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**BROOKE CALLS ON
PRESIDENT TO QUIT
FOR NATION'S SAKE**

**He Is First G.O.P. Senator
to Urge Step—The White
House Again Says No**

GALLUP POLL ASSESSED

**Jackson Says Nixon Should
Appear Before Senate
Watergate Panel**

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 4—A year to the week after President Nixon's landslide re-election victory, Senator Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts became today the first Republican Senator publicly to urge Mr. Nixon to resign.

Mr. Brooke said he had "reluctantly" come to the conclusion that the President should resign "in the interests of this nation" as Republicans and Democrats sought to assess the impact of a sharp decline in public support for Mr. Nixon, as measured by the Gallup Poll, and increasing calls for his resignation in the controversy over the Watergate scandal.

While Mr. Nixon remained secluded in his retreat at Key Biscayne, a spokesman in Miami reiterated that the President had "absolutely no intention of resigning."

Call by Time Magazine

Meanwhile, there were these other developments today:

Time magazine, printing its first editorial in 50 years of publication, said that Mr. Nixon "and the nation have passed a tragic point of no return" and called on him to resign. Time's former sister publication, the defunct Life magazine, had endorsed Mr. Nixon for President in 1960, 1968 and 1972.

Senator Henry M. Jackson, Democrat of Washington, said Mr. Nixon should appear before the Senate Watergate committee to "lay his cards on the table," and added, "The real issue is whether or not there is enough confidence left for the President to govern

this nation."

Senator Howard W. Cannon, a Nevada Democrat who is chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, which is conducting hearings on the confirmation of Representative Gerald R. Ford to be Vice President, said his mail reflected "a strong urging" to delay action on the Ford nomination because of a belief that Mr. Nixon might resign. Mr. Cannon said, however, that the Ford nomination "should not be held hostage to anything else."

Senator Edward J. Gurney, a Florida Republican who has been Mr. Nixon's staunchest supporter on the Senate Watergate committee, proposed a six-point plan that he said would bring about a "domestic truce between President Nixon and his critics."

Senator Brooke, appearing on the American Broadcasting Company's "Issues and Answers" television program a day after the Gallup Poll showed that only 27 per cent of those questioned approved of the way Mr. Nixon was han-

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dling his duties, said that the President and the nation had "three options"—impeachment, remaining in office to "sort of limp along" or "resignation."

When an interviewer suggested that he seemed to feel that the President should resign, the Senator replied: "I have reluctantly come to that conclusion."

Mr. Brooke, the only black Senator, said he did not think the country "can stand the trauma that it has been going through for the past months" and added:

"It has been like a nightmare, and I know that he doesn't want to hurt the country and I certainly don't want to prejudice the case. He might not be guilty of any impeachable offense.

"On the other hand, there is no question that President Nixon has lost his effectiveness as the leader of this country, primarily because he has lost the confidence of the people of the country, and I think, therefore, that in the interests of this nation that he loves that he should step down, should tender his resignation."

'Lack of Confidence'

Mr. Brooke said he did not know "of anything that the President could do now to turn it around." "The lack of confidence is so deep," he added.

Time magazine said in its editorial that Nixon "has irredeemably lost his moral auth-

ority, the confidence of "most of the country and therefore his ability to govern effectively."

The weekly news magazine said that if the President decided to fight and won a battle against impeachment, "the process would leave him and the country devastated."

The editorial said that impeachment proceedings in the House followed by a trial in the Senate "would take at least several months, during which the country would be virtually leaderless."

"The White House," it said, "would be paralyzed while the United States and the world awaited the outcome. The republic would doubtless survive, but the wise and patriotic course is for Richard Nixon to resign, sparing the country and himself this agony."

The magazine said the President should be succeeded by a Republican because that party won the election last year, and it urged speedy confirmation of Mr. Ford as Vice President.

Newspapers Also

Several newspapers, including The New York Times, The Detroit News, The Denver Post and The Atlanta Journal, have also published editorials in recent days urging Mr. Nixon's resignation. The Detroit, Denver and Atlanta newspapers have supported him in the past.

Also in the Middle West, which has tended to back the President strongly, The Chicago Daily News said in an editorial in its weekend edition: "Credibility is shot, public faith in the Administration's ability is shot, and the only question remaining is how the nation can get through the next three years until it can choose a new leader."

The Chicago newspaper also published a poll of more than 200 persons that showed that 49 per cent thought Mr. Nixon could not do his job effectively for the next three years. The newspaper said 40 per cent rated as "poorly" the way he was doing his job, although 72 per cent said they thought he had handled the Middle East situation adequately or well.

Senator Jackson, appearing on the National Broadcasting Company's "Meet the Press" program, said "the American people are no longer willing to have a continuity of crises, which we have had now all of this year."

Asks Panel Appearances

Mr. Jackson said he thought the Watergate committee would be "an appropriate forum" and noted that Senator Barry Goldwater, Republican of Arizona, had made a similar suggestion last week.

The Washington Democrat said that if the President did not appear before the committee, he would face "an unchallengeable demand on impeachment or the possibility of a direct request for resignation, and I think the push will come

from the Republican leadership, not just from Democrats."

Senator Cannon, appearing on the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Face the Nation" program, said he did not believe that the President had any intention of resigning.

Noting that his mail supported a delay on the nomination of Mr. Ford to be Vice President from persons who did not want Mr. Nixon "to appoint his own replacement," Mr. Cannon said his Rules Committee should proceed with its confirmation hearings, which resume tomorrow.

He said he thought the hearings would probably end within two weeks and indicated that most of the questions raised by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's check of Mr. Ford had been cleared up.

Senator Gurney, speaking at a Florida convention in Miami Beach last night, said, "Continued turmoil at home will greatly weaken our ability to maintain peace in the world."