

## Mansfield's

# Impeach Trial Plan

Washington

Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield yesterday laid out plans for a possible impeachment trial of President Nixon that would virtually bar campaigning by senators this fall and preclude the passage of anything but emergency legislation.

He told reporters that if the House votes to impeach Mr. Nixon, he hopes the Senate trial can begin within "two or three weeks." He also said the Senate should meet from morning through evening, six days a week, without any break for the midterm election, and stay to finish the case in two months or less.

"I want it disposed of this year," he said.

Asked if his timetable would interfere with the campaign plans of the 26 senators seeking re-election this year, Mansfield said; "They can have Sundays off. I would think it's in their interest to be on the job."

The majority leader said he will recommend the accelerated schedule to complete the trial in this Congress, but asserted his personal belief that the Senate is a "continuing body" which could carry over the trial into 1975 if necessary.

In that case, he said, newly elected senators could be given seats in the Senate gallery after the November

election so that they could hear testimony and be prepared to vote on the case after they have been sworn in next January.

In his discussion with reporters, Mansfield repeatedly inserted the phrase, "If a trial is necessary," saying he did not want to "anticipate" the outcome of the House vote on impeachment.

He said the Senate majority would not even hire a lawyer to prepare procedures on a possible trial unless and until the House Judiciary Committee votes impeachment.

Mansfield also took a firm line about the President pro-

ducing any additional tapes the Senate may subpoena. Mr. Nixon has refused to turn over 64 subpoenaed tapes to the House Judiciary Committee.

"It will be much more difficult — if and when it gets to the Senate — for him to refuse the tapes," Mansfield said. "It would be almost imperative for him to comply."

The majority leader said any refusal of evidence by the President would weigh heavily with Southern separatists, because "many of them are very constitutional and legal-minded."

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