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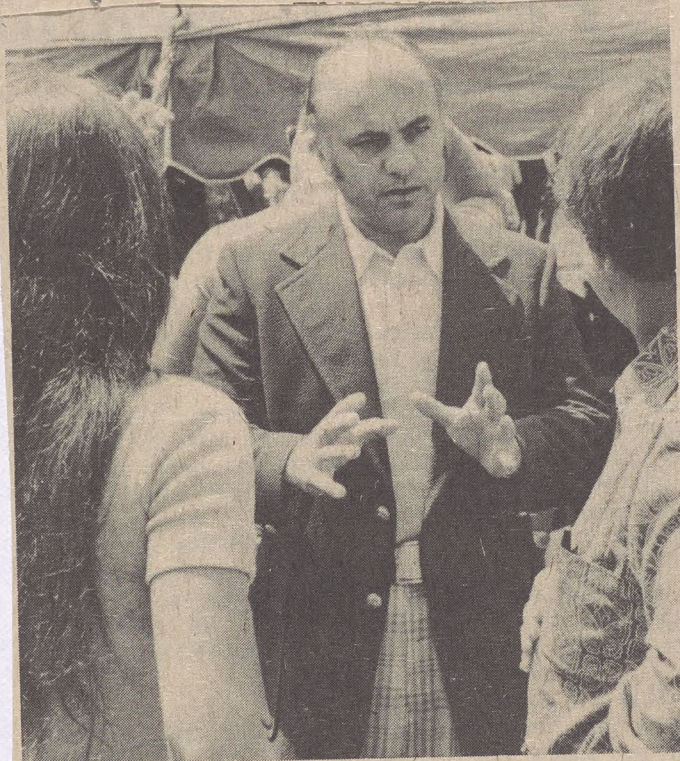
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"IT'S LIKE THIS..." says Clayton Yeutter, U. S. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, as he explains a point to several questioners at Monday's farm conference at the McCormick Farm. Over 600 people attended the conference.

staff photo



# Unanimous Va. Vote Possible

By WAYNE WOODLIEF  
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Virginia's 10-man congressional delegation, some of its members believe, may be moving toward a unanimous vote to impeach President Nixon.

The Virginians aren't stampeding to so declare themselves, as many House members have in the wake of Nixon's admission Monday that he made false statements about his role in the Watergate coverup.

Only one among them, Rep. Thomas N. Downing, Democrat of Newport News, has publicly urged Nixon's resignation and indicated he will vote to impeach if Nixon doesn't resign.

The other nine — seven Republicans and two conservative Democrats — say they won't announce their decisions until the impeachment issue formally comes before the House, on Aug. 19 under the present schedule.

But based on private conversations, and on the increasing dismay at the President as evidenced by their public statements, the Virginians — who have supported Nixon's legislative program more than any other delegation in Con-

gress — have reluctantly reached decisions to impeach.

Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, Winchester Republican, termed the President's admissions Monday "devastating." Rep. G. William Whitehurst, Republican of Norfolk, said, "I don't think any man has a right to deliberately lie to the people and continue to hold office."

Rep. Robert W. Daniel, who represents Chesapeake and Portsmouth, said the transcript released Monday of Nixon's June 23, 1972 conversation with H. R. Haldeman "is rather shocking . . . It indicates that the President knew about the coverup on that date," six days after the Watergate break-in.

W. C. "Dan" Daniel, Democrat of Danville, Nixon's leading defender in the delegation, said he was "disillusioned by the events of Monday." Rep. William C. Wampler, Bristol Republican, said the new tape and the President's admission are "damaging about it."

The Virginians, like other members, have been listening this week to Watergate tapes gathered by the House Judiciary Committee.

Rep. David Satterfield, Richmond

Democrat, spent the weekend studying Watergate evidence.

The personal research and listening, plus Monday's revelations, have hit the Virginians hard.

At least two Virginia members now say they believe the delegation eventually will vote unanimously for impeachment.

They approach that task with "no joy," as Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, Roanoke Republican, their colleague on the Judiciary Committee, put it as he declared for impeachment 10 days ago.

Whitehurst said Tuesday, "This is a tragedy of dimensions almost without limit." He said Nixon had done many "great things," but "the President misled the Judiciary Committee and the American people and he did, in fact, misuse the CIA and misdirect the FBI (in the Watergate coverup)."

The factor hurting Nixon most among the Virginians is that they now believe he did something very un-Virginian: he tampered with the truth.

Virginia conservatives, as these congressmen are, have prided themselves on honesty and integrity in government. So,

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**MAKES ADMISSION:**

## Nixon Shocks Congressional Delegation

By The Associated Press

Members of Virginia's congressional delegation reacted with dismay Tuesday to President Nixon's admission that he withheld evidence in the Watergate cover-up. But all but one stopped short of calling for his resignation.

Only First District Democratic Rep. Thomas N. Downing said Monday night that Nixon should resign, adding that he believes impeachment in the House is certain and conviction by the Senate "is probable."

Although he didn't go quite so far as Downing, 2nd District Republican Rep. G. William Whitehurst said Tuesday that the President should give "strong consideration" to resigning.

The reaction from Rep. Robert W. Daniel, a Republican from the 4th District, was shock, and Sen. William L. Scott, R-Va., said he felt the revelation adversely reflects on the credibility of the President.

The congressmen reacted to the President's disclosure Monday that he had withheld evidence from his own lawyers, Congress and the American people.

Nixon released a statement and new tape transcripts disclosing that he gave orders within a week of the Watergate break-in that the Central Intelligence Agency be used to blunt an FBI investigation that threatened to expose the fact his campaign aides channeled money to the burglars.

"I'm deeply disturbed by the admissions that the President made...in his statement," Whitehurst said. "When you cut through the verbiage of it, you come right down to the simple fact that the President lied. He lied to the American people in his public addresses regarding his knowledge of the business. He lied to the judiciary committee. Furthermore, he misused the CIA and the FBI in handling Watergate. And that's a grave, grave matter."

Whitehurst said he will withhold final judgment until the case has been presented in the House. But he said "it is hard for me to condone anyone holding public office if that person has deliberately lied to the people."

Scott, listed by Newsweek magazine as one of 36 senators the White House is counting on to vote "innocent" if the Senate tries the President, said he was surprised by Nixon's disclosure.

He said he felt it "adversely reflects on the credibility of the President and has caused him to lose some support among members of the Congress."

Scott added that he didn't want to make any judgment at this time as to whether the latest revelation is an impeachable offense. He said he won't make any decision regarding the removal of the President from office "until the House of Representatives presents its evidence against the President and the President presents his defense before the Senate."

"My reaction was one of some shock," said Daniel, but he added that he was reserving judgment on whether the President should be impeached.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of the 6th District, one of the Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee who voted for impeachment, said Nixon's statement "makes me a little more comfortable with my vote."

Tenth District Republican Rep. Joel T. Broyhill commented tersely, "He's (Nixon's) gone."

Republican Gov. Mills Godwin said he shared "the nation's distress at the most recent development in the Watergate situation."

"The revelations in the tapes released on Monday place a different perspective on the presumption of innocence to which I have maintained the President was entitled," Godwin said. "I feel it is now up to the President and the Congress to determine what is in the best interests of the nation."



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## IMPEACHMENT?

# Party Leaders Eye Race In November

By JAYNE GRIFFIN

News Staff Writer

Opinions of local Republican and Democratic leaders as to how or if the question of impeachment would affect this November's Sixth District congressional race appear to be split along party lines.

Incumbent Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, a Republican who serves on the House Judiciary Committee, voted twice in favor of impeachment during recent hearings before the committee.

He is being opposed in his bid for reelection to a second term by Roanoke sheriff Paul S. Puckette, who has contended that impeachment should not be an issue in this campaign.

Tuesday night Lynchburg City Republican Committee Chairman Carroll P. Freeman said he felt Butler's stand "was being borne out by recent developments," referring to President Nixon's admission Monday that he withheld evidence from Congress and from his attorneys.

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Butler's chances in November, the developments of the past day or so, particularly Nixon's revelations about withholding evidence, give all the more strength to Butler's comments before the Judiciary Committee."

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George H. Fralin Jr. a Lynchburg attorney who will head up Butler's reelection efforts in Lynchburg, said Tuesday he did not think the question of impeachment would affect the campaign.

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But he added that recent admissions by the President had brought support from Democrats and Independents that "Mr. Butler otherwise could not have expected."

Fralin also commented that "only a few Republicans here have shied away from Butler following the hearings."

Meanwhile, Lynchburg Democratic Chairman Mrs. Louise Cunningham said she did not feel the question of impeachment should be an issue in the campaign.

"According to the results of the poll taken by Butler the majority of the people in the Sixth District favored impeachment so I don't see how recent events will affect things," said Mrs. Cunningham.

Mrs. Cunningham added that she personally had not been surprised by recent developments, but added she felt the issues of inflation and the economy "outweigh impeachment."

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## Butler aide

## plans visit

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The meeting, held to discuss problems constituents are having with the federal government, is one of 10 monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

Any person wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.

## Party

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# Impeachment not believed issue in fall House race

Most local Republican and Democratic leaders say they do not feel the impeachment question will be an issue in the Sixth District Congressional race this November.

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He is being opposed in his bid for re-election by Roanoke Sheriff Paul S. Puckette who has contended that impeachment should not be an issue in the campaign.

Warren D. Saunders of Goodview, the American Party candidate for the Sixth District congressional seat, said today he does not expect to make impeachment an issue in the campaign.

Saunders also said he does not feel impeachment and Watergate will be an issue except as it pertains to corruption in government generally.

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The Buena Vista Flood Control Project will attempt to harness the energies of the Maury River in order to avoid floods like the one in 1969 which virtually destroyed portions of the city. The flood wall will run along the river the length of the city.

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## Flood Control Design May Start Within a Year

Work on the design study for the Buena Vista Flood Control Project could begin within the year according to Wilford P. Ramsey, chairman of the Buena Vista flood control committee, who has monitored the bill as it moved through the United States Congress during the past year.

The flood control project study bill was approved last Thursday, August 1, by the Senate committee and has now been referred to a joint House-Senate conference committee which will work out differences on other projects contained in the bill.

The bill which has

already been approved by the House and now by the Senate committee contains \$250,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers Study of the design for the project.

Funding for the project comes under the 1974-75 fiscal year and if the project is approved by the full Congress and signed by the President, Buena Vista could have the study done by the end of the 1975 fiscal year.

