

# EDITORIAL

## There Are A Lot Of Hungry Children, Mr. President

### THE CASE FOR IMPEACHMENT

For a President who pledged to "Bring Us Together," Richard Nixon has done a remarkably systematic job of tearing the country apart.

The Nixon White House---despite the recent example of love and sacrifice set by the late Dr. King and other non-violent matyrs---has indulged itself in an orgy of hatred and violence.

It created a list of "enemies" who were not Communists or Sicilian Mafioso, but Americans, people whom the Nixon team set out to "screw."

The Nixon team wasn't after Brezhev. The Kremlin gets all the wheat it wants even if grain and beef prices soar in Boston and San Francisco. The Nixon White House was out to nail up Americans---the black congressional delegation, movie stars who helped the Democrats, and of course, the Democratic presidential candidates themselves.

Once this philosophy of hatred---the opposite of bringing people together---was spread by the Nixon team, there was no room at all in Washington for men of good will.

The good men were eased out and booted out, leaving only the calloused and the arrogant, men who could order crimes at home and secret bombing raids abroad, killing thousands.

If you hate people enough, it's an easy matter to break into their offices, the way the White House secret agents have done.

If you hate people enough, it's an easy matter to spread lies about them---the kind of lies the Nixon team spread in Florida and New Hampshire about Sen. Edmund Muskie.

If you hate people enough, it's an easy matter to push through the No-Knock laws that allow Treasury agents to break into people's homes without warnings, committing murders.

If you hate people enough, it's an easy matter to try to dismantle the Office of Economic Opportunity, to cut back hot lunch programs for school children, or to impound \$1-billion in health and welfare funds Congress voted for those in need.

If you hate people enough, it's an easy matter to conduct a secret air war (secret from the American people, not the Communists), so you can use public tax dollars to kill thousands of human beings without the public's knowledge.

If you hate people enough, it's an easy matter to tap their telephones, steal their private papers, break into their medical files, or ask IRS to harass them over taxes.

If you hate people enough, it's an easy matter to let them rot in decaying cities, suffer unemployment and inflation, and let their children attend slum schools.

The long-time Nixon watchers have warned the public repeatedly about "Tricky Dick." The famous Herblock cartoon showing Nixon coming up out of a sewer spoke the truth about his political tactics. Only now it has gone beyond smearing and lying. The president has surrounded himself with dangerous men who have broken our laws, defied the Constitution.

The president himself, I believe, can be said to have broken the laws by ordering a cover-up of the Watergate investigation on the flimsy grounds of "national security."

It was the president who directed Melvin Laird to wage a secret war in Cambodia and to conceal that war, and its casualties, from the American people. These are the actions of a tyrant, king, or a dictator---not a president!

In fact, the reason Richard Nixon gets on famously with the leaders of the Kremlin and Peiping is because they have so much in common. Mr. Nixon also lives in easy peace with the leaders of Greece, Rhodesia and South Africa. His spirit is in harmony with the dictators and slave-drivers of the world, concerning whom he makes no outcry.

There are grounds aplenty to impeach Richard Nixon---and the Congress should not hesitate to swing into action. There is Nixon's stubborn refusal to spend funds legally voted by Congress. There is the Watergate scandal and cover-up. There is the breaking and entering by Nixon team



operatives into homes and offices---criminal acts. There is the president's refusal to turn his tape recordings, and papers, over to Congress.

The time has come for every American to write his or her congressman to demand the impeachment of Richard Nixon. The letters should come in by the thousands, the millions. This is not a partisan issue. Republicans as well as Democrats should write. After all, as one Republican senator remarked, "Republicans don't commit crimes, Republicans don't break and enter..."

Every American disgusted with wars, killing, lying, burglarizing, cheating, payoffs, shake-downs, buggings, conspiracies, election frauds, and other un-American tactics should write a letter calling for impeachment.

Although Nixon's deposed aide, John Ehrlichmann, told the Senate Watergate committee that the private spy force Mr. Nixon established in the White House was very small, the fact is we have a president who, for the first time, has organized his own Secret Police. We have a president who has all the trappings and mannerisms of a dictator. We have a president with a 25-year political history of smearing and hating and now, apparently, who appears guilty of much worse.

Can you imagine a Lincoln hating his "enemies" that way? When General Lee surrendered his sword to General Grant, a band of musicians gathered under President Lincoln's balcony and asked him what song he favored. Lincoln told the band to play "Dixie." This was a gesture of "bringing us together." It was a gesture of love and reconciliation.

The "enemies list" of Richard Nixon is the opposite of Lincoln's gestures of love. The Congress should impeach Richard Nixon and remove him from office. He is not only the most dangerous president ever to be installed in the White House. But, if he is not removed, he will continue to proceed toward making himself America's first dictator.

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