

Honking

Marks Impeachment March

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"A Trailways bus ronked. That's good to hear," said Andrea Chosch, 25, a Washington dental assistant looking for public response to the "Honk for Impeachment" signs in front of the White House yesterday.

Not only a Trailways bus, but lots of cars, two Metrobuses, several taxicabs, garbage trucks and a Seal-test milk truck honked when drivers saw the impeachment signs at the start of a hastily organized march from the White House to the Capitol.

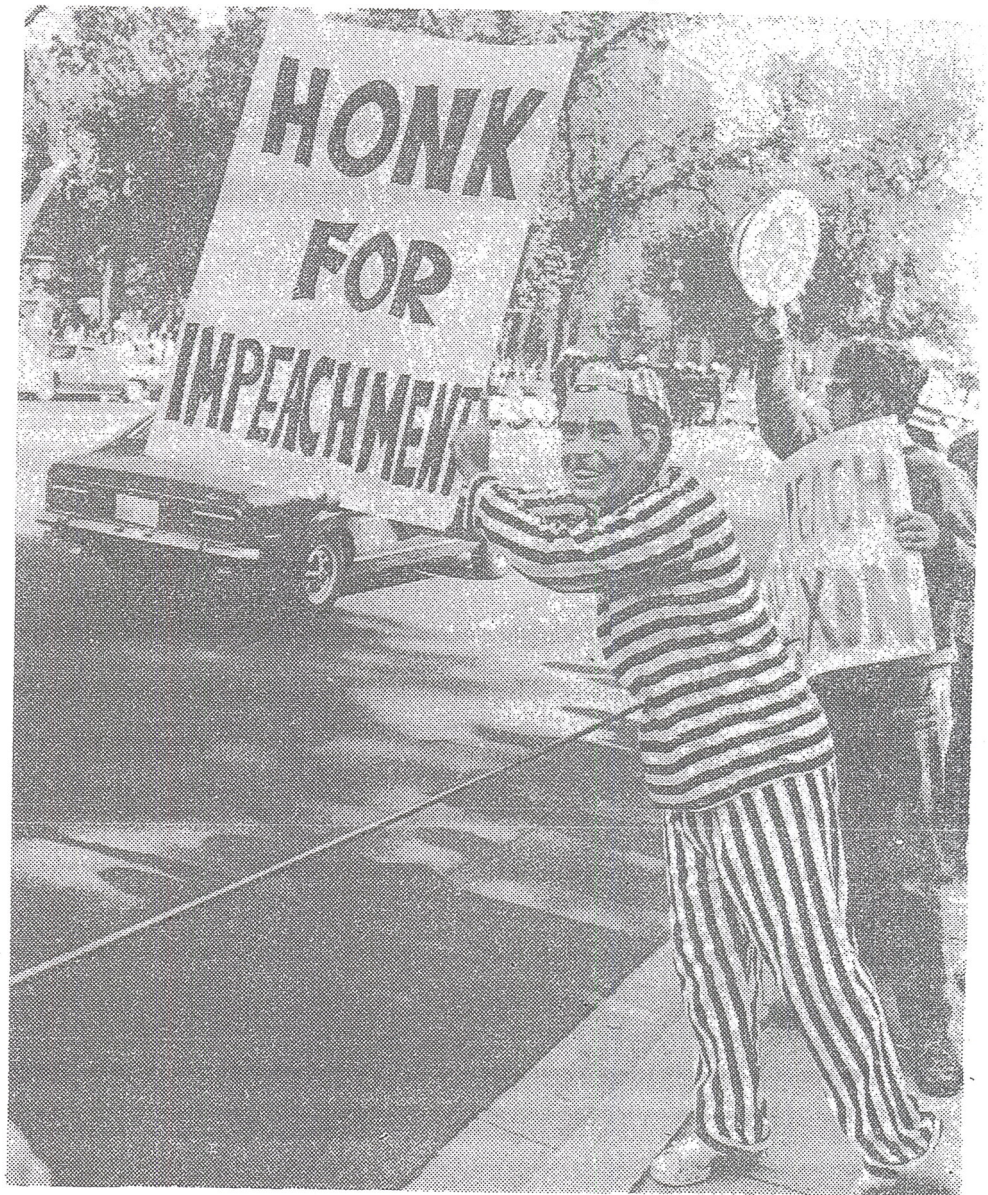
Led by a marcher wearing a Nixon mask and mock prisos garb, some 250 persons, escorted by metropolitan police on motor scooters, walked under blue skies along the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue NW, festooned with flags for Veterans Day. Organizers said the march was a prelude to a bigger one planned for Saturday.

The marchers ranged from one Socialist Workers Party peddler of "The Militant" newspaper to Jane Beach, 29, of New Carrollton, Md., who insisted, "I'm a middle American and I'm proud of it."

Mrs. Beach said she is the daughter of a Southern Baptist minister who "until a month ago supported Nixon up and down the line." She said she had not marched against the Vietnam war "because I felt that wasn't a clear-cut issue."