According to M. Caldwell Butler, sixth district congressman, who was in Rockbridge County on Monday at a farm conference, as soon as the bill is signed by the President, he will push for implementation of the study.

Butler said he did not anticipate the bill would be held up to "any great extent," and that the corps of engineers was anxious to begin work on the design study.

According to Ramsey the movements of the bill "should be routine from this point."

The flood control bill was first introduced into the Congress in 1972, nearly three years after the 1969 flood which almost completely devastated Buena Vista. Although its progress has been slow, the bill is moving fairly close to the schedule which was set up by the flood control committee.

In 1972, the committee expressed hopes that the flood control project would be completed by 1977 and if all moves well, the flood wall should be built by then.

The original bill approved in October 1972 by the Congress authorized more

than \$11-million for the project which would include a flood wall along the Maury River, running the length of the city, a deepened and widened channel and an earth levee.

However, before the entire funds are made available for the project, a design feasibility study must be completed by the corps of engineers. It is at this point the bill is now. Further steps will include completion of the design study, approval of the design, authorization of the funds for the project and actual construction.



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## Butler Aide To Visit Here On August 13

WASHINGTON — Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representatives will be in the Amherst County Courthouse on August 13 from 9 A.M. until noon to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Amherst is one of ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Amherst on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a nonscheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to compliment the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Any persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.

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M. Caldwell Butler, Sixth District Representative, co-sponsored the annual farm day at McCormick Farm on Monday in which area farmers vented their feelings about rising production costs and low market prices.

(Worrell Photo)



# Farmers Concerned Over Rising Costs

Approximately 200 Rockbridge County area farmers voiced their concern over rising production costs and poor farm profits at an annual farm conference sponsored by Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler and Seventh District representative J. Kenneth Robinson at the McCormick Farm in Steeles Tavern Monday.

Farmers voiced concern over the rising production costs which when coupled with low market prices, government interference and unrestricted agricultural imports are forcing them out of business.

The farmers were hostile toward government spokesmen who defended beef and wheat exports on the basis that they were good for the American economy and general "trade relations."

The farmers said that while exports of wheat to other countries and imports of beef might be good for the general economy, American farmers were suffering because of increased costs at home.

Guest panelists for the conference were Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter, who heads the division of International Affairs and Commodity Programs, and Ninth District Representative William Wampler, ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee.

The farm day conference, which was set up three years ago in order to give area farmers an opportunity to have their questions about national agriculture practices fielded by experts, featured a panel of resource personnel from the state and national level.



Seventh District Congressman J. Kenneth Robinson, co-sponsor of the annual farm day conference, spent time talking with several of nearly 600 Rockbridge County farmers who attended the meeting Monday at McCormick Farm.



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# Area Women Lament President's Disgrace

By TRUDY WILLIS  
Times Staff Writer

There's no elation among women—Republican, Democrat or independent—about the resignation of President Nixon.

"It's a sad chapter in American history," said Mrs. Arthur Giesen of Radford who served two terms in the Virginia House of Delegates and 8 years on the Radford City Council. She's now a member of the Montgomery County Republican Committee.

"At least it's proof that the system works," she said, espousing the stand nearly all the women contacted in Western Virginia took. She doesn't begrudge the action Nixon's: "I feel that he should resign. People have lost confidence in him. It all seems so stupid, so unnecessary."

Mrs. Mary Pauley of Eagle Rock, a member of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors, said she thought "Nixon had done some wonderful things and had the faith and the goodwill of the people behind him until, somehow, he let power get control of his common sense. He made a roundabout turn and has ended up doing as much to harm the country as he did to help it. Did we really know this man?"

She feels the economic condition of the country is due to a loss of confidence in Nixon.

A Democrat, she says she can't look at the issue along party lines. "I've admired some of things he's accomplished. At least, when people say it's 'such a shame,' she can answer them with a little note of optimism: "I just tell them it shows the world our system works, that the people as a whole have control of the situation. It's a good sign."

Mrs. Clinton Slusher, wife of the mayor of Salem and a Republican party worker since before she was old enough to vote, called the situation "heartbreaking." She copilot-ed Nixon's plane when he was campaigning for Linwood Holton who was running for his first term as governor.

"I can't help but believe that Nixon's methods may not have been correct, but that he was sincere in acting in the interest of the country. Sometimes all of us make mistakes in method. Sometimes we set goals so high we lose sight of the immediate methods by which we attain those goals. The idea that the end justifies the means is not always true.

"The country, nevertheless, is losing more than it's gaining," she feels.

The president of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women is "very saddened" by the impeachment proceedings and Nixon's resignation.

Frances Garland (Mrs. Robert) of Roanoke said she felt "as he began to lose the support of Congress" resignation was possibly the best course.

Mrs. Garland said the women have been very much behind the President and "are very, very upset about it."

She doesn't think Watergate has hurt the Republican party as a whole. She feels people will unite behind Gerald Ford.

"I did feel Nixon was a good president," she said. "He really didn't deserve this."

Mrs. M. Caldwell Butler, at home in Roanoke, is following events through telephone calls with her husband in Washington. Butler was one of the first members of the Judiciary Committee to vote for impeachment.

While Mrs. Butler is "very sad" about it all, she thinks it would be unsuitable for her to comment further.

Mrs. Natalie West of Rocky Mount, vice president of the Republican party in Franklin County, didn't think Nixon had any other choice but to resign.

"I've seen presidents come and go," she said, "and I have never had anything that has bothered me as much as this. Nothing has been more tragic than this."

Mrs. West says she was in charge of Nixon's campaign in Franklin County and, disturbed about the Watergate rumors, she wrote the President a letter, saying she hoped he would investigate. Other Republicans felt this way, too, she said.

She never got an answer to her letter, the first she had ever written a president, but thought he probably couldn't afford to put anything down on paper then.

She feels Nixon's disgrace will not hurt the Republican party.

"You can't blame the Republican party; it could well have been a Democrat."

As for Gerald Ford, Mrs. West feels he was given a thorough investigation by members of Congress who had their choice among men and he "must be a responsible man."

Mrs. West is proud of the way the United States has handled itself in the ordeal.

"We have shown a stability in this country which is admirable," she said. "Any other country would have had a revolution."

"We've gone about it in an orderly way and that is a big plus."

Mamie Vest, a Republican stalwart who runs an advertising agency connected with the

party, said she has been expecting the resignation for several days, but it "still comes with much sadness and a great deal of despair. Any American, be they Democrat, Republican or independent, should feel no elation over this tragic moment in our history."

"Up until 48 hours ago, I had not wanted to see the President resign. I felt he was due the constitutional course of action taken through trial by the Senate. But the erosion of public confidence has developed to the degree that his credibility would be questioned even if he remained in office."

She believes that "regardless of the turn of events, President Nixon will make his mark in history for solid accomplishments in international relations."

Mrs. Vest, who handled the arrangements for Nixon's visit on behalf of Holton's gubernatorial campaign in 1969 and who was chairman of the Young Civic Leaders for Nixon in 1968, says "It's now up to our future leaders and the American people—many who have complained vigorously—to bind our wounds and maintain faith in our system, which is still the best system in the world."



# 'The Right Thing,' Says Gov. Godwin

By MELVILLE CARICO  
Times Political Writer

Virginia's political leaders from Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. down Thursday night tried to find a kind word for President Nixon, agreeing he did the right thing in resigning.

Godwin, a former conservative Democrat who became a Republican last year, called Nixon's resignation "the right thing" and added that his speech "took an awful lot of courage."

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, the only Virginian who had to vote on impeachment, said, "Our country is much in the debt of Richard Nixon."

"I regret exceedingly that the circumstances that have brought us to the point where he has determined that his resignation is in the national interest."

Butler, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, voted for the first two articles of impeachment and his Democratic opponent in this year's congressional race in the 6th District, Paul J. Puckett, called Nixon's resignation "proper."

Puckett, who said weeks ago that if what had been reported then was true, Nixon should resign for the good of the country, claimed his resignation has no bearing on the congressional campaign.

He said the issues are the economy and lack of confidence in government.

"I feel like everybody else—a little

let down," Puckett said, calling it sad when a man has to resign from office.

U.S. Sen. William L. Scott, who stuck by the President to the end, congratulated Nixon for his decision to resign "in the national interest."

He said Nixon deserves a place in history for ending the war in Vietnam and "his efforts to lead us to peace and friendship with all the nations of the world."

Scott, who pulled a political upset in 1972 when Nixon carried Virginia by 67 per cent, praised Vice President Gerald Ford as a man with the background to become president.

"I venture to hope that after the ordeal through which we have suffered all Americans will now support the one who will be our new chief executive and provide him the opportunity to bring new leadership and unity to the nation."

U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., who never gave an inkling of how he would vote if the House impeached Nixon, said in resigning Nixon "has chosen the wisest course and the one that he believes is in the best interest of the country." Byrd said he has confidence in Gerald Ford.

Former Gov. Linwood Holton, who had a closer personal relationship with Nixon during his five years in the White House than any other Virginia political figure, predicted Americans will remem-

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ered the storms in the past and we'll go on now," he said.

A Wytheville loan company official said Nixon's resignation makes him feel "patriotic and very deeply about my country." He said it hurts him that Nixon is resigning, but "it's all the man's got left to do."

"I guess all of us realize that something had to give. It's one of those things that had to be resolved one way or the other," said E. M. Turner Jr., administrator of Patrick County.

Roger Nelson Jr. of Roanoke said he felt that Nixon should stay in office.

"He's doing a good job," said Nelson, adding that he feels that Nixon is one of the best presidents in the country's history.

"I think that it (resignation) is the only thing left for him to do," said Mrs. Frank Ellett of Roanoke, a shopper at Tanglewood Mall. "It's better for him than going through a trial in the Senate."

Nixon's impending departure from office seemed to generate little excitement Thursday in governmental offices in the Roanoke Valley.

For the most part, office workers in the Roanoke Municipal Building seemed to be in a business-as-usual mood.

"No one around here has been talking about it today," said a secretary in one office in the municipal building.

In the Salem Municipal Building, one official complained that Nixon's speech

Thursday night would interrupt the football game on television.

The office of Rep. Caldwell Butler in Roanoke had received "only about four or five" phone calls concerning the impending resignation by late Thursday. When the Judiciary Committee hearings were being televised, the office had received 60 to 70 calls daily concerning the congressman's support for two articles of impeachment.

