

Southerners Who Voted to Impeach

Washington

Two Southerners who voted for impeachment in a television interview yesterday said that their decision had been unhappy but unavoidable and if it costs them their jobs on election day—well, that is part of the risk.

"The job really isn't all that good anyway," said Republican M. Caldwell Butler of Virginia.

He said the task is "bigger than the political future of any individual."

Democrat Ray Thornton of Arkansas said, "I think it is an acceptable risk."

He said the committee members had a duty to reach a decision.

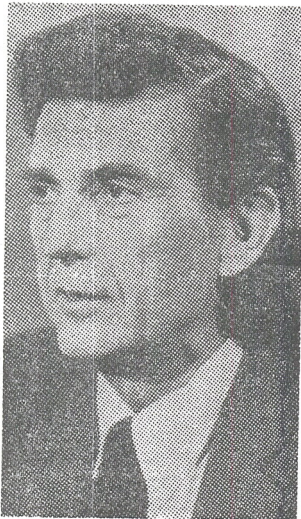
The two were interviewed on CBS' "Face the Nation."

In New York, an expert on constitutional law said he viewed the article of impeachment voted out by the House Judiciary Committee as unsatisfactory "in several strategic ways."

Professor Charles Black Jr. of Yale Law School said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" that he found some flaws in its article charging President Nixon with obstruction of justice in the Watergate coverup.

"Its wording seems to me rather to straddle the question of Mr. Nixon's personal participation or express authorization of any of the particular acts named," he said.

He warned of the dangers of making "petty and absurd" charges against Mr. Nixon but discussed what he called his "favorite im-



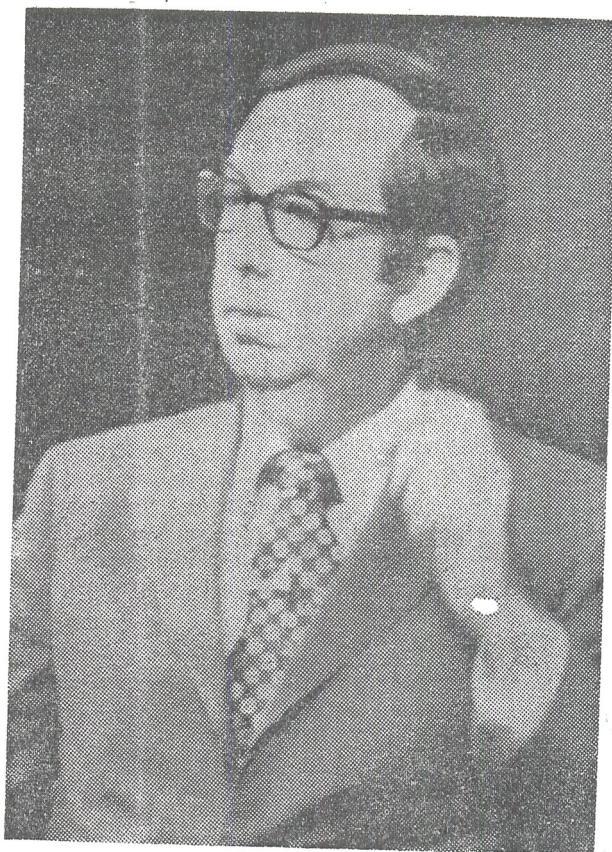
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CHARLES BLACK JR.
Yale law professor

peachable offense" — "The use of the tax system for the purpose of harassing one's political enemies.

"I don't care whether it's criminal or not, but it's a flagrant abuse of power."

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