In his first press conference in five months — the first one he allowed to be televised in more than a year — Nixon faced harsh, pointed, tough questioning as he stood in the full bright Pacific sun at San Clemente at 11:30 a.m. local time and for 50 minutes answered nothing but made major new forward thrusts in his counter-attack. It was a bold intellectual ~~Pany~~ Panzer blitz against which the press could do nothing.

He was vindictive while visibly tense; crude in his evasions as he shook in nervousness; paranoid as his voice quavered, yet he ~~unleashed~~ fired new and irrelevant bombardments at his "enemies."

With Nixon's long career of such performances, this one was ~~[illegible]~~ virtuoso. It is doubtful if any other American political figure could have pulled it off. It is more doubtful that any one would have tried. Certainly no other would have been or was capable of being unabashed by it.

Not since Hitler first ~~[illegible]~~ espoused the big lie as a method and means of coping with opposition has an American president practised it with this completeness. When he didn't evade or answer a question not asked Nixon just lied. The only alternative not based on the assumption of his total unrationality ~~total~~ is that everyone else lies, beginning with his own loyal daughter ~~[illegible]~~ (fol with direct quotes)