A Christiansburg man said that Nixon must be guilty in the Watergate scandal.

"If he is not guilty, he should stay on and fight. He must be guilty if he's backing out," said Wayne Lester.

"I think it's about time, frankly, that he resigned," said Dan Amos, a shopper in Blacksburg. "But I can't help but feel rather sad," he said.

Mrs. Emma Miller, chairman of the Radford Democratic Committee, said she couldn't "gloat over his resignation" even though she had never been a Nixon admirer. "The sobering fact is that under his power-hungry administration, our free constitutional government could have toppled," she said.

Some people were already turning their attention to Gerald Ford, the next president.

"I wonder how Ford will be, whether he will restore confidence in government," said a secretary in a Roanoke office building. "I don't know that much about Ford, but I guess we will learn a lot in the next few weeks."

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Times Photo by Oakie Asbury  
Gerald R. Ford With Rep. Caldwell Butler in Roanoke Recently



# Butler Relieved, Glad Ordeal Is Over

By WAYNE WOODLIEF  
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Caldwell Butler watched Richard Nixon and his political career end in much the same manner that the Virginia Republican shaped his decision to impeach the President—alone (except for a reporter), somber and thoughtful in his home in McLean, Va.

Shoes off, feet on his coffee table, his slender hand pressed to his cheek, the freshman congressman from Roanoke seemed tense, still not completely certain what the President might do, as Nixon began his 16-minute televised address Thursday night.

Less than a minute into the speech, though, Nixon said the loss of his political base made it impossible for him "to continue" in office. Butler's face relaxed,

and he gestured slightly, as if to say "that's it."

A siren from a passing ambulance and the chirps of insects outside Butler's home punctuated Nixon's address, but Butler remained almost totally silent during the speech.

His wife, June, and his sons were in Roanoke. They are planning to move here later when his political life has settled.

Butler's family helped him focus on the impeachment evidence and bolstered his confidence when he needed that during the months the Watergate evidence mounted and Butler worked toward his decision.

But that decision was shaped primarily within himself, wrestling with his internal "computer" as he put it, solitarily studying the evidence at night, keeping his counsel and remaining publicly un-

committed until he declared his decision on national television:

"I cannot condone what I have heard (of presidential abuse); I cannot excuse it, and I cannot and will not stand still for it," he said then.

Thursday night he was more restrained. He said after the speech that Nixon's speech had been "restrained, dignified and moving." He seemed determined that his response to the speech would be the same.

"It was quite a depressing experience for everyone," Butler said. "There was a certain amount of relief at the dignity with which he handled it.

"I'm relieved that the ordeal is over. I think it was pretty much inevitable, based on my reading and his (Nixon's) reading of the House and the Senate."

Butler remained silent on how he and the Judiciary Committee may wrestle now with the momentous questions which still remain: should Congress declare its belief that Nixon should be immuned from prosecution? Should the committee press for a congressional vote on the impeachment report its staff is completing, to make a recorded verdict for history?

"No comment," he said. "No comment."

Butler had said in his own speech on impeachment, that there would be "no joy in it for me to vote to impeach."

He betrayed no joy Thursday night, until he saw, on a television newscast, the next president of the United States, Gerald R. Ford.

Then, and only then, Caldwell did Butler smile.

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Gerald R. Ford With Rep. Caldwell Butler in Roanoke Recently



# Virginia leaders believe Nixon made right decision

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By The Associated Press

Virginians of all political persuasions knew why Richard M. Nixon was appearing on television Thursday night, but it hardly lessened the emotional impact when he announced his resignation as President of the United States.

The President did "the right thing," said Republican Gov. Mills Godwin. "It took an awful lot of courage. I think he has made a great sacrifice — somewhat of a supreme sacrifice in doing what he has done."

"This is not only a personal tragedy for Mr. Nixon and his family, it is a tragedy for the country he loves and his family loves," said Godwin. "It is a tragedy for the country that all of us love."

"But out of it all comes an abundant strength, I think, that shows that America, operating under the democratic processes and under the constitutional system, can withstand this kind of attack and can transfer the power of the presidency without any real disruption."

Virginia's senior U.S. senator, Harry F. Byrd Jr., said, "President Nixon has chosen the wisest course and one that he believes is in the best interest of our country."

"My heart aches for the suffering I know he's undergoing," said former Gov. J. Lindsay Almond, "but he brought it on himself." Almond said he believed Nixon's resignation was in the best interest of the country and "best for him personally."

"I am overwhelmed with sadness for Richard Nixon," said Virginia Republican party chairman Richard D. Obenshain. "I hope he will be remembered for his many positive achievements even more than for the national tragedy..."

Former Republican Gov. Linwood Holton, a Nixon campaigner in Virginia in 1968 and 1972, said, "it is a very sad occasion, of course, and I feel a very strong personal sorrow."

"I would hope that in this kind of crisis, and I'm sure we will, we remember the great accomplishments of the Nixon administration."

Former Democratic Gov. Colgate W. Darden Jr. said Nixon should have stayed and fought for his job.

"I think the people of the country are entitled to hear from his own lips a refutation of the charges against him," Darden said, "and I think he should have had a chance to cross-examine the witnesses who charged him with wrongdoing."

Democratic Atty. Gen. Andrew P. Miller agreed "because I think in a situation of this sort when the country is going through a period of constitutional crisis, that the use of procedures spelled out in the Constitution for resolving the crisis should be pursued."

"Our country is much in the debt of Richard M. Nixon," said 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., whose announcement of support for impeachment of the President came at a crucial point in the hearings by the House Judiciary Committee.

"I regret exceedingly that the circumstances have brought us to the point where he has determined that his resignation is in the national interest."

Republican Sen. William L. Scott, who supported Nixon to the end, said, "President Nixon may have made the right decision in announcing his intention to resign, one that is in the best interest of the country if not in his own personal interest."

"Mr. Nixon deserves a place

in history for his accomplishments," Scott said.

Rep. Thomas N. Downing, D-Va., said "this has been a tragic experience, but I know that as a nation we will emerge stronger than ever before because we have come through the most severe peacetime constitutional crisis in our history."

Rep. G. William Whitehurst, R-Va., a former political science professor at Old Dominion University, said the resignation of Nixon concludes a personal tragedy of a dimension without parallel in American history.

"I am deeply grieved," said Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, the Republican congressman from the 7th District. "It grieves me that a man of his tremendous accomplishments while in office has been placed in a position which he finds no longer tolerable..."

5th District Rep. W. C. (Dan) Daniel, D-Va., said the Nixon years have recorded certain

positive accomplishments which should not go unnoticed. "The President has made his decision and I accept it," Daniel said.

Republican Congressman Robert W. Daniel of the 4th District said "in view of the transcript revelations of August 5 and the reaction of Congress and the country to them, I am sympathetic to the President's decision and consider it wise and appropriate."

"Let us learn from this present tragedy that freedom is based on truth, and can be preserved only through honesty and integrity," said the Most Rev. Walter F. Sullivan, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Virginia.

Lt. Col. Norman L. Wells, an ex-prisoner of war who has said he feels he'd still be in North Vietnamese prison camps if President Nixon hadn't ordered the bombing of Hanoi, said "the fact President

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Nixon has had to resign is absolutely terrible.

"Even if Nixon had personally ordered the bugging and burglaries, I don't think that would have been an impeachable offense because he was doing it in the national interest," Wells said.

And now that Nixon has resigned, "I'm concerned that the scales will shift sharply back toward the legislative branch," Wells said, adding "I don't really trust Congress."

Del. A. R. Giesen, R-Staunton and house minority leader, said "this traumatic page in our nation's history is a low

point in our political and governmental situation.

"I believe that Nixon took the action that was in the best interest of the country at this time. I do have compassion for Nixon and his family."

And Sen. Byrd said this morning that Nixon called him early today to say goodbye and invited him to come to California sometime. "I wished him well," Byrd said. "I've known him for a long time."



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# Area Women Lament President's Disgrace

By TRUDY WILLIS  
Times Staff Writer

There's no elation among women—Republican, Democrat or independent—about the resignation of President Nixon.

"It's a sad chapter in American history," said Mrs. Arthur Giesen of Radford who served two terms in the Virginia House of Delegates and 8 years on the Radford City Council. She's now a member of the Montgomery County Republican Committee.

"At least it's proof that the system works," she said, espousing the stand nearly all the women contacted in Western Virginia took. She doesn't begrudge the action Nixon's: "I feel that he should resign. People have lost confidence in him. It all seems so stupid, so unnecessary."

Mrs. Mary Pauley of Eagle Rock, a member of the Botsourt County Board of Supervisors, said she thought "Nixon had done some wonderful things and had the faith and the goodwill of the people behind him until, somehow, he let power get control of his common sense. He made a roundabout turn and has ended up doing as much to harm the country as he did to help it. Did we really know this man?"

She feels the economic condition of the country is due to a loss of confidence in Nixon.

A Democrat, she says she didn't look at the issue along party lines. "I've admired some of things he's accomplished. At least, when people say it's 'such a shame,' she can answer them with a little note of optimism: "I just tell them it shows the world our system works, that the people as a whole have control of the situation. It's a good sign."

Mrs. Clinton Slusher, wife of the mayor of Salem and a Republican party worker since before she was old enough to vote, called the situation "heartbreaking." She copiloted Nixon's plane when he was campaigning for Linwood Holton who was running for his first term as governor.

"I can't help but believe that Nixon's methods may not have been correct, but that he was sincere in acting in the interest of the country. Sometimes all of us make mistakes in method. Sometimes we set goals so high we lose sight of the immediate methods by which we attain those goals. The idea that the end justifies the means is not always true.

"The country, nevertheless, is losing more than it's gaining," she feels.

The president of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women is "very saddened" by the impeachment proceedings and Nixon's resignation.

Frances Garland (Mrs. Robert) of Roanoke said she felt "as he began to lose the support of Congress" resignation was possibly the best course.

Mrs. Garland said the women have been very much behind the President and "are very, very upset about it."

She doesn't think Watergate has hurt the Republican party as a whole. She feels people will unite behind Gerald Ford.

"I did feel Nixon was a good president," she said. "He really didn't deserve this."

Mrs. M. Caldwell Butler, at home in Roanoke, is following events through telephone calls with her husband in Washington. Butler was one of the first members of the Judiciary Committee to vote for impeachment.

