

# BIG DONOR WANTS NIXON IMPEACHED

**Publisher, Who Gave Million,  
Bids President Step Down  
Pending Senate Trial**

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PITTSBURGH, May 14—The Greensburg (Pa.) Tribune-Review, whose publisher gave \$1-million to President Nixon's re-election campaign two years ago, urged the House today to impeach the President and urged the President to step aside pending a Senate trial.

"He makes us feel, somehow, unclean," the paper said in a scathingly personal 900-word editorial.

Richard Mellon Scaife, 41 years old, the paper's publisher and an heir to the Mellon oil and banking fortunes, said in an interview today, "I originally wanted the editorial to call on him to resign." But his staff argued that the impeachment process should continue; they compromised in urging Mr. Nixon to declare himself effectively disabled and turn his office over to Vice President Ford, under the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, "until such time as his guilt or innocence has been determined."

## Second-Largest Donor

The Tribune-Review, published 50 miles east of here and with a daily circulation of about 39,000, is probably less important than its publisher, Mr. Scaife, one of the richest men in the country was the second-largest contributor to Presidential politics in 1972. Presidential politics in 1972, exceeded only by W. Clement Stone, the Chicago insurance

executive, who gave \$2-million to Mr. Nixon's campaign.

Mr. Scaife has called himself a "Goldwater Republican" and has given lavishly in support of the conservative movement. He once felt that President Nixon's landslide re-election meant that Republicans would hold the White House the rest of this century; he now sees his party placed in grave danger by the lingering Watergate crisis.

Writing off a \$1-million outlay as a mistake was the least of his headaches, Mr. Scaife suggested. "My country comes first, my party comes second," he said. "But dammit, I'm worried about the fall. I think we [Republicans] could take some very heavy losses."

Watergate and the transcripts of Presidential conversations on the scandal have done fundamental damage to the party's reputation, he said. "I always used to think all the bad guys were Democrats and the good guys were Republicans and now we know this just isn't so," he declared.

## Conceived a Week Ago

M. Scaife said he had conceived the editorial a week ago and had done little consulting with party leaders on it.

The editorial ran at the top of page 1 under the headline: "Nixon and the Nation."

"In 1972, Mr. Nixon received an overwhelming mandate for certain principles in foreign and domestic policies," the editorial said. "The mandate is not being served because of his inability to carry it out. The people have lost confidence in his leadership. The resulting paralysis pervading every department of government, including the Congress, has left the nation shaken and uncertain on nearly everything."

"On a more personal note," the editorial continued, "we are sickened with Mr. Nixon's twisted sense of loyalty to those shadowy figures who have been close to him; this at the expense of a much higher form of loyalty we feel he

owes to the good people of this country. Some of them have been called the Silent Majority, and doggedly, day after day, year after year, they seek no more for their efforts than they deserve and when the chips

are down, put the welfare of their country above all else. Mr. Nixon has left these people with no place to go.

"Through some form of blindness, he has confused himself with the office of the Presidency and in this con-

fusion he is doing neither himself nor that office any good," the paper said. "At this point in time the preservation of our democratic system becomes far more important than the preservation of Mr. Nixon."