

The Des Moines Register, in an editorial today, called on President Nixon to stay in office through impeachment proceedings. [Quotation from editorial:] "If the President should resign, his supporters always could claim that he had not received full legal process and that he had been railroaded out of office by the press, the liberal establishment and other assorted enemies. It is not inconceivable, knowing Mr. Nixon's record, that he would launch a campaign to vindicate himself along these lines. He is fully capable of distorting the record and trying to don the cloak of a martyr. A campaign to restore the President's image would be far more destructive to the body politic of this country than an impeachment and trial. There must be no question about the legitimacy of the removal of a President from office."

The Register supported Nixon's bid for re-election in 1972.

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