

## For the Record . . .

### The Nixon Theme for '72: Unprecedented Peace

*From Time magazine's interview with President Nixon last week for its "Man of the Year" cover story.*

**Q:** Where are we now? How would you assess the state of the country as we enter the new year?

**The President:** . . . What I would hope to have come out of next year is to instill again in the American people a sense of confidence in themselves, pride in the fact that with all of our failings in foreign policy—and we have had failures—we are doing our level best, whether it is in a miserable place like the conflict in South Asia, or in the Mideast or other places, to keep the peace rather than to break it.

On the domestic front, look where we were. Look where we have come. Look at the quiet revolution that has taken place in the South in three years. Who ever thought it could happen? It has. It isn't perfect; it's never going to be. Because black people are different from white people. They always will be—and that will enrich the country in the long run. But what we have to realize is that whether it is relations between the races or relations between the generations, this country is, in my view, doing very well.

I am confident that the United States right now is on the brink of exercising its power to do good in the world. Such good as never has been done in the history of civilization because we now can muster our moral force, our economic force and we, of course, have the military power to back up our words. Our aim is to build a structure of peace as we could not dream of after World War II; we couldn't dream of this when Eisenhower was President. It wasn't the right time. It wasn't the right time when Kennedy was there. But now the time may have come, and we must seize the moment—seize the moment in our relationships with the superpowers.