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Senate: Impartial Jury?

To the Editor:

The House may impeach President Nixon but the Senate cannot convict him. It is impossible to give him a fair trial. The hostile media and the vociferous Nixon haters have seen to that. Nor is the matter of prejudicial publicity the only bar to his getting a fair trial.

Will the Senators vote for or against a conviction purely on the basis of the evidence? Or will their vote be influenced by the letters received from their constituents, pro and con? A jury deliberates in seclusion. Do Americans picket outside the jury room demanding the conviction or acquittal of the person on trial? The realities and emotions of politics being what they are, is there one Senator who can qualify as an impartial juror?

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