

Demo Group Backs Probe Of Nixon

Louisville, Ky.

The Democratic National Committee endorsed the current preimpeachment investigation of President Nixon yesterday and said Congress should go forward toward removing him from office if the evidence warrants it.

After two days of seeking language acceptable to factions that on one hand opposed any condemnation of the President and on the other favored a flat call for impeachment, the party's ruling council approved a statement that:

- Charged the high calling of public service has been subjected to cynical manipulation and criminal behavior which has reached into the highest office of the land, the oval office of the president.
- Recited a list of events from Mr. Nixon's original refusal to give up the Watergate tapes to his impoundment of funds appropriated by congress "that caused us concern."
- Called for legislation providing appointment of a new special Watergate prosecutor and for continuing its investigations of allegations against the President.
- Urged "the House of Representatives and the United States Senate to take all necessary action, including impeachment and trial if warranted."

An earlier resolution was withdrawn when opposition led by Governor Dale Bumpers of Arkansas objected to any statement that appeared to prejudge the President's conduct.

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