

# Slim Comfort For Nixon

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The reaction from state and Bay Area politicians was swift and sufficiently stinging, but it came nowhere close to what the man in the street had to say about yesterday's tumultuous events in Washington.

And little of it is comforting to President Nixon.

The Examiner switchboard was besieged by callers wanting to register their protest with someone.

Howard Martin, a 19-year-old art major at Sonoma State College, said he wanted an end to "the insanity in Washington."

"Nixon should be impeached before he does anything that will screw this country up even more," he said.

Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr. immediately joined the voices calling for Nixon's resignation.

San Francisco Supervisor John L. Molinari, who headed the President's reelection effort in The City, said, "I'm finding it very difficult to continue to be supportive of all the actions of the President."

"The only positive thing I can say is I suppose this proves our system is still good because any other government would have collapsed at this time," Molinari said.

A San Francisco businessman who declined to identify himself said there were twenty former contributors

to Nixon's campaign at a cocktail party he was hosting and "I've never seen a group so infuriated in my whole life."

"We didn't think it could possibly happen that Nixon would completely say, 'to hell with the government and to hell with the people,'" he said.

Another caller to The Examiner identified himself as a Contra Costa County Republican leader. "That does it," he said. "Nixon has become a Nazi."

Ed Harrold, a Corte Madera contractor, said he was frustrated that he could find no elected officials in their offices last night. "I'm very much in favor of impeaching Nixon," he said.

Virgil Nieman of Berkeley, a bank consultant, said he thought yesterday's news was "great."

"This is Nixon's last stand. He's guilty. How's he going to get the next attorney general approved by the Senate? It's getting ludicrous. I think this could really lead to impeachment."

Visitors to San Francisco were interviewed by The Examiner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Roger Williams of Columbia, S.C., was the lone voice of support for the President.

"Anything he does suits me fine. I'm for him one hundred percent," Williams said.