

# Another Call to Impeach Nixon

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The impeachment of President Nixon has been called for by the nationally known Episcopal attorney and theologian, William Stringfellow of Rhode Island.

In an article in the current issue of the Catholic - edited Commonweal magazine, Stringfellow charges President Nixon with:

- "U n c o n stitutionally making war . . . enlarging of that illegal war in Asia . . . defying and frustrating the constitutional prerogatives of Congress . . . impugning the loyalty of presidential candidates and other political opponents."

- "Flaunting contempt for the First Amendment while seeking to intimidate and manipulate the media."

- "Unprecedented political abuse of due process of law through illegal surveillance of civilians . . . dishonoring command responsibilities in seeking to suppress the scandal of the My Lai massacre . . . rendering prisoners of war as pawns of the corrupt Saigon oligarchy and recklessly endangering American troops by countenancing the complicity of so-called allies in the Indochina drug traffic."

## Berrigan Tie

Stringfellow, at whose Block Island home Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J., was apprehended by Federal agents, noted:

"Impeachment is an extraordinary remedy. It has its origins, in the American system, in the Declaration of Independence: that incumbency does not in itself legitimize rules, and that a people shall not indefinitely suffer arbitrary, capricious, vindictive lawless or criminal authority but have means of removing unfit rulers. Impeachment is the constitutional recourse which renders revolution needless."

## Quiet Campuses

Stringfellow also contended the Nation's campuses are quiet because:

"Federal authorities drastically cut aid for scholarships and research and other subsidies, withdrew guarantees for educational bank loans and stopped funding student employment. And the students understood that message: dissent endangers survival.

"What we confront is no mere regurgitated McCarthyism, nor an American Nazism, but the threat of technological totalitarianism such as Orwell foretold . . . each day that Richard Nixon remains in office is an abomination to the Lord."