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Representative Charles Sandman waved a copy of Newsweek at the Judiciary Committee as he made his point

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He Blisters News Media and Leaks

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Representative Charles Sandman Jr. (Rep-N.J.), brandished a copy of Newsweek magazine and blistered the news media and House Judiciary Committee leaks last night during the opening round of the nationally broadcast presidential impeachment debate.

"We have been willing to give the media whatever shred of evidence exists — and most of it is not evidence," said Sandman.

He accused Newsweek of unfairly displaying only one portion of a Nixon quote from a tape transcript on its cover. He said the Washington Post similarly gave more prominence to an unfavorable portion of a Nixon tape than to a favorable portion.

"You can't use one part of a tape as this 'fair' magazine did," he said. "You can't use one part of a tape as the Washington Post did. You have to use the entire context."

"It is not the purpose of any media to make the news," he declared. "It is the purpose and objective of any media to report the news."

Sandman, the fourth-ranking Republican on the panel, said its inquiry had been fair until three weeks ago. He said majority coun-

sel John Doar had been fair — "until three weeks ago." That qualification drew a laugh from the jammed committee room and a broad smile from Doar.

The New Jersey Republi-

can made clear his present intention not to vote for impeachment, saying: "There were lots of crimes committed by lots of people, but were they placed at the door of the President? I don't

think so."

But he added that if someone would show him direct evidence of a tie of crimes to Mr. Nixon, "I'll vote to impeach."

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