

# The Wall Street Journal Joins Papers Urging Nixon to Resign

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The Wall Street Journal, which has expressed grave doubts about removing a President "in an era of governmental instability throughout the democratic world," said yesterday that the time had come for President Nixon to resign.

"Resignation to insure orderly transfer of power is fitting, we emphasize, only because impeachment and conviction would otherwise be certain," The Journal said.

The Journal was among a growing number of newspapers across the country, many of which had supported President Nixon in the past, that editorially called upon him yesterday to resign for the nation's welfare. A lesser number held out for reliance on the impeachment process as the best way to insure the nation's future as a constitutional democracy.

## Indianapolis Paper Differs

The New York Times was one of those that called for following the impeachment course. It said that resignation "would leave too many loose ends, too many questions unresolved" and would "do nothing to inhibit subsequent fostering of the myth of a President hounded out of office by his political enemies."

One of the few editorial stands that was neither for impeachment nor resignation was

taken by The Indianapolis Star, which said:

"Much is being made of the point that the disclosures are fresh evidence that the President has lied to the people. So they are. We wish politicians wouldn't lie to the people, but they have been doing it from the beginning of politics. It's nothing new, and it's not an impeachable offense."

The Atlanta Constitution said "The quicker the end comes, the more merciful it will be."

Among other newspapers calling for resignation were The Harrisburg (Pa.) Evening News, The Jacksonville (Fla.) Journal, The Syracuse Herald-Journal, The San Francisco Chronicle, The Milwaukee Sentinel, The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, The Boise (Idaho) Statesman, The Colorado Springs Sun and The New Haven Journal Courier.

Some of the papers calling for impeachment were The Chicago Daily News, The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer, The Buffalo Evening News, The Buffalo Courier-Express, The Trenton Evening Times, The Trentonian and The Record of Hackensack, N.J.

The New York Daily News said: "Everybody else, almost, is telling the President what he should or should not do next. We believe the next move is Mr. Nixon's and Mr. Nixon's alone."