

## Laird Says He'll Quit His Job

Washington

Melvin R. Laird said yesterday he plans to resign as President Nixon's chief domestic adviser after representative Gerald R. Ford gets final congressional approval and assumes the vice presidency.

Laird, secretary of defense throughout Mr. Nixon's first administration, consented last spring to take his present position, following the resignation of John D. Ehrlichman and other top White House aides as a result of the Watergate scandal.

Laird also said he thinks the latest revelations in the Watergate tapes controversy have damaged Mr. Nixon's bid to rebound from the scandal, but he added that he sees no majority yet in the House for support of the move to impeach the president.

On the contrary, Laird said, he believes there would be "a substantial move against" an effort to have the house impeach Mr. Nixon at this time.

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