

ACLU will push for impeachment

The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California said today it will press for resumption of the impeachment process against former President Nixon.

Executive Director Jay A. Miller said the method was "the only constitutional remedy for the abuse of official power."

Miller said Nixon would suffer "substantial losses" if impeached by the House and subsequently convicted by the Senate.

He would lose his pension, his office expenses, his chances to run for any elective office, and his opportunities to serve in any appointive positions, including a

cabinet post.

Miller cited the 1876 case of Secretary of War William W. Belknap as a precedent for resuming the impeachment inquiry.

In that case, the Senate overrode Belknap's objections to being impeached after Belknap had resigned from his office. Although Belknap was finally acquitted, the Senate ruled resignation could not be used to stop the impeachment process.

The ACLU, Miller added, also plans to ask Special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski to test the legality of the "extraordinary use" of the presidential pardon of Nixon by President Ford.