

AFL-CIO Urges Nixon to Quit

Washington

The AFL-CIO's convention in Miami Beach adopted without recorded dissent yesterday a resolution that calls on President Nixon to resign, and on the House of Representatives to impeach him, "forthwith," if he doesn't.

The 1600 delegates and alternates, representing 13.6 million union members, rose and applauded as the resolution sent to the floor by the federation's executive council was read by AFL-CIO President George Meany.

The resolution, shouted to adoption by a voice vote,

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had suffered from kidney failure and circulatory ailments.

His wife, Martita, 36, was at his side at the time of his death. Story and pictures are on Page 4.

also calls upon Congress to shelve, at least for now, the President's nomination of House minority leader Gerald R. Ford (Rep-Mich.) to be vice president.

"Clearly a President who has placed himself on the brink of impeachment should not be allowed to name his successor until the charges against him have been disposed of satisfactorily," the resolution said.

OTHERS

As the AFL-CIO acted in Florida, presidents of two non AFL-CIO unions — Leonard Woodcock of the United Auto Workers and Arnold Miller of the United Mine Workers — also called upon Mr. Nixon to resign or the House to impeach him.

"The shocking events of the past weekend mandate such action," Woodcock said. "Mr. Nixon has broken faith with the Constitution, the Congress and the people. . . . We can not ask the political questions now. It is too late. . . . It is time to ask the

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hard legal and moral question. It is time to put these matters to trial before the Congress."

(John F. Henning, executive secretary of the California Labor Federation, and John F. Crowley, secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco Labor Council, announced in San Francisco they will urge Mr. Nixon's impeachment in telegrams to congressmen elected from the areas served by their organizations.

INOUE

Senator Daniel K. Inouye (Dem-Hawaii), a member of the Senate Watergate Committee and a speaker yesterday at the AFL-CIO's convention, also called upon Mr. Nixon "to place our national interest and our national welfare above all other concerns and to resign."

"Like many of you," he told the delegates, "I have sadly concluded that President Nixon can no longer effectively lead our nation." He added later that Congress "should seriously consider impeachment," if the President does not resign, but said he does not think there are enough votes in Congress to impeach the President at this point.

Impeachment — akin to indictment — requires a majority vote in the House. Conviction — removal from office — requires a two-thirds vote in the Senate.

BRENNAN

Not long after Inouye spoke, Labor Secretary Pe-

ter J. Brennan issued a statement saying "the President deserves our continued support in carrying out his duties and our prayers that he will make the right decisions, concerning not only the Watergate affair and the Middle East situation, but the problems of inflation here at home."

"I do not think we should be pushed into a state of panic by those who have been seeking the President's scalp for some time now," Brennan said. He did not say whom he meant.

An aide to Meany said that copies of the AFL-CIO's resolution will be delivered to every member of Congress today, to be followed by the federation's veteran corps of lobbyists. "We don't adopt these things just to hear the sound of our own voice," he said. "Our people will be up there."

"The first thing will be Ford," the aide said, meaning the effort to persuade Congress to sidetrack the Michigan congressman's nomination as vice president, which requires the approval of two-thirds of both the House and Senate.

The executive council, made up of Meany, AFL-CIO Secretary - Treasurer Lane Kirkland and the presidents of 33 of the federation's 113 member unions, had approved the resolution yesterday morning. Thirty-one council members were present, and only one, Paul Hall of the Seafarers voted not to take the action.

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