

Capitol Punishment

Yes, Virginia, There Is an Impeach Clause

By Art Buchwald

The mail has been very heavy from readers in the past few weeks and I feel obligated to answer some of the questions that keep popping up in my letters.

Q. Do you think President Nixon was wrong in turning over only seven of the nine tapes he promised to Judge Sirica?

A. No, I don't. Nobody's perfect and while the media have been very critical of the President's failure to produce the two missing tapes, no one has given him credit for the seven he turned over. I think we should emphasize the good things the President has been doing and not the bad things.

Q. Why did the President fire Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox?

A. Because Cox wouldn't stop wearing bow ties. The President hates bow ties and on several occasions he asked Cox to wear a regular tie like everyone else in the administration. Cox refused and Nixon had no choice but to get rid of him. It's impossible for a President to run a country when his own special prosecutor refuses to obey a direct order concerning his neckwear.

Q. Why does the President go to Camp David every night?

A. Because he can't get any sleep at the White House. People stand in front of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. with signs saying, "Honk if you think Nixon should be impeached," and the noise is deafening. The best solution would be if they held up signs saying, "Honk if you believe him." Then Washington would become the quietest city in the country.

Q. Who are the 27 per cent of the American people in the Gallup Poll who still think Nixon is doing a good job as President?

A.—Julie and David Eisenhower, Tricia Cox, Bebe Rebozo, Robert Abplanalp, Gen. Alexander Haig, Ron Ziegler and the entire board of directors of ITT.

Q. Why are the press and TV so mean to Nixon?

A. They've been mad at him ever since 1962 when he told them they would not have Nixon to kick around anymore. The press never forgets, and everything you've been reading about Watergate is nothing but the media's way of proving they can kick around Nixon any time they want to.

Q. Who was Spiro Agnew?

A. He was a former Vice President of the United States who served during the Nixon administration until he got into some difficulty over his income

taxes. While he has been completely forgotten, a few old timers remember him as being rather tall and a neat dresser.

Q. The Constitution provides that a President can be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors. What are they?

A. A high crime would be accepting a large political contribution from the milk producers in exchange for raising the milk support prices. A misdemeanor could be impounding funds so schoolchildren could not get any of this milk free.

Q. Has Nixon's personal enemy list gotten any longer since his recent troubles?

A. Would you believe the Washington, Maryland and Virginia telephone books?

Q. If the President resigns, how much of the \$10 million he spent on improving his homes in San Clemente and Key Biscayne will be returned to the government?

A. According to his accountants about \$34.75.

Q. No President has been under so much criticism and pressure in history. Is Nixon hurting because of it?

A. Only when he laughs.