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**Wallace**  
**Calls It**  
**A Sad Night**

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Governor George C. Wallace, who only a week ago described himself as "a victim of Watergate," said Thursday night President Nixon's resignation was a "national trauma that transcends individuals or past political acts."

Wallace, crippled by gunfire while seeking the 1972 Democratic presidential nomination, has been confined at University hospital since Monday when doctors operated to remove what was described as a minor abscess that stemmed from an undissolved surgical stitch.

"It is a sad night in American history for any president to resign," Wallace said. The governor was seen wiping his eyes a number of times during the President's speech.

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