

Two Republicans Are the Target

Panelists' Death Threats

Washington

Two of the six Republicans who voted Saturday to recommend President Nixon's impeachment say telephone threats have been made on their lives.

But the six stated the public reaction to their vote generally has been favorable.

Representative William S. Cohen of Maine said his office received a threat yesterday morning that he would be shot. Cohen said the threat was made by a man in a telephone call from Maine.

The congressman said he alerted the FBI but did not ask for extra protection at Monday's House Judiciary Committee session.

Representative Thomas Railsback (Rep - Ill.) said his staff received what it considered a threatening telephone warning that the congressman had better check his mail carefully.

Cohen, Railsback and the other four Republicans on the Judiciary Committee who voted for impeachment all said they received sometimes angry criticism after their vote Saturday night.

Several said much of the



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A warning on mail

ire came from persons who accused them of turning their backs on Mr. Nixon, rather than on contentions that the evidence did not warrant impeachment.

Over all, they said, agreement with their votes outweighed opposition in letters, telegrams and telephone calls.

Representative Lawrence J. Hogan said his campaign for governor of Maryland was severely damaged by his decision to vote for im-



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A menacing call

peachment even though an early count showed mail running 1150 to 750 in favor of the decision.

"I'm fatalistic about this," Hogan said. "I knew it was going to be damaging and it has been damaging."

Hogan said the theme of the opposition is that he has turned his back on the President.

Representative Harold V. Froehlich (Rep-Wis.), whose vote for impeachment drew a hum of surprise Saturday

night, says he has received 13 telegrams, seven criticizing his vote.

"One said, 'you'll be impeached in November,'" Froehlich said.

The office of Representative Hamilton Fish Jr. (Rep-N.Y.) said 52 telegrams and telephone calls endorsed his vote for impeachment and 23 were against with one person calling the congressman "you Benedict Arnold."

"You're a traitor to your President and your party," said another telegram, "and I will work actively for your defeat."

Representative C. Caldwell Butler (Rep-Va.) said his mail and telephone calls ran about 60 per cent in favor of his vote for impeachment.

He said opposition came primarily from Republicans and "runs strictly along age lines" with older people generally opposing him.

"The trend is disappointment from Republicans," Butler said.

"But the total over-all view is strongly in favor of what I've done."

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