While Mrs. Butler is "very sad" about it all, she thinks it would be unsuitable for her to comment further.

Mrs. Natalie West of Rocky Mount, vice president of the Republican party in Franklin County, didn't think Nixon had any other choice but to resign.

"I've seen presidents come and go," she said, "and I have never had anything that has bothered me as much as this. Nothing has been more tragic than this."

Mrs. West says she was in charge of Nixon's campaign in Franklin County and, disturbed about the Watergate rumors, she wrote the President a letter, saying she hoped he would investigate. Other Republicans felt this way, too, she said.

She never got an answer to her letter, the first she had ever written a president, but thought he probably couldn't afford to put anything down on paper then.

She feels Nixon's disgrace will not hurt the Republican party.

"You can't blame the Republican party; it could well have been a Democrat."

As for Gerald Ford, Mrs. West feels he was given a thorough investigation by members of Congress who had their choice among men and he "must be a responsible man."

Mrs. West is proud of the way the United States has handled itself in the ordeal.

"We have shown a stability in this country which is admirable," she said. "Any other country would have had a revolution."

"We've gone about it in an orderly way and that is a big plus."

Mamie Vest, a Republican stalwart who runs an advertising agency connected with the

party, said she has been expecting the resignation for several days, but it "still comes with much sadness and a great deal of despair. Any American, be they Democrat, Republican or independent, should feel no elation over this tragic moment in our history."

"Up until 48 hours ago, I had not wanted to see the President resign. I felt he was due the constitutional course of action taken through trial by the Senate. But the erosion of public confidence has developed to the degree that his credibility would be questioned even if he remained in office."

She believes that "regardless of the turn of events, President Nixon will make his mark in history for solid accomplishments in international relations."

Mrs. Vest, who handled the arrangements for Nixon's visit on behalf of Holton's gubernatorial campaign in 1969 and who was chairman of the Young Civic Leaders for Nixon in 1968, says "It's now up to our future leaders and the American people—many who have complained vigorously—to bind our wounds and maintain faith in our system, which is still the best system in the world."



# Ford a hit with Mayor Webber

By OZZIE OSBORNE  
Political Writer  
Of all the famous folks he

has welcomed to Roanoke,  
Mayor Roy Webber has some  
of the most complimentary

remarks to make about Gerald  
Ford.  
The mayor talked to Ford



Gerald Ford receives key from Mayor Webber

Photo by John Cook

perhaps as much as anyone when the then-vice president visited Roanoke July 19 for a fund-raising reception on behalf of Reps. M. Caldwell Butler of Virginia's 6th Congressional District and William C. Wampler of the 9th. The mayor today recalled that Ford "looked like a Washington Redskins football player" and that "he was very sure of himself."

The two talked of a lot of things: revenue-sharing, the federal government's help to Roanoke with Woodrum Airport and football.

"He was very sure of himself," the mayor said of Ford. "He has his feet on the ground."

"He'll be no stranger in the White House," said Webber.

One thing that struck nearly everybody about Ford on his brief visit here was his naturalness and unaffected manner.

"He was completely unaffected," said Toy D. Savage Jr., a Norfolk lawyer and "Young Turk" while in the Virginia House of Delegates.

Savage was one of the lawyers who played golf with Ford when he went to the Homestead to speak to a lawyers' gathering.

Reporters, too, and the crowd of 200-plus that attended

the Hotel Roanoke reception found Ford much more approachable than even the run-of-the-mill politician.

At the news conference before the reception, Ford answered questions easily (glibly, some said) and everybody there went away more impressed than with what they had seen of him on TV.

Expectedly, he made no real hard news with his questions—but he, at least, evaded none.

The reception was different, too: for one thing, reporters were allowed in and, for another, it was not the formal sort of thing that was held for others, among them his predecessor, Spiro Agnew.

Generally at fat-cat receptions, people are given the definite hint that they're not to crowd the guest or otherwise make pests of themselves.

Not so with Ford: Crowds surged around him shaking his hand, even though a clutch of Secret Service men made efforts to keep them at bay. Ford seemed to mind it not at all.

Ford's little speech at the reception, supposedly a artisan pitch for Butler and Wampler, further projected an

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image of naturalness, rather than that of a politician.

(Ford, incidentally, seemed to impress the women more



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than the mainly because of his good looks. Mary Bland Armistead, women's editor of The World-News, described him as being trim in "pale plaid, a midnight blue tie slashing his soft blue shirt and, you guessed it, making his blue eyes ever bluer.")

After he returned to Washington, Ford wrote Webber what Webber described as "a

beautiful letter." It said in part:

"I am particularly appreciative of your kindness in presenting me with the key to the city.

"This momento will always symbolize the graciousness with which I was received in my short but enjoyable visit to your lovely city of Roanoke."



# Area House Members Accept Nixon's Decision

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said Thursday night, "Our country is much in the debt of Richard M. Nixon."

Butler, whose announcement of support for impeachment of the president came at a crucial point in the hearings of the House Judiciary Committee, added:

"I regret exceedingly that the circumstances have brought us to the point where he has determined that his res-

ignation is in the national interest."

Fifth District Rep. W.C. (Dan) Daniel said, "The President has made his decision and I accept it."

Daniel added, "Three times in 30 years our nation has been confronted with transition in leadership under very difficult circumstances. We survived those earlier tests and we shall this one because we have the courage to look to the future and profit by our experience."

"The Nixon years," said Daniel, "have recorded certain positive accomplishments which should not go unnoticed. He added balance to the Supreme Court and the cause of world peace has been well served."

"There is one group which is particularly in my thoughts tonight, and that is the President's family. They have been courageous and have my utmost respect and compassion."

Daniel said, "I have known our new president, Gerald Ford, intimately for some time and served with him in the congress for five years."

"He has the capacity and the qualities to lead the United States through this troubled time. His job will not be an

easy one, and he deserves our prayers and our understanding in the years ahead," said Daniel.

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Known several hours in advance through news reports, the reality of Richard M. Nixon's resignation as President of the United States, nonetheless, hit home rather fiercely Thursday night for Virginians of all political persuasions and lifestyles.

From the governor on down, from supporters and detractors alike, there was an unmistakable feeling of uneasiness in the air.

"I am overwhelmed with sadness for Richard Nixon," said Richard D. Obenshain, state GOP chairman. "I hope he will be remembered for his many positive achievements even more than for the national tragedy..."

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of President Nixon's involvement which are unanswered and could remain a point of dissension and unnecessary debate for some time."

Fralin said, however, he still feels Nixon made the "best decision for the overall good of the country. I'm inclined to agree with Gov. Godwin now that Nixon has resigned the Watergate tragedy should be put behind us."

Fralin said he met Ford three weeks ago in Roanoke and "was most impressed. I feel he is a man of open and engaging personality and with a thorough grasp of the workings of this country. I have every reason to believe that by the time he finishes the job ahead of him we will be very proud of him."

Mrs. Louise Cunningham, Lynchburg Democratic chairman, said today she feels "it is now time to get down to business. I hope Mr. Ford is a man both parties can rally behind and that he has the strength to lead the nation."

She said she is glad the problems of the Nixon administration "are coming to an end."





**LOCAL GOP LEADERS OPTIMISTIC** — Discussing the resignation Thursday night of President Richard M. Nixon and the assumption of the presidency today by Gerald R. Ford, are, from left Carroll P. Freeman, Lynchburg City Republican chairman; George H. Fralin Jr., Lynchburg chairman for the re-election of Republican Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, and State Sen. Robert S. Burruss Jr. of Lynchburg, Senate minority leader. The three expressed optimism that the country will be reunited under leadership of the new president.

(Photo)

## Feelings mixed on Nixon

# Area politicians seek unity

By DOROTHY S. BROOKS

Lynchburg Republican and Democratic leaders today expressed mixed feelings of sadness and satisfaction over the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon but said they are hopeful the country will be reunited under the presidency of Gerald M. Ford.

They said President Ford's rapport with Congress will be essential in the months that lie ahead and that the new president must have the support of all the people in his efforts to meet the pressing problems with which America is faced.

State Sen. Robert S. Burruss Jr. of Lynchburg, a Republican, said he believes Ford "will be a good president and do a good job." He noted that Ford has good liaison with both the House and Senate and said he feels the new president will be able to unite the country.

Burruss, state Senate minority leader, said "This is a bad and tragic situation for the country and President Nixon."

Burruss said he was sorry Nixon's resignation had to come about but added he feels the incident will set a precedent for good conduct in the future for presidents of America.

"I believe Nixon's real trouble in this matter was his trying to be loyal and protecting and covering up the actions of his staff and the re-election committee who went too far in their action," he said.

Burruss said, however, he feels it is time to turn the nation's attention to its other problems.

Del. Joan S. Jones of Lynchburg, a Democrat, said she feels "we should all pray a lot. I feel Ford has to have the support of all of the people in the country."

She said the American people "should gain a great deal of confidence from the fact that Ford has retained Henry A. Kissinger as secretary of state."

Referring to Nixon's resignation and the Watergate scandal, Del. Jones said "Whatever the personal dilemmas of Mr. Nixon are, the most crucial matter is that a vice president be appointed and the Congress continue with the country's business."

"I believe," she said, "that we are in a financial crisis which desperately needs solution, and I hope that the full attention of Congress will be focused on it."

Del. Donald G. Pendleton of Amherst, also a Democrat, said he feels "Nixonitis had been a drag on the nation's economy" and stressed that the country

"must get on with the business of our economy."

"The most important thing," Pendleton declared, "is to cut the inflation rate."

Del. Richard W. Elliott of Campbell County, a Democrat, said he had anticipated the resignation following the Supreme Court ruling that Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed tapes.

"This whole affair is unfortunate for the country," Elliott said, "but it is a time to reassess our political values and views and hopefully and prayerfully America and the rest of the world will gain in the long run from what is a shameful day in the history of America."

Carroll P. Freeman, chair-

man of the Lynchburg City Republican Committee, said he is "very pleased to have a man of Mr. Ford's caliber ascending to the presidency."

"It is apparent that Mr. Ford has good rapport with Congress," Freeman said, "and I believe that will be essential in the months that lie ahead as he attempts to address himself to the many pressing problems with which the country is faced. We might not fare as well with someone else in the presidency."

Of Nixon, Freeman said "I am saddened to see the career of one, who in many respects has been an outstanding president, come to this point."

