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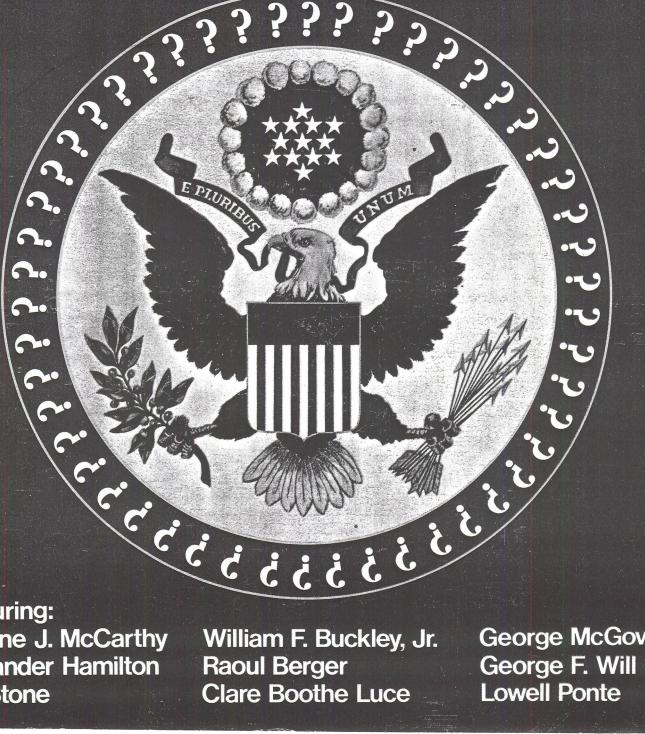
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What is Right?

Soon after he had cast the decisive vote Federalist Papers; historians, in English to acquit President Andrew Johnson, and American history; lawyers, in the Senator Edmund G. Ross (R-Kansas) said, "I almost literally looked down into my open grave. Friendships, position, fortune, everything that makes life desirable . . . were about to be swept away by the breath of my mouth . . . " Ross was prophetic. None of the Republican senators who had voted for acquittal of the President were ever again elected to national office.

We'd prefer not to speculate on whether history will repeat itself. But in the weeks ahead, around 535 elected representatives may suffer similar waking nightmares.

ly to experience some degree of psychic this issue - provide you with information malaise, because the future of our coun- that can help you answer "Should he be try hangs in the balance. The course of impeached?" Included here are opinions history will be influenced by our answer and arguments on both sides; interpretato the central question: Should the Presi- tions; historical background. Some of dent be impeached? And then: If so, the articles are original; some are from should he be convicted and removed from other publications. Some are among the

Constitutional scholars are looking for view that ought to be represented. the answer in the Constitution and The

law and legal precedent; politicians, in the polls and their constituencies. The answer probably lies in all of those places and in none of them.

For impeachment, finally, is a moral issue. What most Americans need desperately to know is not what history tells us to do, not what will help the Republicans or Democrats, not even what is good for Richard Nixon, but what is right: What is right, in purely moral terms; what is right for the America we bequeath to our children.

SKEPTIC cannot tell you what is right; that is between you and your conscience. Indeed, every thinking American is like- What we can do is what we've done in most perceptive writing done on impeachment; some merely represent points of

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Although the format has changed, the spirit of debate, of challenge, of questioning remains. Each issue of SKEPTIC will be devoted to a topic of current interest and concern. A bound-in Forum Letter (in this issue, from Eugene McCarthy) will set forth or define the subject, or offer a provocative point of departure for discussion. SKEPTIC will include responses to the Forum Letter and other material (original or from other publications) which further illumines the subject.

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