

Students newspapers at 84 colleges and universities across the country have called on Congress to impeach President Nixon.

The newspapers have done this by endorsing a joint editorial written and distributed by editors of the Amherst College Student. Lee Newman, editor of The Student, said that as of yesterday 84 papers had used the editorial and that The Student would mail it to Congressmen today along with the names of the papers that supported it.

"The impeachment of Richard Nixon is prerequisite to the restoration of confidence in our system of government," the editorial said. "Richard Nixon now rules by fiat and force. He is no longer a legitimate leader. The President must be impeached," the editorial continued.

Entire Country Covered

Mr. Newman said that the student papers had a combined circulation of nearly 700,000 and a readership of more than 1,000,000. The papers are in small and large institutions in every section of the country, he said.

Among the schools where student papers endorsed the editorial are the University of Michigan, the University of Minnesota, the University of

Tennessee, the University of Washington, Harvard University, Stanford University, Yale University and the University of Chicago.

Mr. Newman said that the Amherst paper had gotten in touch with more than 100 student newspapers.

He said the other student editors had decided to act after former Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and his deputy, William D. Ruckelshaus had resigned and Mr. Nixon had dismissed Archibald Cox, the Watergate special prosecutor.

"Even before these steps were taken," the editorial asserts, "public confidence in the Nixon Administration's ability to govern was at one of its all-time lows. Now this support will deteriorate still further."

The editorial listed as the basis for impeachment the following issues:

"San Clemente real estate deals, impoundment of Congressional appropriations, widespread wiretapping, covert

Cambodian bombing and all ramifications of the Watergate affair, including milk kickbacks, I. T. & T. and the Ellsberg burglary."

Campus correspondents for The New York Times at a dozen other colleges and universities reported that last week's protests and anti-Nixon activities were peaceful and centered on letter-writing, telegrams, petitions and informative discussions. At some, activity seemed to be slowing. Leaders of such activities said that student sentiment should not be measured by attendance or violence at rallies.

Petition Drive

"I think it would be a bad mistake for politicians and the media to measure community opinion by rallies without considering the flood of telegrams and letters," said Tracy Rudd, a junior at Northwestern University who has helped in a petition drive for the President's impeachment.