"I doubt many are saddened as Republicans or even as

Democrats, rather they are saddened as Americans," Freeman stated.

"I hope I am not being naively optimistic to hope this entire incident will serve as a cleansing and strengthening of our political processes," Freeman added.

George H. Fralin Jr., Lynchburg chairman for the re-election of Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, said he is glad "to see indications of unity behind Mr. Ford as expressed by the Congressional leaders Thursday night."

"I think from a long range political point of view there are many questions regarding Watergate and the real extent

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# Butler unsure <sup>WN</sup> of future moves <sup>final pg sec. 8-9-74</sup>

By JACK BETTS  
Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON — Roanoke  
Rep. M. Caldwell Butler today  
gave indications that he might  
consider supporting further  
actions in the case of former  
President Richard Nixon, who  
resigned at noon today.

Butler said he was "going to  
think about it for awhile. I will  
have to see what develops."

While Butler did not say he  
would favor prosecution or  
further action, he also refused  
to reject any possible moves  
against Nixon.

A member of the House Ju-  
diciary Committee who sup-  
ported articles of  
impeachment, Butler and the  
37 other members of the im-  
peachment panel will be fac-  
ing a varied array of  
alternatives in the coming  
weeks.

Those alternatives include:

- Granting a sense of Con-  
gressional resolution of immu-  
nity prosecution for Nixon  
from federal prosecution

- Continuing with the im-  
peachment process in the

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## Butler unsure of move

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House and Senate, a move for  
which there is precedent.

- Sending the committee's  
final impeachment report to  
the full House for a vote of  
acceptance or approval.

- Some other official find-  
ing of fact with regard to the  
ex-president's guilt or inno-  
cence in the Watergate affair.

- Approving a resolution  
instructing special Prosecutor  
Leon Jaworski proceed as he  
sees fit in the Watergate in-  
vestigation.

Butler said he would "con-  
sider whatever options are  
available to us, but I'm not  
satisfied that Congress has  
any particular authority out-  
side of the impeachment pow-  
er."

The 6th District Republican  
watched Nixon's resignation  
speech alone, except for a re-  
porter, at his McLean home.

His wife, June, and children  
were in Roanoke.

He later described the  
speech as "dignified," and "a  
graceful exit. It's what we  
were entitled to expect from a  
resigning president."

He also said that the Judi-  
ciary Committee should be  
able to move more quickly in  
the confirmation of a new vice  
president than it did nearly  
nine months ago in the confir-  
mation of Gerald Ford.

"After all," Butler said with  
a grin, "we've had a lot of ex-  
perience at that."

Butler refused to respond to  
a comment made last week by  
U.S. Sen. William L. Scott, R-  
Va., that he (Scott) would be  
"hesitant" to campaign for  
Butler after Butler had an-  
nounced he would vote to im-  
peach.

Butler said, "I'm not going  
to discuss my campaign plans  
before I decide what they are.  
But I've never had a falling  
out with Bill Scott. I was  
aware of his views and he was  
aware of mine. And I've got no  
problem with him."

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## Amendment

THE NEWS  
By Butler

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Gets Okay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House of Representatives has adopted an amendment offered by Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., which Butler says will close a major loophole in campaign reform legislation now being debated by the House.

The amendment adopted Thursday brings endorsement of bank loans within the \$1,000 limitation on individual contributions contained in the bill.

Existing law exempts loans from banks and endorsements of such loans from the definition of a campaign contribution, and the campaign reform bill recommended no change in the definition.

Without the amendment, Butler said, the bill would have contained no restrictions on the amount a wealthy contributor could provide a campaign by guaranteeing bank loans taken out by the candidate or his campaign committee.



# Byrd Hails Ford Stand On Budget

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By DON HILL

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Virginia Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. responded with hands slamming together like cymbals Monday night as President Gerald Ford stressed and restressed determination to battle inflation with reduced governmental spending.

Byrd sat in the Chamber of the House of Representatives next to Sen. Allan Cranston, D-Calif., and near Sen. Edward Kenney, D-Mass., both notably less enthusiastic during that portion of Ford's speech.

"I noticed," Byrd said afterward, "When the new President kept emphasizing cutting the cost of government, most of the applause came from the Republicans and from Byrd."

Byrd had said earlier in the week that he was a skeptic when it came to trusting any president to act upon the fine words of budgetary restraint.

Monday night, he said, "my skepticism has lessened."

On the other side of the House chamber, Rep. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke sat with Reps. Robert Daniel and Joel Broyhill, fellow Virginia Republicans, grinning broadly during parts of Ford's address to the joint session of Congress.

"He gives the impression of quite a take-charge guy," Butler said after Pres-



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ident Ford's speech. "That's what the country needs." It was an evening of hope for the new and concern for the old.

The House and Senate gave one of their longest bursts of standing applause to David and Julie Nixon Eisenhower as they entered a dignitaries' gallery to hear the man who replaced Nixon in the White House.

Near the end of President Ford's speech, Butler turned and looked upward at Mrs. Eisenhower.

"What was that about?" a reporter asked him afterward.

"I don't know. I saw some of the press looking at her and I turned to see why," Butler said. He paused. "She's got a lot of intestinal fortitude to show up for a thing like that."

Members of both houses and people in the galleries greeted Ford as he entered the chamber. Their mood of joviality sustained throughout a speech which was sometimes serious, sometimes light, always simple.

And the mood sustained as members of the cabinet, the diplomatic corps and of Congress spilled afterwards from the chamber into the House of Representatives' Statuary Hall.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger emerged, hands of congressmen and senators clutching at him as though they be-

longed to so many Washington tourists.

Kissinger developed such a a rhythm of handshaking that when a dainty feminine hand poked his way he squeeze it heartily, if formally. The hand's owner guffawed and pulled it back before Kissinger realized she was his wife, Nancy.

The secretary of state had emerged from the chamber in conversation with Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz. Moments later, Kissinger tapped Va. Sen. Byrd on the shoulder and engaged him in conversation also. Both senators have been named by some conservatives as prospects for the vice presidential nomination.

Byrd reacted to the speech by saying, "Just the right touch and just the right tone."

Butler agreed. "Certainly he's given inflation the priority status it deserves," Butler said. "The committee approach he proposes will inspire confidence. I'm encouraged by his approach."

"He touched on more things than I thought he would. He certainly didn't come crawling in there expressing a helplessness that would have been inappropriate. Also, his unselfconscious expression of human limitations and his call for divine guidance were a touch this country needs. I just think it's an awfully fine way to start an administration."



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# No choice, Butler asserts

By OZZIE OSBORNE  
Political Writer

WASHINGTON — Rep. Caldwell Butler said today he has no strong feelings about the vice presidency and isn't recommending anyone for the post.

"I feel the President is enti-

tled to pick his own man and I'll support him if I can," he said.

Butler did say he had some reservations about George Bush, chairman of the Republican National Committee, because of his close identification with "the party machinery." He said he

thought that might hurt his chances of confirmation.

In his comments, he said he would be surprised if Nelson Rockefeller were chosen for the No. 2 spot by President Ford. And he said Goldwater's age seems to be against him." He was referring to U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater of Ari-

zona.

Richard D. Obenshain, the state GOP chairman, has asked Ford to pick Goldwater.

In other comments today, Butler said that most of his campaigning this fall probably will be concentrated in the last three weeks of October. The election is Nov. 5.



# Vepco Delays *James* Dam Removal *8/13/74*

Times Shenandoah Bureau  
LEXINGTON—In a letter dated Aug. 5, W. L. Profitt, a Vepco vice president, notified the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors that due to a cutback in its construction program, Vepco would be unable to remove a hydroelectric dam at Balcony Falls below Glasgow on the James River.

Removal of the dam had been requested by the Town of Glasgow and the board last summer following upstream flooding. In March of this year, the board formally requested the Federal Power Commission to force Vepco to remove the dam.

The dam was built in 1916 to generate electricity and was later acquired by Vepco through merger. However, it has not been used to nerate

electricity for more than one year.

The board unanimously voted Monday to write to Rep. M. Caldwell Butler and Sens. Harry Byrd and William Scott informing them of Vepco's action and requesting their aid in securing the removal of the dam.

In a separate action Monday concerning Vepco, the board voted to join the Virginia Municipal League and the Association of Counties in negotiating a new rate schedule for the purchase of electricity.

The county's old contract with Vepco expired July 17 and Vepco notified the board that as of that date it would be charged under the new rate schedule for electricity.

The board instructed Executive Secretary Don Austin to continue to pay Vepco the rate that the county had been paying under its previous contract until a new contract was negotiated.



Butler favors study

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House unit to probe Gathright

By FRANK HANCOCK  
Environmental Writer

Rising costs and alleged geological problems at the partially complete Gathright Dam near Covington will be the target of a congressional investigation beginning possibly next month.

Rep. Joe L. Evins, D-Tenn., chairman of the House appropriations subcommittee on public works, today said that all aspects of the dam on the

Jackson River in Bath County "that have been brought to our attention" will be studied.

Rep. John Slack, the West Virginia Democratic congressman who came down to take a look at the dam several weeks ago, was not available for comment. He had said earlier, however, that he had reservations concerning completion of the controversial dam and would report his findings to Evins.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, 6th District congressman from Roanoke, said in a telephone interview that he is "sympathetic" with Evins' proposal to restudy the dam. "If he has any reservations about it, he is moving responsibly."

Butler, who also visited the dam site and saw some of the caverns in the left dam abutment, said he had asked the federal General Accounting Office (GAO) for a report.

But, he added, he feels that Evins' committee has more information and "this is a

much better way to proceed."

A spokesman for the Corps of Engineers had no comment on Evins' action except that "we certainly will cooperate in any way we can."

Hunter Spillan, administrative aide to Evins, said a

\$6-million appropriation for continuing work on Gathright in the current fiscal year is apparently not in danger.

It is part of an omnibus public works bill that has passed

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# House subcommittee to investigate Gathright

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The Army Corps of Engineers, which is building the dam and has already spent in excess of \$20 million, recently cancelled Mountain State's contract for work on the dam and attempted to seize its equipment.

Federal Judge Ted Dalton ruled in U.S. District Court in Roanoke, however, that Mountain State could remove its equipment from the site.

The engineers charged that Mountain State was 400 days

behind in its contract to complete a tower that would discharge waters from different levels of the dam, more

After Judge Dalton's decision, Col. Robert Ayers, Norfolk District Engineer, announced in court that the remaining work would be done by JARFO, the prime contractor on the dam.

