

The City Took Resignation In Its Stride

For all of its high historical drama, President Nixon's resignation generally was received with matter-of-fact calm here last night.

Most people watched the speech at home, others thronged television showrooms and still others caught the abdication at their neighborhood bar.

In some cases, there were shouts of approval or applause when the President said he was resigning. But for the most part people silently watched the speech to its conclusion and then quietly returned to their business.

Many people found the speech unsatisfactory because Mr. Nixon did not address the question of his guilt or innocence and others expressed the hope that he will be forced to stand trial.

"I think everyone is breathing a big sigh of relief although none of us like to see a President resign," said Army Colonel Cebert Holmes, who watched the speech in the television lounge of the Presidio's officer's club.

"A crummy speech," said Farley Andrews, 27, a long-

frequent thoroughout the speech. "He was pretty sleazy," said one coed. But another, who was crying, said the speech "was just the thing to say."

In Union Square, Vic Curcio, a disabled pensioner out on a stroll, remarked, "I'm disgusted. I voted for the guy. I worked for him. But tonight his talk made no sense."

Nearby, Frank Munsell, a retired trucker, said, "I thought it was very nice, a very nice speech indeed."

On the steps of the St. Francis Hotel, Nick Thompson was selling flowers to Linda Christopher. "They

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Sammy Davis Jr. canceled last night's show at Harrah's Lake Tahoe showroom because he felt he could not give a satisfactory performance in the wake of President Nixon's resignation.

"Because of the events of the day, which affect all Americans, he feels he would be unable to give a good performance," a Harrah's spokesman said.

Davis performed at the 1972 Republican national convention and hugged Mr. Nixon to show his support.

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shoreman who watched it at the macy's TV salesroom. "He didn't answer any questions. I'd prefer it if he'd been impeached and we'd gotten some answers."

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At that bar, it was noisy until Mr. Nixon began speaking. The room fell silent until the line about resignation, when there were shouts, some applause and clinched fist salutes. When he began recounting the achievements of his administration, the cocktail chatter broke out again.

At Plateau VII, a San Jose watering hole favored by Republicans, the speech was heard out with respectful silence except for a young man at the end of the bar who shouted "Hurray."

The bar was nearly deserted on a night that is usually busy.

At the casinos in Lake Tahoe and Reno, hardly any of the gamblers bothered to leave the gaming tables to hear the speech and at the Sahara Club in Las Vegas some 500 people who were lined up to get into the Johnny Carson dinner show didn't budge.

It was a boisterous crowd at the student union at Stanford, where laughter was

Reaction was mixed on whether the President should stand trial. At the non-commissioned officers club at the Presidio, Sergeant Robert Malone, 42, said, "If I did anything like that I'd be ruined and if they can crucify me in court they can him. He's no better than me."

Robert McNamee, a Los Gatos lawyer, said, "I don't want to see the President in jail. I think he has suffered enough.

In San Francisco, Miss Schaffer, the key punch operator, agreed. "I can't see him in jail with low-lives, with hardened criminals."

But David Pesonen, an environmental lawyer, was harsh. "The job won't be done until I see that shovel nose sticking out between bars."

Kerry O'Regan, 17, a Fresno State College student, said at Macy's, "I didn't approve of what he did, but I thought he deserved kindness, and this seems to me - well, so cruel - because I thought he deserved kindness at last."



Sales stopped as everyone gathered around television sets in Macy's appliance department to hear Nixon speech