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Professors' opinions differ on President's impeachment

By Mark Hoffman

One history professor said President Nixon should be impeached, three political science professors said he shouldn't. Some said no wrongdoing on Nixon's part has been proved and one described his conduct in office as incredible.

These are some of the reactions the Daily Nebraskan received when it interviewed four UNL political science and history professors Wednesday about whether Nixon should be impeached and convicted.

The House Judiciary Committee currently is investigating Nixon's possible involvement in the Watergate affair and in illegal campaign funding, and is to decide if it will recommend that he be impeached.

A vote of impeachment by a House majority would mean that Nixon would be tried by the Senate for possible wrongdoing in office. If he is convicted, he would be removed from office.

Arthur Winter, political science professor, said he would "give even money that there won't be an impeachment vote" unless new evidence is turned up against Nixon of criminal wrongdoing in office.

"With the status quo as (it is) right now...the odds on conviction are 1000-to-1," he added. He said impeachment "would hurt out international prestige and would polarize opinion in the country. You would find Nixon

had more support than the polls show."

Royce Knapp, History Dept. chairman, predicted that the Judiciary Committee, before summer, would have a resolution calling for impeachment and that the House would accept it. Describing himself as a Republican, Knapp said, "I think he should be impeached. I think it is incredible," he added, that Nixon should say he spent his time with other matters such as Russia and Red China and did not know what was going on in the White House.

Nixon has used his preoccupation with preparing for and then taking trips to Moscow and Peking as a defense for his not being aware of the Watergate affair.

When asked if he thought there would be a vote of impeachment and a subsequent conviction, Carroll McKibbin, Political Science Dept. chairman, said, "No on both counts."

He said that if the House voted to impeach Nixon and the Senate did not find him guilty of anything, it would endanger the careers of Representatives who had voted to impeach.

To impeach Nixon, heavy public support would be needed and public support hasn't been that heavy, he said.

Robert Sittig, associate professor of political science, described the chances for impeachment as "touch and go."

He said, "I don't anticipate and predict it" unless new evidence comes up against Nixon.

Historian's lectures to begin Monday

By Tom Jensen

One of the world's most renowned American historians, Henry Steele Commager, will be coming to UNL Monday to give a series of 15 lectures on the American Revolution.

The lectures will be given in Burnett Hall 104 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 8 through 26, according to John K. Yost, vice chairman of the UNL History Dept.

Yost said students may receive one hour of history credit by attending the lectures. They can register for the lectures Friday in Burnett 104.

The only requirement for the course, besides class attendance, will be to choose a few books from a list of works on the American Revolution and write brief reviews, Yost said.

"Commager is the best known textbook writer on American history," Yost said. "His first published work was *Growth of the American Republic* in the 1930s, so several generations of students have been guided in the knowledge of American history by the approach of Prof. Commager."

Commager, 72, is currently a professor of American history at Amherst College, in Amherst, Mass.

He said Commager wants to talk to students living in the residence halls and is willing to go to each hall and talk with groups of students. Representatives of the halls can arrange these talks by contacting either Yost or James Rawley, chairman of the History Dept.

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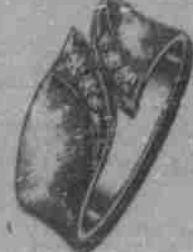
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