JARFO is a combination of two Salem companies, Wiley Jackson Co., Inc., and Robertson-Fowler Co., Inc.

Officials of Mountain State complained in court that the engineers were holding back money from them because of delays in the work.

Spillan, Rep. Evins aide, said that the "reinvestigation" would require several months to complete. He added that Gathright is not the only project the subcommittee is studying. "We have 50 or 60 of them."

Spillan said "We will have to put a group together and get someone with expertise in the field, as we do from time to time on other projects."

The Gathright project has had a stormy history ever since it was authorized by Congress in 1946. When money to start construction was finally approved in 1966, the Corps of

Engineers and the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries had some differences because the flood control project would take part of its Gathright Game Management Area and flood about 12 miles of the Jackson River.

In 1972, an environmentalist group sought in U.S. District Court in Roanoke to halt completion of the dam. They cited environmental laws that had been passed after Congress authorized the project and also contended that the benefits to be derived from the dam and 2,530-acre lake were not consistent with the cost.

Judge Dalton overruled them, however, and said he felt that any action concerning the dam should come from Congress.

The latest controversy came after Robert Pond, project manager for Kemper-Frontier Co., a subcontractor, said that additional caverns had been discovered in the left dam abutment and that it would cost more than anticipated to seal them off.

The Corps of Engineers has contended all along that it was aware of caverns in the abutment and had put into the design of the eight-foot-thick concrete wall or "membrane" to seal off the caverns.

The engineers did say, however, that the project might cost more than estimated because of the caverns. Contracts on the work contain provisions for negotiations between the engineers and contractors when unexpected costs arise.



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## Gathright Dam Project Will Be Investigated

ROANOKE, Va. (AP)—Rep. Joe L. Evins, D-Tenn., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on public works, is reported as saying his subcommittee will investigate the huge Gathright Dam project in western Virginia.

Evins said the investigation of the controversial \$50 million project, on which \$20 million has already been spent, may start as early as next month, the Roanoke World-News said Tuesday.

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# Moomaw welcomes probe of Gathright

By FRANK HANCOCK  
Environmental Writer

The man who has been called the "father" of the Gathright Dam on Jackson River above Covington said today that he welcomes a congressional investigation of the project.

Ben C. Moomaw Jr., who, at 84, is still executive director of the Covington-Alleghany County Chamber of Commerce, said the investigation, announced yesterday, "will serve once and for all to end the controversy that has raged for years over Gathright."

Moomaw predicted that the investigators will "find that the project is very sound and will meet with their approval."

The colorful Moomaw, who once was a hunting guide in the Gathright area and who—among other accomplishments—sings Virginia folk songs as president of the Virginia Folklore Society, said in a telephone interview:

"This is the last move that could affect the Gathright Dam. It will clear the air. Work on the dam will not be stopped in the meantime. It's all bound to be good."

Rep. Joe Evins, D-Tenn., chairman of a House Appropriations subcommittee on public works, said yesterday that investigators will take a look into the cost overrun, allegations that the dam is not safe or feasible because of caverns in one abutment "and other matters that have been brought to our attention."

But, Hunter Spillan, aide to Evins, said that Gathright had not been singled out. The subcommittee is checking into complaints about numerous projects, Spillan said.

The investigation won't start until about a month from now, Spillan said, and will require several months of study.

Meanwhile, both the House and Senate have approved a \$6 million appropriation to continue construction during the current fiscal year.

Moomaw, a native of Buena Vista but a resident of Alleghany County since 1897, has fought for the Gathright Dam for decades and was instrumental in getting congressional approval in 1946.

It was 20 years later, in 1966, that money was appropriated to start construction by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Wearing still another hat, Moomaw has been chairman of the Gathright Committee of the James River Basin Association for years. He has become a familiar figure at House appropriations hearings when money is earmarked for public works.

When environmentalists challenged the dam project in 1972 in a federal court suit, Moomaw termed himself "in a very strong sense" an environmentalist. He said that the Gathright project would enhance the area.

Moomaw once said that his first interest in putting a dam in the spectacular Kincaid Gorge 18 miles above Covington was "purely for flood control."

"I was in Covington during the 1913 flood, and I knew the enormous danger in which the city sat."

"Later, I realized all the other advantages."

He mentioned today that land around the 2,500-acre lake will be devoted to public recreational use.

The congressional checkup on the dam, where at least \$20 million has been spent and an estimated \$30 million or more is still needed, came partly as a result of a complaint of a subcontractor to the Corps of Engineers.

The "sub," Robert Pond, had private geologists check the dam abutments and said that newly-discovered caverns would raise the cost of construction.

The Corps of Engineers acknowledged that there would be additional costs but emphasized that an eight-foot-thick concrete wall, drawn into original plans, would seal off all of the caverns.

Moomaw contends that the information about the caverns has been "interpreted way out of context in some places."

"The new caverns are merely extensions of the ones that the engineers knew were there. When they are plugged off at the entrance, there is no effect."

At least two congressmen, 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke and Rep. John Slack, D-W.Va., and members of their staffs have visited the dam site.

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## **House OKays BV Flood Aid**

Flood control measures sought by Buena Vista were given a boost yesterday by Congress, according to a report from the office of 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

A member of Butler's Washington office staff said yesterday that the conference report on the Public Works - Atomic Energy Commission Appropriations Bill passed the House of Representatives yesterday.

The bill includes \$250,000 for final design plan study for Buena Vista flood control. The measure will go to the Senate Thursday for a vote.



# A POWER HAS CORRUPTED

Congressman Caldwell Butler of Roanoke properly rejected the position of some of his Republican colleagues on the House Judiciary. They were saying that the question of impeachment was not guilt of an impeachable offense, but rather, whether the punishment, removal from office, was warranted by the offenses.

Their position rejected the precise wording of the Constitution which says a President guilty of bribery, treason and other high crimes and misdemeanors shall be removed from office. If guilty, President Nixon shall be removed.

In his speech during the Committee's second day of debate on articles of impeachment, Butler acknowledged his indebtedness to Richard Nixon, whom he has supported in all of Nixon's national campaigns. And Butler admitted, there were some who believe that without the President's help in 1972, he would not have been elected to Congress and allowed to serve on the Judiciary committee.

But that loyalty should not affect his decision, only make it more distasteful, to pull a word out of Butler's own mouth as he precisely endorsed impeachment.

"There are frightening implications for the future of our country if we do not impeach the President of the United States, because we will by this proceeding establish as a matter of record a standard of conduct for the President of the United States that will be for all times a matter of public record. If we fail to impeach, we have condoned and left unpunished a course of conduct totally inconsistent with the reasonable expectations of the American people. We will have condoned and left unpunished a presidential course of conduct designed to interfere with and obstruct the very process which he has sworn to uphold. And we will have condoned and left unpunished an abuse of power totally without justification. And we will have said to the American people, 'These misdeeds are inconsequential and unimportant!'

"...A presidential policy (has been) cynically based on the premise the truth is negotiable.

"...Throughout the extensive transcripts made available to us of intimate presidential conversation and discussion, there is no real evidence of regret for what has occurred, or remorse, or resolution to change and precious little reference to or concern for Constitutional responsibility

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or reflection on the basic obligations of the office of the President. A power appears to have corrupted.

"...The misuse of power is the very essence of tyranny and the evidence is clear and direct and convincing to me, that the President of the United States condoned and encouraged the use of the Internal Revenue taxpayers' audit as a means of harassing the President's political enemies. Consider if you will the frightening implications of that for a free society.

"...Mr. Chairman, while I reserve my final judgement, I would be less than candid if I did not now say that my present inclination is to support articles incorporating my view as to the charges of obstructing justice and abuse of power. But there will be no joy in it for me."

Congrats, for insightful, moral, and clear vision, Congressman. We only wish you had not hastily dismissed your committee colleague, Father Robert Drinan of Massachusetts, so many, many months ago, when he introduced that very first resolution of impeachment.





Butler tosses completion to Center Gerry Ford in unusual Quarter-  
back Sneak in the Judgement Bowl being played in Washington, D.C.



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## Vepco Delays Dam Removal

In a letter dated August 5, W. L. Profitt, a Vepco vice president, notified the Rock-bridge County Board of Supervisors that due to a cutback in its construction program, Vepco would be unable to remove a hydroelectric dam at Balcony Falls below Glasgow, on the James River.

Removal of the dam had been requested by the town of Glasgow and the board last summer following upstream flooding. In March, 1973 the board formally requested the Federal Power Commission to force Vepco to remove the dam.

The dam was built in 1916 to generate electricity and was later acquired to Vepco through merger. However, it has not been used to generate electricity for more than one year.

The board unanimously voted Monday to write to Congressman M. Caldwell Butler and Senators Byrd and Scott informing them of Vepco's action and requesting their aid in

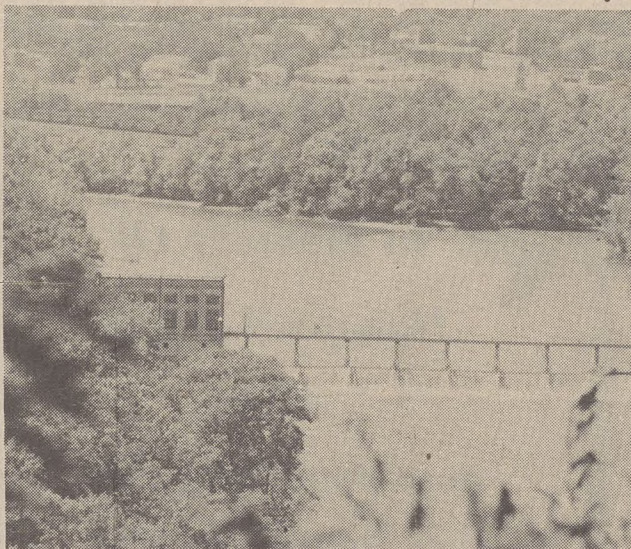
securing the removal of the dam.

In a separate action Monday concerning Vepco, the board voted to join the Virginia Municipal League and the Association of Counties in negotiating a

new rate schedule for the purchase of electricity.

The county's old contract with Vepco expired July 17 and Vepco notified the board that as of that date it would be charged under the new rate schedule for electricity.

The board instructed Executive Secretary Don Austin to continue to pay Vepco the rate that the county had been paying under its previous contract until a new contract was negotiated.



