

## 2 Democrats and Aide to Nixon Urge President Not to Resign

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WASHINGTON, May 14— At least two prominent Democrats and a White House aide found themselves in unusual agreement today in opposing any resignation by President Nixon.

Robert S. Strauss, the Democratic national chairman, suggested to reporters that a "terrible hue and cry" by Republicans running for re-election in urging Mr. Nixon's resignation was an effort to "put some distance" between themselves and the President.

Mr. Strauss praised the Senate's top two Democratic leaders and the Speaker of the House, Carl Albert, Democrat of Oklahoma, for stepping "into this breach" and opposing a Presidential resignation.

Mr. Albert said that it would be "disastrous" for President Nixon to resign "under political pressure" and he declared: "I do not believe he should resign. I do not believe he will resign."

### Constitution Cited

Yesterday Senators Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, the Senate Democratic whip, and Mike Mansfield of Montana, the Senate Democratic leader, said in statements on the Senate floor that the President should not resign under pressure and that the constitutional procedures for impeachment should be allowed to run their course.

Today the White House was reportedly urging Republican Senators and representatives to come out with similar statements against resignation.

Patrick J. Buchanan, a special consultant to Mr. Nixon, told reporters that "the great-

est mistake" Republican could make would be to join "a stampede" in urging resignation.

For the President to resign at this time, he said, would create "the worst kind of polarization" and would leave the Republican party in turmoil for a generation.

### 'He Would Not Resign'

Mr. Buchanan said that if a Republican delegation should approach Mr. Nixon and seek his resignation, "he would receive them respectfully, he would say he should not resign and he would not resign."

Mr. Strauss and Mr. Albert made their remarks after a breakfast meeting of House and Senate Democratic leaders that was also attended by Gov. Wendell Ford of Kentucky, who is chairman of the Democratic governors conference.

Mr. Albert said that the purpose of the meeting was to find a "common ground" among

Democrats and added:

"We have reached a point where Watergate seems to obscure the many good things this Congress has done for the people. The full story of the constructive, responsible and progressive legislative achievements of this Congress must be told."