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PRESS CONFERENCE
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Let Me say to all the people from Canton and particularly to Ralph Regula the congressman here, it's a pleasure to be here. I've enjoyed the program. It's my third visit in the last 7 or 8 years. I get a great thrill out of what I've seen and the opportunity to participate in the actual enshrinement of the four that are being enshrined this afternoon. With those observations and comments, I'll be glad to answer any questions.

Q --- Mr, Vice President, last night you said President Nixon deserved better than he's been getting. What is it that he's been getting that he doesn't deserve?

A --- Well, I think the President has been gone over the coals about as much if not more than any president that I've known and I think the process ought to be ~~expid~~ expedited . I think if it is the end result will be in his favor.

Q --- Mr. Vice President, should the President be impeached, what do you see would be the ramifications on the international scene?

A --- I've said on several occasions in the last several days that impeachment in my judgment could have some serious impact as far as the country is concerned both at home and abroad (Can you get specific) I can't forecast definitely what problems may arise in the next several months, but I think it will have an unfortunate impact on our position in the foreign as well as the domestic world.

Q ---

A --- Well, I am going to the enshrinement. This is a tribute to men who played football more than a couple of years ago. It does not involve any controversy as I understand it between management and players or the alumni, so I wouldn't expect that there would be any effort to disrupt this proceeding, I think it would be unfortunate that the current controversy should involve itself in an honor and a tribute to men who have helped to build football both for management and for the players of the current day. I don't think that I ought to get myself involved in the controversy between the management and the players in the current differences. I hope and trust for the benefit of the fans of which I'm one, the differences will be resolved. The fans in my opinion are as important if not more so than either the management or the players. The fans are I think grassroots America and they deserve any and all consideration and I hope the dispute can be resolved for all parties.

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A --- That certainly is one of the inferences that I tried to make and I think some of the partisan attacks that have been made by members in some instances on the Committee I think is another.

Q --- This is the second night in a row that you have made a speech to a Republican audience in which you questioned the motive of people urging the impeachment of the President. It's the second day in a row that at a news conference following the speech you seem to ~~backtrack~~ have backed away from what you said the night before. Is this a sort of pattern that you're following and if so, how does it-----

A ---I don't think that you have properly interpreted some of the comments I have made. I do