

# Impeachment activity to continue and expand

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ACLU is conducting impeachment campaigns in every state in the country. Organizing is going forward to mobilize citizens in every congressional district. Materials are being printed and newspaper ads have been spurring the campaign on from Maine to Hawaii.

Here in Northern California, the response from you, our members, and other concerned citizens has been overwhelming. In the first three weeks of the impeachment campaign 1984 petitions bearing 24,700 names were collected in Northern California. These have all been sent to Representative Peter Rodino, Jr., Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. In addition, the petitions were broken up into congressional districts and copied with the copies going to each district's congressman.

In a letter to Rodino and the Northern California Representatives, ACLU Executive Director Jay A. Miller stated, "our country cannot withstand any longer the turmoil and uncertainty that will continue if you and your colleagues delay any further in this matter." He added, "that clearly defined grounds for impeachment now exist and hearings or investigations should be left to the Senate."

We hope the petitions will continue to come in. We plan to ship them to Washington every two weeks to keep the pressure on for impeachment.

Most important of all, is that impeachment activity be going forward in every congressional district. The campaign cannot be run from Washington or San Francisco but from your own district. It is imperative that chapters become involved at the local level and continue exerting pressure through letter writing and circulation of petitions.

The Affiliate office will be able to supply impeachment petitions, literature, speakers and bumper stickers. Also, we have compiled the lists of people who responded to the newspaper ads and have forwarded their names to the chapters.

A four page Special Impeachment Issue

of the ACLU News was just printed and these are available as our basic literature.

They can be used to prepare persons to speak on impeachment, to educate other people and convince them, as well as learn about impeachment ourselves. The newsletter contains the charges ACLU has made against President Nixon, the evidence behind those charges, a history of impeachment, a message from ACLU Washington National Director Charles Morgan, and a list of things to be done by individuals to achieve impeachment.

Our mission is not accomplished and much more work lies ahead. Many members of the House are fervently hoping that letters in favor of impeachment will stop once they return from Christmas recess. They hope the whole problem will disappear over the holidays and that they will not be forced to do their duty. We can't let that happen. Our goal is to have well-organized groups in each district to form "Committees of Correspondence" by January. No Representative should be able to say that the public clamor for impeachment has subsided and we must not think we have done our part by writing one letter.

Letters to Congressmen in Northern California have dropped 70 per cent since the first week of November. They are still receiving many letters however and we must add to the total. Letters are even more important than the petitions.

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These are the times that  
try men's souls. The summer  
soldier and the sunshine  
patriot will, in this crisis,  
shrink from the service of his  
country; but he that stands it  
now, deserves the love and  
thanks of man and woman.  
Tyranny, like hell, is not  
easily conquered.

Thomas Paine, 1776

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