

Malatesta On Nixon Resigning

A candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator said here yesterday he is "diametrically opposed" to President Nixon's resigning.

Thomas A. Malatesta of Los Angeles said he much prefers the impeachment process to move ahead "as quickly as possible.

"We are entitled to know all the facts," he said. "Resignation would solve nothing."

Malatesta, 31, a member of a Southern California management consulting firm, is running third in public opinion polls behind state Senator H.L. Richardson and Dr. Earl W. Brian for the nomination.

Malatesta said he will be helped in his campaign by a low turnout of Republican voters in the June 4 primary election.

He estimated the GOP turnout will be "about 50 per cent."

Malatesta described himself as "the only moderate in the race," and said he entered this, his first try for elective office because "the Republicans have to stop talking to themselves. We have to get independent and Democratic votes to win in November (against incumbent Democrat Senator Alan Cranston), and I'm the only Republican who can do that."

Malatesta, who has the least name identification of any of the three GOP contenders attempts to counter that by bringing in the name of a famous relative.

His press releases identify him as "...nephew of Bob Hope" before saying he is a candidate for the U.S. Senate.