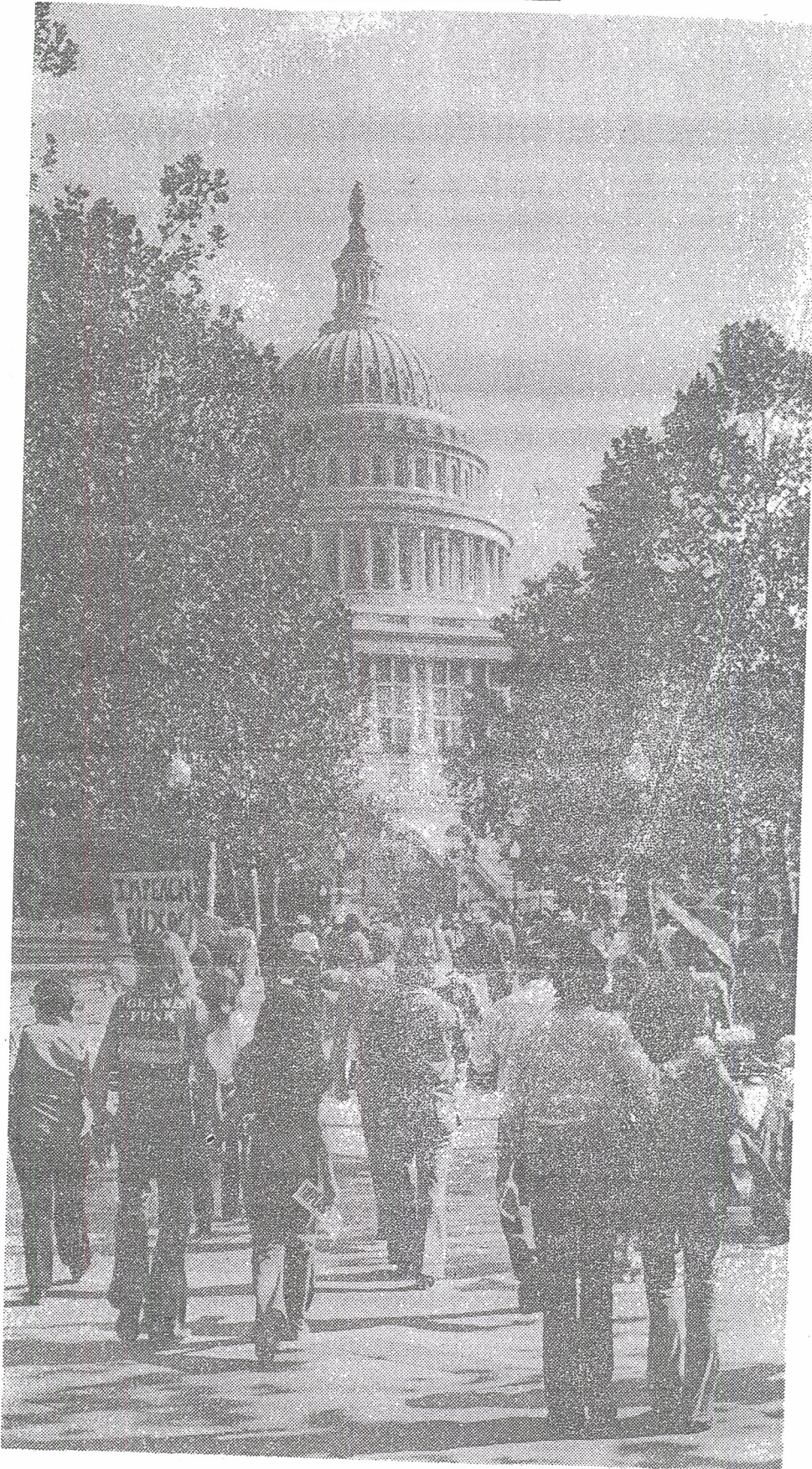
The Watergate scandals culminating in Mr. Nixon's firing Saturday of Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox was a clear-cut issue, she said.

There also was 18-month-



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Robert Maslow, in prison garb and Nixon mask, solicits support for impeachment.



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Marchers arrive at Capitol Hill after marching from Lafayette Square.

old Stephanie Dressin, Silver Spring, sucking on a teething ring and wearing a sign saying, "Protect My Future, Impeach Nixon." She clung to her mother, Michelle Dressin, whose sign said, "Impeach Nixon—Before He Abolishes the Congress and the Courts."

Tippy Enten, a button saleswoman who calls herself "Ruby One," was offering "two for the price of one" but wound up giving away impeachment buttons. What money she collected, she said, she would give to the cause.

"We're not professional demonstrators, professional rabble-rousers or anything

like that," said Jim Williams, 32, a Silver Spring clothing salesman who helped organize the march.

A few minutes later, Williams demanded that a demonstrator discard an obscene sign. And at the Capitol rally, speeches were devoid of radical rhetoric.

At the Capitol, the demonstrators heard Rep. Donald Fraser (D-Minn.), who favors impeachment, declare that congressional action depends on an "outpouring of sentiment across the country."

Fraser told reporters that impeachment should not be a "lynching party" but should be done in "a careful and deliberate manner." He noted that the latest crisis has placed the vice presidential nomination of Rep. Gerald Ford (R-Mich.) in doubt, but he warned that refusing to confirm Ford could make impeachment a "very bitter partisan battle."

Such strategic considerations were not on the minds of Wanda Kartanowicz, 53, her older sister, Loretta Carlock, and her husband George, 57, a machinist, all tourists from Jersey City, N.J., who were watching the demonstration.

"Something should be done," Mrs. Kartanowicz said after the demonstrators had dispersed. "It's out of hand. The way he (Nixon) is acting, he doesn't act like a dignified man. The way he was on TV, shoving that man (press secretary Ronald Ziegler), and firing these men trying to do their jobs. That's not right."

But Norman Bernhard, 55, another tourist, from Albany, Fla., defended the President. "He's doing as good as anybody can under the circumstances," Bernhard said. "He doesn't have any help."