

Judging from early-a.m. CBS News, 4 a., net and then local NYC, there were no good reactions to Nixon's last night's press conference. Rep. Odgen Reid, GOP, said he couldn't even last out the press conf. which is saying much. I had noticed no "thank you" and no "good night" or equivalent. If this is the case, it may not be in the early papers you and I get. It also may not be because he could not take the tough questions (aka hackitout) as because he felt himself losing control, as in cracks at press. His advisers may have noticed this, should. If true, he should be risking fewer of them. Little good as this one could have done him, he'd be worse off without it, his situation has grown that bad. His own are quitting him. FYI Boston commercial talk show, Jerry Williams, pre-empted sports broadcast Westinghouse WBZ, rarely, then carried no commercials to devote entirely to press conf., set second hour aside for out-of-states and most of them former Nixonians now aghast! The increased viciousness of his attacks on the media and his error should lead to a few exposures. If CBS has the backbone to demand specifics and if all to ask which commentators he was talking about- and which editions of his private, tax-paid summaries- he'll have a hard time for it didn't happen, one of the faults of TV commentary. HW 10/27/73