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Hecklers

Your Oct. 23 editorial, "Nixon Confounds the Opposition," is as misleading a piece of journalism as I have ever read.

It is a recorded fact that Nixon has encouraged the presence of hecklers and dissidents at his various campaign speeches. Had your editorial writer done a little research he might have seen a report in the Wall Street Journal that cited Mr. Nixon's explicit instructions that more of the "hippie," "radical" element be admitted to any place he was speaking so that he might, using their behaviour, make his own points about lack of respect for law and order . . . and all the other problems that somehow are suddenly blamed entirely on our young people.

The President is not without reasons for being angry at the young people heckling him, but in times such as these one would think he would be more prudent than to create situations that can only contribute to divisiveness . . .

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