

Pro-Nixon Rally On Capitol Steps

Washington

Demonstrators supporting President Nixon's war policy had their turn on the Capitol steps yesterday.

Pro-administration supporters recruited largely from the staff of the nearby Republican National Committee headquarters and Republican congressional offices rallied on the steps at noon.

Estimated by Capitol Police to number about 800, the Nixon supporters were dressed chiefly in office attire as they sang, chanted and heard speakers.

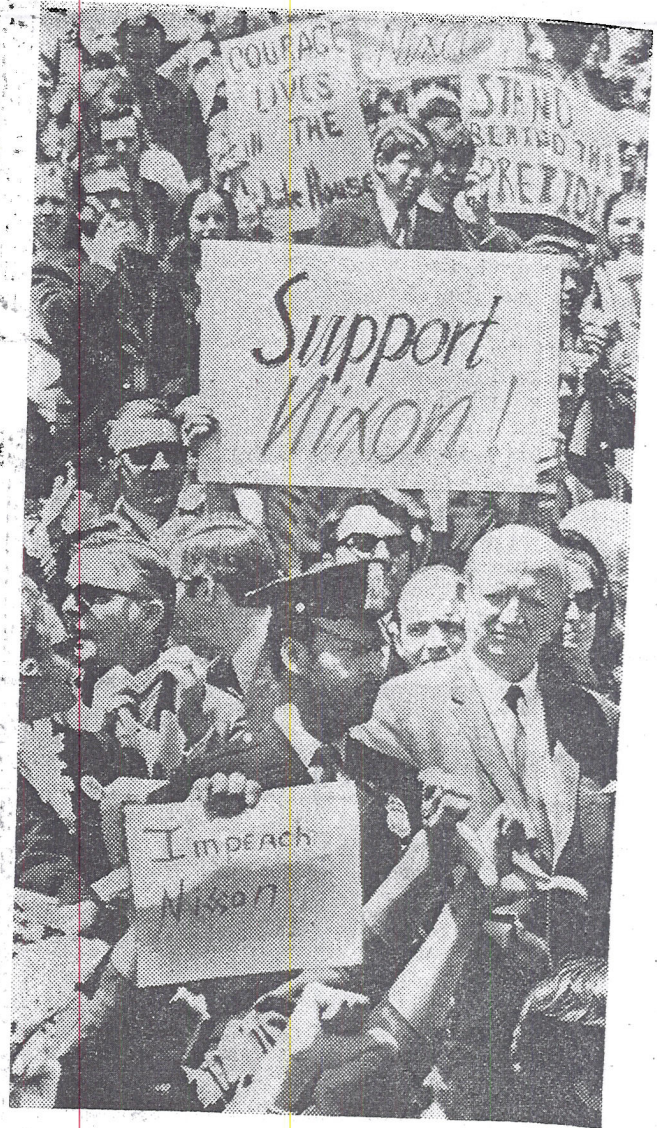
Senator Strom Thurmond, (Rep-S.C.) told the group, "I

am here today to stand up for the people who stand up for America. If President Johnson had done years ago what President Nixon has done, this war would have been over long ago."

As Thurmond, GOP National Chairman Senator Robert J. Dole of Kansas, Representative Louis Frey (Rep-Fla.), Senator James Buckley (Rep-Cons-N.Y.) and others spok, two dozen hecklers were partly successful in drowning them out.

"You have the noise, we have the facts" Dole told them over a bullhorn. "You have the noise, we have the leadership."

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**WAR POLICY BACKERS IN WASHINGTON
A protester for peace infiltrated the demonstration**