

Birchers Abandon Warren Petition

NORWALK, Calif. (AP)—Robert Welch says the John Birch Society has decided to abandon its campaign to impeach U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren, at least temporarily.

Welch, founder and head of the society, said in a speech yesterday that the society has not "gathered enough signatures on our impeachment petition to bring about impeachment action."

The conservative group now plans to concentrate on a petition campaign to halt U. S. trade with Communist countries. He said petitions with 500,000 signatures have been presented to 19 U. S. senators and congressmen in this drive.

"We feel that this is more important," Welch said. "But we will be back to Chief Justice Warren."

Any such petition would constitute only a request for congressional action.