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ACLU Pushes
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Impeachment
Of President

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NEW YORK, Oct. 4—The American Civil Liberties Union today embarked on an effort to impeach President Nixon, issuing a "bill of particulars" outlining civil liberties grounds for such a move.

The union's board of directors Sunday voted overwhelmingly to pursue impeachment.

"We've taken what we consider is a momentous step in the history of the organization," said ACLU Executive Director Aryeh Neier at a New York press conference. "We will now consider it a major purpose of the organization."

"Virtually every administration in the history of this country has at some time violated civil liberties," said Neier. "This administration has been more consistent, blatant and serious in violating civil liberties than any other."

The organization will seek impeachment by asking its 250,000 members nationally to lobby their congressmen and by lobbying from the ACLU's three lobbyists in Washington.

Neier said copies of the ACLU's impeachment resolution were sent today to all members of Congress.

ACLU Chairman Edward J. Ennis said the resolution's grounds were "limited by the board to matters the President has spoken of directly or that have been alluded to in court proceedings," grounds that he said are known facts.

The ACLU's resolution says that "there is now substantial public evidence of President Nixon's participation in high crimes and misdemeanors."

"... He and his closest aides have organized and conducted a deliberate assault on civil liberties by authorizing massive invasions of the First Amendment rights of citizens of the United States."

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To support its claims, the ACLU cited Mr. Nixon's approving the "Huston Plan" for domestic intelligence, employ-

ing "governmental powers to harass and punish critics of his administration . . ."

"He secretly recorded conversations in his own office without advising the participants. He and his aides interfered with the right of peaceable assembly and protest . . ."

"He has usurped the war-making powers of Congress as in the bombing of neutral Cambodia . . ."

"He established within the White House a personal secret police (the 'plumbers'), operating outside the restraint of the law . . ."

"He and a principal aide offered a high federal post to the presiding judge during the Ellsberg trial" and withheld knowledge of the burglary of the office of Dr. Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

It also cited "he and his aides" for interference in the FBI's investigation of the Watergate break-in, for prosecuting dissenters and corrupting grand juries "to make them instruments of political surveillance and harassment," and "perverted and attempted to pervert the operation of various federal agencies . . ."

ACLU General Counsel Norman Dorsen said that all administrations "do this at one time or another: but this is a difference in quality and a difference in kind."