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Harrison Salisbury's

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President Nixon will resign if the House of Representatives impeaches him, Harrison Salisbury, associate editor of the New York Times, predicted yesterday.

Salisbury, here to make a commencement address at the University of Oregon, told a news conference: "I find it impossible to envision the President on trial before the Senate. This is not the kind of experience he would put himself through in spite of all his insistence of not resigning."

On events surrounding Watergate, Salisbury said, "I don't think Dean (former presidential counsel John W. Dean III) or any of the others were prime movers. They were only the President's agents."

Salisbury, who won a Pulitzer prize for his reporting from Russia, said Mr. Nixon will not get "a great deal" out of his summit meeting with the leaders of the USSR this month. Salisbury added, however, "I don't for a minute think Nixon will sign away something out of weakness."

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