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**PRESIDENT ATTENDS CRUSADE: Mr. Nixon with the Rev. Billy Graham last night at the University of Tennessee.**

## NIXON EMPHASIZES YOUTH CAN EFFECT PEACEFUL CHANGE

At Billy Graham Crusade, He  
Vows to 88,000 to Seek  
Stability in the World

### SPIRITUAL VALUES CITED

Crowd in Tennessee Cheers  
Him — War Protesters  
Shout 'Peace, Peace'

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is printed on Page 8.*

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—With the help of a sympathetic audience, President Nixon overrode tonight a small but vocal group of peace demonstrators and pledged himself to world stability and a restoration of spiritual values.

Adopting a political-spiritual tone, Mr. Nixon told an overflow crowd of 88,000 in Neyland Stadium at a Billy Graham rally here that he shared many of the aspirations of the nation's young people. He said:

"I know there are things about America that are wrong. But I also know this: That this is a country where a young person knows that there is a peaceful way he can change what he doesn't like about America."

#### Too Big for Government

The President, speaking without notes, said that the Government alone could not insure "peace, clean water, clean air, clean streets and all the rest." The objectives, he said, would depend in large part on the ability of Americans everywhere to reach for "the great spiritual sources" that have guided the nation since its birth.

Mr. Nixon was well aware that the vast bulk of his crowd was on his side. He received a glowing introduction from Mr. Graham and a one-minute ovation before saying a word. When demonstrators were drowned out by the assembly around them, he said:

"I'm just glad that there seems to be a rather solid majority on one side rather than the other side tonight."

#### 'Peace, Peace' Shouted

The demonstrators were not persuaded. They continued to shout "peace, peace" during his remarks. When Mr. Nixon attempted to amuse the crowd by telling them that as an old bench warmer at Whittier College he was glad to be "out on the football field," the demonstrators responded with the old college cheer:

"Push 'em back. Shove 'em back—way back."

But at each moment of criticism, the crowd—pro Graham and pro Nixon—overwhelmed the opposition.

The stadium normally holds about 64,000 persons. There were people sitting in the aisles inside and on the hillside

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around the stadium. The police estimated that there were 70,000 persons inside and 18,000 outside.

Of these, about 500 to 750 were recognizable antiwar demonstrators. The group reportedly stormed a gate at one end of the stadium before the rally began, resulting in what one policeman said were a half-dozen arrests.

About 500 of the demonstrators were allowed inside the stadium. They occupied a block of seats on the lower level on the 40-yard line.

They held small signs reading, "Thou Shalt Not Kill." During the preliminary prayers and hymn singing that distinguish all Graham rallies, the protesters occasionally shouted "peace, peace."

During the hymns, Mr. Nixon talked and smiled with Mr. Graham, a friend of nearly 20 years' standing. Mr. Graham gave the first sermon in the White House East Room, after the President's inauguration, where Mr. Nixon has held his Sunday morning religious services. He did not openly endorse Mr. Nixon during his Presidential campaign, but appeared to find it difficult to conceal a preference for the Republican nominee.

During the preliminary ceremonies, the program director at the podium, Cliff Barrows, asked those who had not attended a rally before to stand up. About 250 of the demonstrators rose among thousands of others and Mr. Barrows declared: "I think we've seen you before. We are happy to have you as well."

The crowd broke into loud applause.

At about lunch time today, Mr. Nixon held a private conference with Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel, who advised him in a letter made public three weeks ago to stop isolating himself from the grievances of college students and the complaints in his own official family.

It was the first meeting between the two men since the letter became public knowledge. No details of the meeting were immediately available.

Mr. Nixon and Mr. Hickel were said to have discussed minor departmental matters, but it was not clear whether they ranged into the broader pre-occupation of the Hickel letter.

Last night, Mr. Graham told 55,000 East Tennessee parents that sex and drugs "can threaten the security of the nation." Crusade officials said after the

rally that 20,23 had made "decisions for Christ." Of these, 1,685 or 83.3 per cent, were reportedly 19 years old or younger, the officials said.

Accompanying the President to Tennessee were five Republican members of the state's Congressional delegation. They included William E. Brock 3d, who will challenge Senator Albert Gore for his Senate seat. Senator Gore, a Democrat and a sharp critic of Mr. Nixon's Indochina policies, was not invited to accompany the President.

The White House press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, told newsmen this morning that Mr. Gore had not been invited because he was not from "East Tennessee."

Also in the party were Senator Howard H. Baker Jr., and Representatives James H. Quillen, John J. Duncan and Dan Kuykendall.

The group also included several Presidential aides, including Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, H. R. Haldeman, Mr. Ziegler, Dwight Chapin, William E. Timmons and Rose Mary Woods, his personal secretary.

Mr. Nixon planned to fly from Knoxville to his vacation retreat in San Clemente, Calif., for a weekend rest.

Earlier today, Mr. Nixon conferred with Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin; Alexander Heard, former chancellor of Vanderbilt University, who is advising the President on student matters, and James Cheek, president of Howard University, who is assisting Dr. Heard.

Mr. Ziegler has been asked frequently in recent days whether Mr. Nixon would attend or address any graduation exercises this June. Mr. Ziegler has been saying that no final decisions have been made.