

### President's Reception

To the Editor:

President Nixon's European trip was marked by a sharp distinction in his reception.

In the two totalitarian states visited, Spain and Yugoslavia, Mr. Nixon moved about freely and was met with genuine warmth everywhere by both officials and the general populace.

In the two free nations he visited, Italy and Ireland, it was necessary to take the most extraordinary security measures for his protection. His public appearances had to be carefully planned to avoid the staging of protest demonstrations.

There must be some sort of message for us in this curious paradox.

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