans and Democrats, the Monitor said.

The newspaper story reported that 168 of the 198 said they believed Mr. Nixon's image would be tarnished by Watergate; 18

said they did not think it would be hurt, and 12 did not reply to the question.

The members of Congress responding to the poll also said:

- Watergate will hurt the President's ability to govern in the next three years. The vote was 157 to 21.

- Mr. Nixon has not conducted an adequate house-cleaning of his staff as a result of Watergate. The poll, 123 to 48. *Associated Press*