

AFL-CIO to Vote on Impeachment Lobby

MIAMI BEACH, Oct. 21 (AP)—Leaders of organized —today considered mounting a lobbying campaign in Congress to impeach President Nixon because of his dismissal of Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox.

AFL-CIO president George Meany scheduled an emergency meeting of his 35-man executive council on Monday to discuss an impeachment resolution.

Sources said Meany, who had been highly critical of Mr. Nixon's handling of the Watergate affair, is now pre-

pared to call for the President's immediate resignation or his impeachment if Mr. Nixon refused to step down.

Any action by the council will be brought before the full convention meeting here for approval later in the day by the 2,000 delegates representing 13.4 million union members throughout the country.

The sources said the giant labor federation may also move to oppose all presidential nominations by Mr. Nixon, including that of Vice President-designate Gerald R. Ford.

"We may not have the votes to stop the [Ford's] nomination but we sure feel we can delay it," said one staff official.

A call by the AFL-CIO for

Mr. Nixon's impeachment would be the first by a major lobbying organization capable of mustering considerable support on Capitol Hill.

Officials described Meany as "very upset" Saturday night after learning of Cox's ouster and the resignation of Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson. The labor leader withheld public comment but is expected to speak out Monday.

The AFL-CIO had already prepared a draft resolution to put before the delegates Monday which would have demanded impeachment if Mr. Nixon refused court orders to produce the White House Watergate tapes for judicial review. That was pulled back following Saturday's events in Washington.

"That's all out the window

now," an AFL-CIO official said. The original resolution said "impeachment is not a prospect we contemplate with pleasure," but if the President refused to surrender the tapes, "he will have left the House of Representatives no reasonable alternative but to initiate impeachment proceedings."

A special report on Watergate was submitted to the convention Friday tracing the history of the scandal and other "White House horrors."

The report said the only way public confidence could be restored was for Mr. Nixon to lift "the cloud of suspicion that hangs over his head . . . through full disclosure of any pertinent information."