

JUN 24 1974  
**Mondale**  
**Assails**  
**Nixon**

New York **SFChronicle**

Senator Walter F. Mondale (Dem-Minn.) said yesterday that President Nixon has "acted as though he were the sole power" in the land.

Mondale said if Mr. Nixon "is able to succeed in this plan for the usurpation of power, we will have no system of checks and balances, but strong man government."

At the moment, he said, the key question is not impeachment but the President's accountability.

Mondale said Mr. Nixon is "stonewalling" in his refusal to cooperate in the impeachment inquiry and added, "He's being contemptuous of the courts and of Congress."

Mondale said the mood of his constituents in Minnesota was "they are very strong for his removal — I think they'd like to see him resign."

Mondale appeared on WABC-TV's program "Eyewitness News Conference."

*Associated Press*

---