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**Impeach Nixon or 'Get Off
His Back,' He Demands
—Resignation Opposed**

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 7—Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont, the influential dean of Congressional Republicans, declared today that the House of Representatives should either impeach President Nixon or "get off his back."

The 81-year-old Senator, making his first formal statement

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by Aiken are on Page 35.*

on the Watergate scandal, said that the President had a duty to remain in office, and that Congress should not evade its responsibility by encouraging him to resign.

"I am speaking out now because the developing hue and cry for the President's resignation suggests to me a veritable epidemic of emotionalism," Senator Aiken told his colleagues in a speech from the Senate floor.

Mr. Aiken's admonition had no immediate impact, however, on either the demands that Mr. Nixon step down voluntarily or on the efforts of leading Republicans to dissociate themselves and the party from the President.

Senators Jacob K. Javits of New York and Richard S. Schweiker of Pennsylvania,

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liberal Republicans, issued separate statements declaring that the party must take the lead in insisting on a full disclosure of all evidence or wrongdoing by the Nixon Administration.

The Ripon Society, an organization of liberal and moderate Republicans, announced plans for a national conference to set party goals because the Nixon Administration had become so "debilitated" that it was "unable to act as a source of coherent national policy."

Meanwhile, several Democrats went on record in favor of the President's resignation. One of the them, Senator George McGovern of South

Dakota, noted that today was the anniversary of his landslide defeat by Mr. Nixon in the 1972 Presidential election and said:

"I think President Nixon has lost the capacity to govern the country. I think he will come to recognize that."

Representative George E.

Danielson, Democrat of California, predicted that Mr. Nixon would resign within four months.

Two of his Democratic colleagues, Representative Clarence D. Long of Maryland and Charles B. Rangel of Manhattan, introduced separate resolutions in the House calling on Mr. Nixon to submit his resignation.

"I am calling upon the House to offer the President its honorable means of averting a total collapse of national leadership," Mr. Rangel said.

'Relentless Incompetence'

But Senator Aiken, in a rare Senate speech, asserted, "to ask the President now to resign and thus relieve the Congress of its clear Congressional duty amounts to a declaration of incompetence on the part of the Congress."

The Vermont Senator said that he had avoided comment on Watergate before now because he had not wanted to contribute to "the destruction

of the third Presidency in a row."

"At the same time," he continued, "the White House has handled its domestic troubles with such relentless incompetence that those of us who would like to help have been like swimmers searching for a way out of the water only to run into one smooth and slippery rock after another."

While asserting that "the President's public explanations of the Watergate mess have been astonishingly inept," Mr. Aiken said that this was not, of itself, sufficient ground for impeachment.

He urged the House leaders to set a deadline for deciding whether there were grounds for formal impeachment proceedings and then either act on such evidence or tell the public if it did not exist.

His position was supported later on the Senate floor by Henry L. Bellmon, Republican of Oklahoma. Mr. Bellmon vowed that he would "refuse to participate in and resist efforts to cast away the legal

and proven processes of the past in the face of demands by a currently inflamed citizenry."

A 'Three-Party System'

Senator Javits, meeting with newsmen, said that the time had come to "spell out clearly the relationship of the party to the President."

He said that it had become evident that the nation had a "three-party system—the Democrats and Republicans, and those political zealots operating under the banner of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, a number of whom have admittedly broken penal laws in pursuit of what they saw as a higher goal: The continuance in office of the President."

Senator Schweiker, citing a "dismal" performance by Republicans in several state and municipal elections yesterday, said that they demonstrated "that the public is fed up with the Watergate cover-up, and that the Watergate scandals have become a devastating burden on the Republican party."