



ALBERT JENNER
Favored impeachment



SAM GARRISON
He'll take over

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GOP 'Fires' Its Counsel

Washington

Albert E. Jenner Jr., who has advocated the impeachment of President Nixon, has been effectively replaced as counsel to the Republican minority on the House Judiciary Committee.

Jenner, a 67-year-old lawyer from Chicago, will continue with the committee and may retain his title.

But the functions of minority counsel will be carried out by Sam Garrison, the assistant minority counsel, who served on the Capitol Hill staff of former Vice President Spiro Agnew.

"Jenner may still be our

counsel in name, but not in fact," said Representative Edward Hutchinson, (Rep-Mich.), the ranking minority member of the committee.

"We're not looking to him for advice on anything any more."

Hutchinson added, in a brief telephone interview, that the change had been decided upon informally at a Republican caucus late last week, and that Representative Robert McClory, (Rep-Ill.), had advised Jenner of the decision.

Appearing on the ABC-TV program "Issues and An-

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swers," McClory made it clear that Jenner had been ousted because he was not functioning in what the Republican members considered a sufficiently partisan manner.

"He has taken a strong position pro impeachment," McClory said, "entirely in line with the Democratic leadership, and it seems to me that he has to serve that position. Consequently, in order that the Republicans can be served, we need the action of, the partisan service of, Garrison."

Jenner has been under attack from some of the Republicans on the committee ever since he was selected as minority counsel. At first, he was criticized for having raised funds for Senator Adlai E. Stevenson (Dem.-Ill.); later, he came under fire for refusing to function as a defender of President Nixon in the committee's deliberations.

Jenner worked closely with the committee's special (majority) counsel, John Doar, in drawing up proposed articles of impeachment and a 306-page summary of evidence designed to provide a foundation for the articles.

When Doar presented the material to the committee on Friday, commenting that "reasonable men acting reasonably would find the President guilty," Jenner said he agreed with every word Doar had spoken.

That reportedly infuriated some Republicans.

Garrison will present a rebuttal today. He is expected to argue that there are no impeachment grounds. Then the committee will begin to debate the resolutions.

Efforts to reach Jenner for clarification of his future role were unsuccessful, but a source close to the demo-

the president but "because he is not representing the Republican committee members."

The Illinois Republican said that not all the Republicans are "the President's men."

Asked to estimate how

many might support impeachment, he replied, "I think three or four would not be a big estimate." He himself is considered an outside possibility as a pro-impeachment Republican.

Representative Charles E. Wiggins of California, another Republican appearing on the TV program, also spoke critically of Jenner.

"Bert Jenner has seemed

to have forgotten who his client is in this case," he said. "It's the minority."

"He has set himself up as almost another member of Congress in reaching the ultimate judgment which we have to reach, whereas he ought to be serving his clients and doing research, background work and the like. That he seemingly does not have the time to do."

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cratic leadership on the committee said Jenner will continue to work with Doar as before.

In his television appearance, McClory took some plans to emphasize that Jenner was being eased out not because he refused to defend