

Impeachment call cheered in Marin

By Robert Hollis

Telegrams calling for the immediate impeachment of President Nixon were fired off yesterday to California's congressional delegation by leaders of Marin Alternative after an angry all day conference: "Watergate — What Can We Do About It."

The unanimous decision to "do something" came from some 250 persons attending the sometimes partisan pep rally at the College of Marin in Kentfield.

Early in the day it became clear where the crowd's sympathies lay. After apologizing for his demagoguery, William Bennett, chairman of the State Board of Equalization, called for the crowd to rise and shout: "Let's Impeach Richard Nixon!"

Dozens of fists shot into the air as about three quarters of the crowd jumped to its feet.

Marin Alternative was a group originally formed in Marin County to oppose the Vietnam War. But yesterday the members — ranging from teenagers to senior citizens — met to "under-

stand" the implications of Watergate."

John Searle, a University of California philosophy professor, caught the mood of the group when he declared:

"It's a mistake to assume impeachment would tear this country apart. We've enjoyed Watergate from the beginning."

His remark brought laughter and applause.

Searle, moderator of KQED's "World Press," asked listeners to admit they eagerly anticipated each day's newspaper to see what new misfortunes befell the Nixon Administration. Many agreed.

State Senator George Moscone (D-San Francisco) asserted that Watergate is responsible for tough new conflict of interest laws which take effect Jan. 1.

Senate Bill 716, which Moscone cosponsored, requires every public official from the lowliest city planning commissioner on up to reveal yearly: Every gift, loan or contribution over \$250 and every asset over \$1000.