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# Guild Board Calls for Impeaching

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The International Executive Board of the Newspaper Guild has called upon Congress to initiate impeachment proceedings against President Nixon, denouncing "improper, unconstitutional and illegal conduct involving both the President and his closest associates."

The 16-member board acknowledged in its resolution, passed Thursday, that its action "may be seized upon by President Nixon's apologists and perhaps by the President himself as supporting the accusations of biased and distorted reporting he has chosen as a last line of defense . . ."

The board asserted, however, that "we have obligations to our country as well as our craft and, in any event, we are confident the public will not be deceived."

The union's 40,000 members were not consulted before the vote. One board member, Vice President Warren E. Howard of the Washington-Baltimore local, voted against the resolution on the grounds that it will be "counter-productive."

The Wire Service Guild, which represents employees of the Associated Press and United Press International, dissociated itself from the anti-Nixon resolution by a vote of its own executive board.

Robert Levey, unit chairman at The Washington Post, also spoke against it. "The thing is absolutely absurd," he said. "I feel just the way about it as I did on the McGovern endorsement. It hopelessly compromises our working members."

Last year, the Guild's executive board drew complaints from some members when it endorsed Sen. George McGovern for President, also without soliciting the views of the general membership. Attempts to rescind the 1972 endorse-

ment or prevent future political endorsements were unsuccessful.

The Guild is affiliated with the AFL-CIO, which has already urged impeachment.

In other developments regarding impeachment, a survey of congressional opinion made by The Christian Science Monitor concluded that President Nixon will not be impeached, though he will remain handicapped by the Watergate scandal.

The Boston newspaper said that of 193 representatives and 32 senators responding to its poll, 135 said impeachment proceedings in the House are not likely, but 174 said impeachment proceedings are possible.

When asked if President Nixon could regain his credibility, 65 said yes and 137 said no.

Sen. Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) commented yesterday, however, that he thinks now that the President can restore his stature with the people.

"Six weeks ago and even three weeks ago," Baker said, "I didn't think he could make it. But in view of the things that have happened in the last few days I think he can make it. I'm not prepared to so say he will, but he has a chance."

Rep. Paul N. McCloskey (R-Calif.), a frequent Nixon critic, said, on the other hand, that if the House "assumes its awesome responsibility in a reasoned, deliberate, scholarly and reflective manner, the President will be impeached three to four months from now."

The board of another AFL-CIO union, the 200,000-member Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, also declared yesterday that Mr. Nixon should be impeached, saying he "has earned the deep distrusts of the people and therefore he cannot lead the nation."