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Rabbi Baruch Korff, one of Richard M. Nixon's chief defenders in recent weeks, said yesterday the President is resigning to spare the nation "months of anguished stalemate."

In a statement for release a half-hour before Mr. Nixon's televised address, Korff said: "wrongfully accused of great evils, harassed for his admitted errors, President Nixon today submitted to the judgment of history."

Korff, chairman of the National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency said:

"The world that has cheered him knows now why he resigned his office: In his dedication to the United States, he has spared his country months of anguished stalemate. This man, who for 30 years sacrificed everything for America's good, now has made the supreme sacrifice."

"We affirm our belief in the President. He will be esteemed by future generations, the beneficiaries of his dedication to world peace and domestic liberty."

"We have seen," Korff's statement added, "what can happen to a President when the citizenry's access to information is controlled by unchecked media giants and manipulated by vested interest groups."

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