

# Nixon Promises: 'I'm Going to Fight Like Hell'

Washington

President Nixon told a group of Republican House members he is "gonna fight like hell" against impeachment, one of the Congressmen reported yesterday.

Representative Peter Frelinghuysen (Rep-N.Y.), one of 18 GOP congressmen who met with Mr. Nixon Tuesday, quoted the President as saying:

"There is a time to be timid. There is a time to be conciliatory. There is a time to fly and there is a time to fight. And I'm going to fight like hell."

Frelinghuysen reported the President's position as Mr. Nixon called in about the same number of Democratic House members, presumably to give them the same message.

Frelinghuysen's account was the first time Mr. Nixon's views on impeachment were made known.

Although presidential Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said Tuesday that Mr. Nixon was not giving any thought to resignation, he —

like other White House officials — generally declined to respond to questions about impeachment, saying it was a matter for the House to decide.

Representative Craig Hosmer (Rep-Calif.) said Mr. Nixon brought up the subject of Watergate himself. "He reiterated about six times he wasn't going to let the last election be repealed by attacks in the media," Hosmer said.

Frelinghuysen and Representative C. W. Young (Rep-Fla.), another in Tuesday's meeting, said several House members advised Mr. Nixon they found their constituents more concerned about the energy situation and the economy than Watergate and impeachment.

Frelinghuysen said Mr. Nixon told the group he considered himself a "political realist" and recognized, with his current low standing in public opinion polls, that he "might be a liability and not necessarily an asset" for GOP congressional candidates in November's elections.

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