

Cranston says mail favors impeachment

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PALO ALTO — Sen. Alan Cranston told supporters last night that his mail during the week contained 13,265 letters calling for the impeachment of President Nixon, compared to 599 opposed.

He said the percentage pro and con hadn't changed because of Nixon's Friday news conference.

Cranston, speaking at a \$100-a-plate homecoming dinner in his home town, said the press has "done a magnificent job and they're as honest as can be." He said the Watergate investigations and the disclosures

that led Spiro Agnew to resign the vice presidency were due to a free press.

The consideration of Rep. Gerald Ford for the vice president's post should be kept separate from the Watergate issues, Cranston said. He called it "totally improper" for Democrats to refuse to approve Ford's nomination in order that the impeachment proceedings go ahead in an effort to obtain a Democratic vice president.

Internationally, Cranston thinks Nixon has handled the Mideast crisis "skillfully." He said Israel always pays for what we send them and never asks for troops.