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## New Concord, Ohio

really wanted to help them to understand the "lessons Ziegler said yesterday. Press Secretary Ronald L. of history," White House rise confrontation at the Lincoln Memorial but he and surfing to put college protesters at ease in a sun-"small talk" about football President Nixon made

some of the student dissen-ters of their surprise diachafing a bit over reports by ment at 4:30 a.m. May 9, the he showed up at the monuthat the White House was day of their big demonstralogue with Mr. Nixon when It was the first indication

> move into Cambodia. tion against his decision to

about the other pressing questions of the moment," ham College. ment address at Musking-Ziegler said in a commencethe detailed rationale for sues - about Cambodia and "He might, of course, have talked about the obvious iswhy he acted as he did or

something deeper and more fundamental," the press secand television, but rather heard debated every day in the newspapers and on radio thing more — not what they those students with some-"But he wanted to leave

retary said.

about the basic questions Zielger said Mr. Nixon wanted to leave the protesters with "some thoughts" the future. that face their generation in

their minds, but also their spirit," he said.
"You may have read that the hope of touching not only "He was reaching out in

me tell you what really hapsurfing," Ziegler said. "Let he talked about football and

sleep under the stone statue of course, to try to put them at ease — after all, most of them when they went to pened:
"He made some small talk,

> of President Lincoln hadn't expected to wake up and find dent Nixon in the flesh. themselves talking to Presi-

ton, which a lot of them had studying, and about Washingcolleges and what they were with them a bit about their never visited before. they were from, and chatted "He asked them where

countries in order to under-stand the world." know the people of those longer-term lessons of histothe importance of getting to countries of the world and ry, and about the various with them about some of the "But essentially, he talked