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**AIDES TERM NIXON
SELF-CONTROLLED**

**They Say President Stoically
Tends to Business Despite
Attacks and Reversals**

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., July 28—Disappointed by reverses in the Supreme Court and House Judiciary Committee, hurt by the incessant attacks on him and his associates, President Nixon is depicted as able to go stoically about the business of the Presidency through the exercise of enormous self-control.

This is how several of Mr. Nixon's closest aides described his emotional state as the crisis of his Presidency drew nearer its climax.

Their description, presumably, reflects Mr. Nixon's self-image.

Silent on Impeachment

The President ended today a 16-day working vacation at La Casa Pacifica, his ocean-side estate here. Over the last 16 days, he has made what was billed as a major economic address, met with businessmen, discussed the Cyprus crisis with Secretary of State Kissinger, met with the West German Foreign Minister, played golf, gone swimming and attended a party given by his budget director, Roy L. Ash.

He has also worked at avoiding impeachment, spending an average of two hours a day in that occupation, according to a White House spokesman.

While he has been here, the Supreme Court has ruled against his claim of absolute executive privilege to withhold

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information and the Judiciary Committee has voted to recommend that he be impeached for obstruction of justice in the Watergate scandal.

But Mr. Nixon himself has not said a word in public about the impeachment process. He has left all comment about the Court decision and the House Committee vote to his surrogates—to his defense attorney, James D. St. Clair, and to members of his White House staff.

The message of these surrogates has been basically twofold over the last week. The President, they reiterate, is confident that the full House of Representatives will reject the articles of impeachment on the ground that there is no evidence that he is guilty of impeachable offenses. Meanwhile, they add, he is conducting the business of the nation as usual.

Rays of Hope Seen

The President's aides have also been asserting that the setbacks suffered by the President over the last few days are not so drastic as they appear. For example, one key aide said that the Supreme Court decision did give the President part of what he was seeking by affirming that there is an executive privilege that may be exercised by the President.

"The Court decision was not a blank check for 400 District Court judges throughout the land to go running barefoot through the Presidential papers," the aide commented.

The public posture of the White House was also reflected today in remarks by Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., Mr. Nixon's chief of staff. In an interview with Mike Wallace for the CBS News program "60 Minutes," General Haig said that while there had been some "erosion" in support he remained "quite confident that the vote will come out the other way" once it reaches the House floor.

Heavy Strain on Nixon

He complained that members of the House Judiciary Committee had been asked to vote on "a grab bag of generalities" contained in the articles of impeachment, and said that other members of the House would demand a more precise accounting of Mr. Nixon's behavior. He also said that the events of the last week were "not totally unexpected."

But, privately, the White House aides concede that the impeachment process is putting heavy strain on Mr. Nixon.

"He has been under the most brutal kind of attack for the last two years," said one of the President's close assistants. "He is not immune, he is not aloof to these pressures. He is a sensitive man."

The President believes that the standards applied to his conduct of office are not the

same as those applied to his predecessors in office and therefore has a keen sense of "unfairness," the aide said.

Mr. Nixon has also been disturbed by the conviction of John D. Ehrlichman, his former chief domestic adviser, and the indictments, convictions and prison sentences of other former close associates, "just as to a friend of yours," the aide said.

"Of course this has been a difficult period; of course it has not been pleasant for the President to hear these charges against him," said the official, who is in a position to observe the President daily.

"But he has not allowed irritation or anger to develop. He has continued to perform the job of the Presidency as he feels it should be done," the aide continued. "Very few people could sustain themselves under such pressures. I know I couldn't."

All the White House aides who discussed the President's state of mind spoke of remarkable self-discipline exercised by Mr. Nixon that enables him to keep his emotions under control.

Family Source of Strength

The White House aides insist that they see no indication that this enormous exercise of will is exacting a psychic toll on the President. They assert that his long history of managing crises allows him to put the impeachment crisis "into perspective." They explain that the support of his family has been a great source of strength to him.

And, in fact, in his public appearances of late, Mr. Nixon has not shown obvious signs of excessive physical or emotional strain.

But his appearances in public have been few and those only in friendly surroundings—a meeting of California business organizations, a party of friends and associates.

He has not held a news conference since March 6; He has not publicly defended himself against the charges against him since his speech at the end of April announcing the release of the transcripts of White House tape recordings.

If, as his associates say, Mr. Nixon is using great self-control to enable him to go on with the job of being President, it would appear that he also perceives the limits of that self-control and is careful to stay back from those limits.

The President, after his return to Washington, may leave for Camp David, and, later this week, according to the White House press office,