

Galbraith Says Drop Nixon -- Later

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Harvard Economist John K. Galbraith, a long-time Nixon administration critic, yesterday called for the impeachment of President Nixon — not now, but six or more months from now.

In a column in the current issue of Newsweek magazine, Galbraith said Mr. Nixon should not be impeached immediately but should be kept around a bit longer as the visible symbol of what is wrong."

Galbraith observed that the country would not be hurt by a few more months of Mr. Nixon, and that "... in another six months there will be no lingering doubts as to Mr. Nixon's guilt or righteousness as distinct from self-righteousness."

The economist also noted that the longer impeachments is put off "the more people who will go down in the ship with Mr. Nixon. This will be of inestimable benefit to the republic."

Galbraith also said the demise of former Vice President Spiro Agnew was so rapid that "it made no durable impression. Neither President Nixon nor the Republican party suffered as they deserved."

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