

# Four Nixon Defenders Go Down to Defeat

Washington

Four Republicans who among former President Nixon's staunchest defenders during the eight-month impeachment proceedings and a fifth who supported him up to the final days were defeated in re-election bids yesterday.

Representatives Wiley Mayne of Iowa, David W. Dennis of India, and Joseph Maraziti and Charles Sandman of New Jersey voted against every one of the five proposed articles of impeachment. Harold V. Froehlich, (Rep-Wis.) supported two of the five articles voted on by the House Judiciary Committee.

All five were voted from office.

The four who had opposed Mr. Nixon from the beginning of the proceedings early this year won re-election easily or were leading in early returns.

Mayne had openly worried about his chances for re-election against the strong bid of Berkley Bedell, whom he had beaten by only 9000 votes in 1972.

Although Bedell, 53, a fishing tackle manufacturer, ignored the impeachment issue and concentrated his attack on the GOP administration's inflation problems, Mayne's pro-Nixon stance on national television was believed to have hurt him badly.

Maraziti may have been hurt more by a growing scandal involving a mysterious woman, real estate and weak Maraziti explanations, than he was by impeachment. Helen Mayner, wife of a former governor who lost to Maraziti in a last-minute bid in 1972, kept impeachment in the background of her successful campaign.

Sandman stridently and sarcastically defended Mr. Nixon during the televised impeachment debates. New Jersey political experts believe, however, he may have been hurt by a loser image resulting from his unsuccessful bid for governor last year.

Replacing Sandman will be William J. Hughes, 41, an attorney from Ocean City.

Dennis, a three-term conservative, was defeated by Philip R. Sharp, 32, a Ball State University political science professor.

Sharp centered much of his criticism of Dennis on his strong and steady defense of Mr. Nixon throughout the eight-month impeachment procedure.

Representative Robert F. Drinan (Dem-Mass.) who introduced the first article of impeachment against Mr. Nixon and had been thought to be in some trouble, was

among the early declared winners.

The two Judiciary Committee leaders, chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr. (Dem-N.J.) and Edward Hutchinson (Rep-Mich.) were re-elected handily.

Also declared early victors were Walter Flowers (Dem-Ala.), Ray Thornton (Dem-Ark.), William S. Cohen (Rep-Me.), Paul S. Sarbanes (Dem-Md.), Trent Lott (Rep-

Miss.), William L. Hungate (Dem-Mo.), Jack Brooks (Dem-Tex.), Barbara Jordan (Dem-Tex.), M. Caldwell Butler (Rep-Va.) Joshua Eilberg (Dem-Pa.) and Charles B. Rangel (Dem-N.Y.).

Other committee members re-elected were Elizabeth Holtzman (Dem-N.Y.) Edward Mezvinsky (Dem-Iowa), Tom Railsback (Rep-Ill.), and Hamilton Fish Jr. (Rep-N.Y.).