

Tunney Takes A Stand

Washington

Senator John V. Tunney (Dem-Calif.) called yesterday for President Nixon's resignation.

Tunney became the second member of the Senate to advocate publicly that Mr. Nixon voluntarily leave office.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye (Dem-Hawaii) called for Nixon's resignation on October 15.

Tunney expressed fear for the future of the country if Mr. Nixon refuses to step down.

"As a nation, we are strong enough, I believe, to follow the constitutional and statutory procedures for presidential succession," he said. "We are not strong enough, I fear, to endure three more years of a Nixon administration."

He cited signs of public distrust of Mr. Nixon — including skepticism about the military alert Mr. Nixon ordered last week.

"President Nixon should resign the presidency," Tunney said. "He must leave office for the common good. The people do not believe him, and he has shamed them . . ."

"I fear that if things continue for the next several months as they have for the preceding several months, the center cannot hold. Public cynicism will increase to the point that not only politicians will be held in disrepute but so will the political institutions themselves. Apathy follows apace, and once the furrow is plowed, can constitutional democracy long survive?"

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