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**Nixon Abortion Stand Assailed  
By Planned Parenthood Doctors**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., (AP)—The American Association of Planned Parenthood Physicians assailed President Nixon today for expressing his personal and religious viewpoints on the abortion issue when it "is being considered in legislatures and courts."

In a letter reacting to statements by the President last Saturday, the association said it deplored his action because "in a pluralistic society the religious and moral beliefs of those who regard abortion as preferable to compulsory child-bearing deserve the same respect as the beliefs of those opposed to abortion."

The association also reacted sharply to a report that Governor Rockefeller of New York had suspended Medicaid payments for voluntary abortions performed under the laws of the state.

**Calls It Political Pressure**

Dr. Allen F. Guttmacher, president of Planned Parenthood-World Population, charged that Governor Rockefeller realized the directive was "economically poisonous", but he said it was a reaction to political pressure from upstate New York. Dr. Guttmacher said the directive represented a return to the basest kind of discrimination.

In a statement on Saturday, President Nixon reported he had "directed that the policy on abortions at American bases in the United States be made to correspond with the laws of the states where those bases are located."

"But while this matter is being debated in state capitals and weighed by various

courts," he said, "the country has a right to know my personal views."

"From personal and religious beliefs I consider abortion an unacceptable form of population control."

Dr. Richard Frank, president of the association, charged that Mr. Nixon's statement was comparable to one he made regarding Charles M. Manson while the fate of Manson and his followers was still in the hands of a jury in the Sharon Tate trial.

**Charges Expediency**

Dr. Guttmacher said Mr. Nixon apparently felt his statement was politically expedient. He said the President had supported the population control concept, as indicated in his message to Congress July 18, 1969, and on other occasions. But he said Mr. Nixon had in effect scuttled any conclusions that might have been reached by his own commission on Population Growth and the American Future, whose chairman is John D. Rockefeller 3d.

Meanwhile, Dr. Louis M. Hellman, deputy assistant director for population affairs in the Health, Education and Welfare Department said that abortion was repugnant to many people, but it had already slowed down the birth rate in the United States.

Dr. Hellman told a meeting on planned parenthood last night that the United States would have 300 million people "some time in the 21st century."

"The estimated one million annual illegal abortions have already delayed the birth of the third hundredth-million citizen," he said.