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### Adopts Butler

### Amendment

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Existing law exempts loans from banks and endorsements of such loans from the definition of a campaign contribution. The campaign reform bill recommended to the House did not change this definition. Without the Butler amendment, the bill would have contained no restrictions on the amount a wealthy contributor could provide a campaign by guaranteeing bank loans taken out by the candidate or his campaign committee.

Butler, who is a member of the House Administration Committee which recommended this legislation, offered such an amendment during committee consideration of this bill. The amendment was rejected on a party-line vote at that time. The full House adopted it by voice vote after Committee Chairman Wayne Hays of Ohio withdrew his opposition.



## Senator Byrd To Be Speaker For Buchanan Dedication

United States Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., will be the featured speaker this Saturday at the 2 p.m. dedication of the new headquarters building for the Buchanan Fire Department and Buchanan Rescue Squad.

Also among the dignitaries to be welcomed by Buchanan Mayor Stull Carson will be Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler.

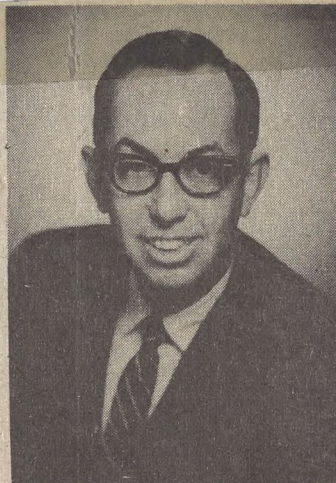
Although the dedication does not begin until 2 p.m., an open house will start at 9 a.m. with all the equipment on exhibit and manned.

Many interesting historical documents will be on display.

There will be bands, refreshments, and an opportunity to meet the distinguished guests.

A special invitation is extended to all former members of the Buchanan Fire Department and Buchanan Rescue Squad, and their families.

Other pictures and features concerning the new building and the two organizations it will house are included throughout this edition of The Fincastle Herald.



Rep. Caldwell Butler



Sen. Harry Byrd, Jr.

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# Views on Nixon Resignation Varied

BY LINDA CREWE

In the wake of former President Richard Nixon's resignation last Thursday, Buena Vista residents, as with most Americans, have turned their thoughts and conversations toward the implications of the resignation and what the future will hold.

In an informal survey of area citizens, Buena Vista News editor Bill Worrell and reporter John Sorrells found that most of the conversations last week centered around the resignation of the former President and the possibility of further action to be taken against him.

Most of those interviewed

agreed that his resignation was long overdue yet they were divided on the advisability of prosecuting him on criminal actions. Many seemed to feel that he had suffered enough.

One local businessman, who asked not to be identified, pointed out that he felt he "had been betrayed" because of Nixon's resignation speech which totally ignored the President's involvement with the Watergate scandals. He said he felt Nixon should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and that a man who did not believe in amnesty should not expect amnesty for himself.

A Washington and Lee University law student

commented that the resignation of Nixon was long overdue, but that some disappointment did exist because "Nixon has circumvented the law by resigning." He too said he felt Nixon should pay the penalties for misuse of power, regardless of the argument that he had suffered enough.

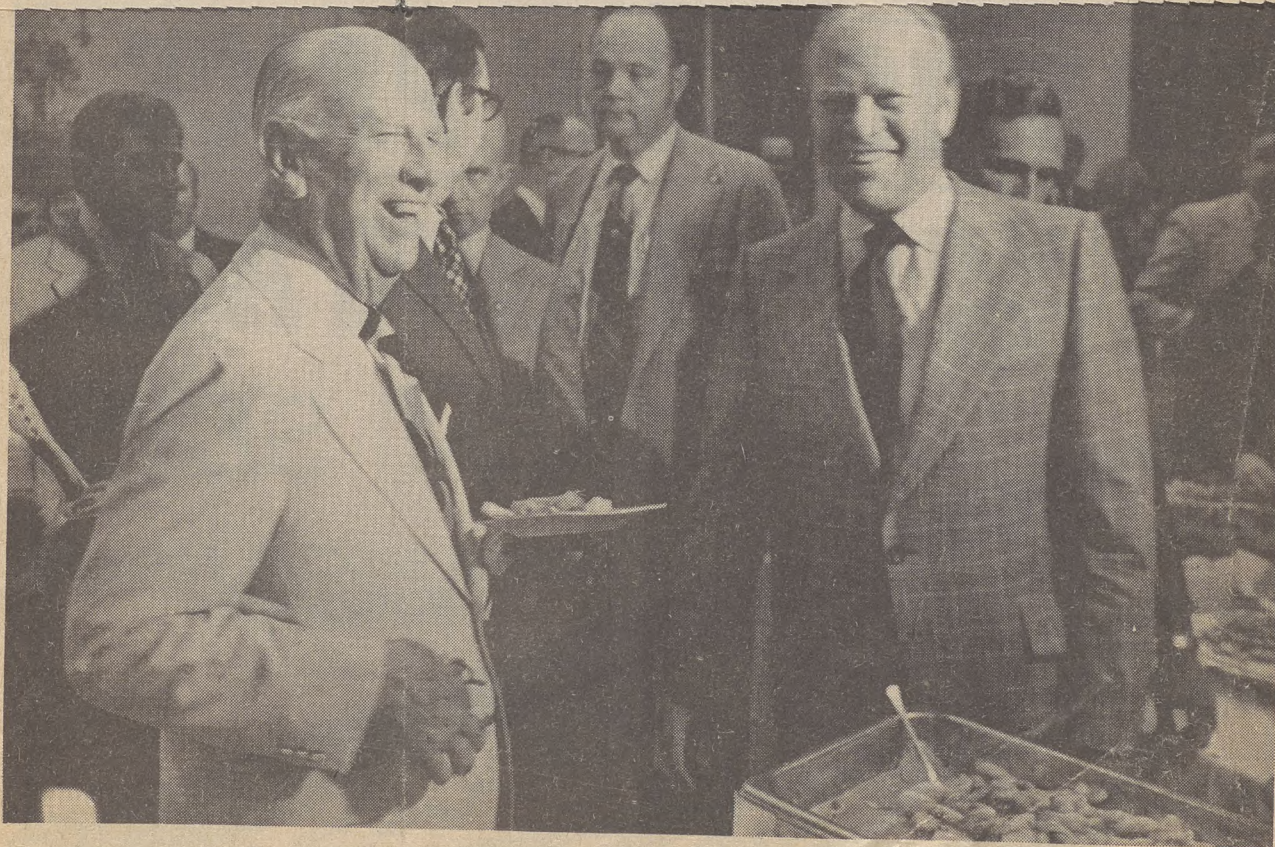
Many of those interviewed expressed conflicting sentiments about the resignation. While most agreed that the resignation was a good move, many who had been vocal in their feelings that Nixon should be impeached and removed from office, were beginning to show signs of weakening pointing out that Nixon had

"paid the supreme sacrifice" in losing his office.

The persons who expressed opinions appeared to feel that just having Nixon out of the office of the President was enough and that it was not necessary to "kick a man while he is down."

Fred Smith, an employee of Quality Supermarket in Buena Vista, expressed what several of those interviewed said, "Now that Nixon is a private citizen," said Smith, "he should have to do what a private citizen would do. He should be made to go to court. If going to jail is what the penalty is, he should have to pay the price."

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Buena Vista resident H. Russell Robey (left) is shown with now President Gerald R. Ford. Robey attended a reception for Ford in Roanoke

several weeks ago when Ford was serving as vice-president.

(Roanoke Times Staff Photo)



# Views on Nixon

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Nixon's resignation is the "best thing that could have happened," according to Dorothy Pappas. But she added that she thought "we should just let sleeping dogs lie and go from there."

Nixon's resignation should have come "a long time ago," said Ernest Lily. Lily also said Nixon should be prosecuted through the courts, as should others involved in the Watergate scandals. "He (Nixon) knew all about it," said Lily.

"I think he did the right thing (resigning) in a way," said Fred Shafer. However, Shafer admitted he had not really kept up with the circumstances surrounding the impeachment investigation and therefore did not know whether the former President should be prosecuted.

"They should just let him go and forget it," said Mrs. Annie Lotts, who agreed that Nixon's resignation was a good move.

Charles Markham of Glasgow said he thought the resignation was a "good thing" but he continued, explaining that he felt "everybody would be glad to drop it and just forget about it."

J. T. Jenkins, who said he voted for Nixon, but "fell out with him after that," said Nixon's resignation was the "best thing that ever happened." Jenkins said he thought the investigation should continue. "He is just like I am," he said, "and he should be tried just like any other man."

Ruth Copper and Gladys Cravello explained they had "nothing to do with politics whatsoever," and answered "no comment" when questioned about Nixon's resignation.

H. L. Ferguson said he thought "things might be better" following Nixon's resignation and added that he thought "we ought to get rid of this thing and quit talking about it."

Although feelings were

mixed on whether Nixon should be prosecuted most of those interviewed admitted they were pleased with the resignation. Some said, however, that they were "sad" about the whole situation and wished that the investigation had never had to happen.

Frank Hart, chairman of the Buena Vista Republican Committee, explained he felt things had reached the point where Nixon's resignation "was the best thing for the country," although he added that he did not think there was enough evidence to show Nixon was guilty of any of the charges.

Hart said he did not think Nixon's resignation would have any real effect on the Republican party in the November elections. He said he felt there would be very little effect on the local elections which have pitted incumbent Congressman M. Caldwell Butler against Democrat Paul Puckett and candidates from the Independent and American parties.

Hart said he was confident that Butler would be re-elected. He said that some effect might be felt in the "old Southern Republican" areas where the Republican party has traditionally been strong and support for Nixon was great.



## Butler Aide To Be Here

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His representative will return to Buena Vista on the third Tuesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to compliment the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

### MEETING SET

Sixth District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in Staunton City Hall on Aug. 22 from 1-5 p.m. to meet with residents wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.



## HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

## Gathright Dam Probe Set

ROANOKE (AP) — A congressional subcommittee was reported Tuesday to be planning an investigation of the controversial \$50 million Gathright Dam in western Virginia, on which \$20 million already has been spent.

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committee on public works, of which he is chairman, may start as early as next month.

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But he said he feels Evins' committee has more information "and this is a much better way to proceed."

A spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers, which is building the dam, said the Corps "certainly will cooperate in any way we can" with the congressional restudy.

The World-News quoted Evins' administrative aide, Hunter Spillan, as saying the probe apparently will not imperil a \$6 million appropriation for continuing work on the project in the current fiscal year.

The appropriation is part of an omnibus public works bill passed by the House and Senate in different versions and now in conference committee for compromise.

Slack visited the dam site after a subcontractor reported finding caverns in the dam abutment which he said had not previously been reported.

The West Virginia congressman said at the time that he was concerned with the cost overrun on the huge project, which now bears an estimated total price tag of \$50 million or more.

Slack said a constituent, Mountain State Construction Co. of Charleston, W. Va., had asked him to look into the matter.

## Butler sends representative

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Clifton Forge City Hall Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2-4 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Clifton Forge is one of ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

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## Butler's aide to visit area

A representative for 6th District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will be in the area next week.

On Aug. 20 from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. he will meet with residents who have problems in Lexington City Hall.

On Aug. 21 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. he will be in Highland County Courthouse.



## **Flood Control Bill Close To Approval**

The joint House of Representatives and Senate conference committee bill which contains Buena Vista's flood control project was passed by the House on Tuesday and is slated for Senate action today (Thursday).

The office of Congressman M. Caldwell Butler announced the action Tuesday afternoon. Following approval by the Senate, the bill will go to President Gerald R. Ford for his signature. The bill contains \$250,000 for a design study for Buena Vista's project.

## **Godwin Backs 10 Incumbents**

PORTSMOUTH (AP)—Republican Gov. Mills Godwin says "the Watergate matter cannot help the Republican congressional candidates in Virginia, but I don't feel that issue alone will defeat any incumbent."

He made the statement Thursday in an interview with WAVY-TV in which he said he'll support all 10 congressional incumbents, including the three Democrats.

"I'd like to think that I had something to do with the fact that they didn't have any opposition," Godwin said of Democratic Reps. Thomas Downing of the 1st District, David E. Satterfield of the 3rd and W. C. "Dan" Daniel of the 5th.

Godwin called all three "good men and old friends."

The governor said Watergate may help 6th District Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, who "spoke out so strongly on the House Judiciary Committee."

Godwin said he favors reinstitution of the death penalty in Virginia and will push for it in the next legislative session. He said he feels some form of capital punishment statute will be enacted.



# Gathright controversy continues

By Robert Damron

The Gathright dam controversy continues to stay alive and its death is nowhere near in sight. Recent developments are about to touch off an investigation.

The latest troubles started when a spokesman for a subcontractor on the dam charged in a letter to the Corps of Engineers that additional caverns had been found in the left abutment of the dam.

## Corps claimed

The Corps of Engineers claimed, however, that it knew all along the caverns were in the abutment and that the decision to seal them with an eight-foot-thick concrete wall did not jeopardize design plans for the dam and make it neither unfeasible nor unsafe.

The engineers said, though, that the sealing of the caverns might require more money.

Rep. Joe L. Evins, D-Tenn., chairman of the House subcommittee on public works, said rising costs and alleged geological problems at the dam will be investigated.

## Looking at dam

Looking at the dam from the Corps of Engineers personnel standpoint, the project will be a success.

A spokesman for the corps said: "The Corps of Engineers has built probably 150 dams since it was organized in the 18th century and not one of them has failed."

He is optimistic that the Gathright dam will not break that phenomenal record.

## Geologist

Bruce P. Cavan, project geologist at Gathright Dam, said some 200 people, including congressmen, geologists and engineers, have viewed this site and all are completely satisfied the dam is safe and sound.

Also, representatives of the Senate and House have visited the dam. And apparently they like what they saw as we have been appropriated \$6-million for the project.

Cavan quoted Dr. John Reed, geologist at the Colorado School of Mines, who inspected the site, as

saying "the dam is safe."

## Also quoted

He also quoted Dr. James Calver, state geologist, as saying it was safe.

Evins said all aspects of the dam across the Jackson River gorge "that has been brought to our attention" will be studied.

Rep. John M. Slack, (D-W.Va.), who came to take a look at the dam several weeks ago, said he had reservations concerning completion of the dam and would report his findings to Evins.

## Butler said

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, Roanoke, the 6th District congressman, said that he is "sympathetic" with the proposal to study the dam.

Butler, who also visited the dam and saw some of the caverns in the dam's left abutment, said he had asked the General Accounting Office (GAO) for a report.

Hunter Spillman, an administrative aide to Evins, said the "reinvestigation" probably would take several months to complete. He added that Gathright is only one of 50 or 60 projects the subcommittee is studying.

## Planning stages

The dam has been in the planning stages for nearly 30 years and is now 41 percent complete. Completion date has now been set at September, 1978.

The Covington-Alleghany County Chamber of Commerce is optimistic about the project. The chamber officials contend the raging floodwaters that have jumped the banks of the Jackson River 14 times since 1913 will virtually terminate.

They envision the creation of a new tourist mecca, the 2,530-acre lake the dam will create, which in turn will promote new jobs for the area.

## Other side

Looking on the other side of the picture, the project has been a costly one, needless to say, and will continue to cost a lot.

The cost of Gathright, plus inflation, engineering mistakes, construction delays and additional recreational facilities, has nearly tripled from the projected \$17.3 million when construction began in 1967 to the current official bill of \$49.8 million.

And the cost will continue to go higher, says Col. Robert E. Ayers, who heads the corps' Norfolk office overseeing construction of the dam. He predicts a final cost in the upper \$50 million.

In addition to flood control, the dam will offer recreation points.

The lake will be divided into two recreation areas. One for group camping such as Boy Scout troops, and the other for tent and trailer camping.

Near Greenwood point there will be primitive camping.



# Nixon Move Changing Attitudes, Puckett Says

By MELVILLE CARICO  
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Congressional candidate Paul J. Puckett said Thursday he already senses a change in people's attitudes since President Nixon resigned.

"Nixon came into office with good intentions but along the way he lost the spirit of America," Puckett, a Democrat, said, adding:

"Nixon's resignation took great courage and by resignation he has put his country above personal politics."

Puckett, who is running against Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, one of the six Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee to vote for the first two articles of impeachment, said early in his campaign Nixon ought to resign for the good of his country.

Puckett's views on what he sees as the aftermath of Nixon's resignation were contained in a prepared statement announcing campaign officials for Staunton and Augusta County, heretofore a GOP stronghold.

In Augusta County, Robert C. Gaunce will be campaign chairman and B. Bruce Lamond will be finance chairman; in Staunton, Maynard Hite will be campaign chairman and William M. McIntire will be finance chairman.

Puckett, sheriff of Roanoke, went to Staunton to make the announcement personally at a meeting of Democrats in the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro triangle.

Puckett called his four campaign leaders "responsible and outstanding citizens . . . representative of a deep concern in America for good government."

Puckett said the nation's economy is the main concern of his campaign for Congress. Now that Nixon is no longer in the White House and the nation not preoccupied with the issue of his impeachment "we can get back to solving our more serious problems such as inflation," he said.

"There is no doubt that the Republican solution to inflation thus far, has been miserable," Puckett declared.

GOP economic policies the last six years, Puckett charged, "have put this nation in economic jeopardy."

"To be candid, inflation will get worse and anyone who tells the American people different is either ignorant or just not telling the truth," Puckett declared, pointing to July increases in the cost of living. He called the increase "outlandish."

Puckett declared every candidate for Congress "should meet this issue head on and make known to the public his thoughts on how to correct the current economic malady."

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## congressmen split votes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is the way representatives from Virginia voted Thursday when the House refused to strike from the mass transit bill a provision for federal subsidies for operation of transit systems. The final vote was 202 to 197.

Broyhill, R, no; Butler, R, yes; Robert Daniel, R, yes; W.C. Daniel, D, yes; Downing, D, yes; Parris, R, no; Robinson, R, yes; Satterfield, D, yes; Wampler, R, yes; Whitehurst, R, yes.



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**CONGRATULATES APPOINTEE** — President Gerald R. Ford shakes hands with John O. Marsh Jr. following swearing-in ceremonies for Marsh Thursday at White House. Marsh, of Arlington, a former Virginia congressman, was named counsellor to the President.



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# Va. lauds choice of Rockefeller

By OZZIE OSBORNE  
Political Writer

Nelson Rockefeller's nomination to be vice president appears popular with Virginia Republicans, judging from scant comment available today.

"An excellent choice," said William B. Poff of Roanoke, 6th District Republican chairman.

"A really good move," said Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of the

6th Congressional District.

"Acceptable," said a spokesman for Gov. Mills E. Godwin. The governor himself was on vacation and not available for direct comment.

But the spokesman noted that Godwin has on several occasions said Rockefeller would be acceptable to him for the No. 2 spot.

The spokesman cited the Rockefeller family's role in restoring Williamsburg. The

restoration, which has made Williamsburg one of the nation's top tourist attractions, cost in the neighborhood of \$80 million.

"Terrific," said Mrs. Mammie Vest. "I'm just ecstatic."

Mrs. Vest, a former president of the Roanoke Republican Women's Club, a delegate to the 1972 Republican National Convention in Miami Beach and long active in other party work, added:

"I think we're really going to put it back together again."

Robert A. Garland, who headed Rockefeller's drive for the GOP presidential nomination in Virginia in 1964, said that Rockefeller is the best of all those mentioned for the job.

"I'm glad the President put aside politics to pick the best man," said Garland. He noted Rockefeller's experience in government dates back to the

days of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Garland recalled that Rockefeller attracted a huge crowd at a reception at Hotel Roanoke in 1963. The former New York governor came here shortly after he married for the second time.

Butler said that if Rockefeller is confirmed, "I should think his age would eliminate his candidacy for the presidency."

He added:

"I think Rockefeller will bring a lot of standing, a lot of status, to the job that a less prestigious person might not have."

As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Butler will be one of those considering the confirmation of Rockefeller. Butler was one of those voting for the confirmation of Gerald Ford when he won overwhelming committee approval for vice president.

Butler said it is important that the President "have someone he can work with, to bring balance to the leadership and handle the presidency if that circumstance should develop."

"I want to support him (Rockefeller) if I possibly can and certainly nothing has come to our attention to indicate differently," Butler said.

## Butler Agent Gets Bedford Visit Saturday

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be at Bedford City Hall from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. Butler's representative is scheduled to be in Bedford on the fourth Tuesday of each month. These meetings are in addition to "Open Door" meetings which Rep. Butler holds from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.