

Excerpt from taped replay
of President Nixon's appearance
before meeting of American
Society of Newspaper Editors,
Washington, D.C.

Nixon

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Question by Otis Chandler, publisher, Los Angeles Times: Could I ask a follow-up question on the Vice-President? Do you think seriously, sir, in his attacks on the press that they have been successful in causing any change in your opinion of - for the better in the press? In other words, have his attacks been successful, has the press reacted in a positive way, in your opinion, and if so, how? [Laughter.]

Mr. Nixon: I suppose that's the dilemma, isn't it, of anyone who dares criticize the press or the television, that if he does, he is probably going to get worse treatment than he thought he was getting before. And of course [laughter] - I'm being very guarded, as you notice - [laughter]. I will simply say this, Mr. Chandler. You may recall that back in 1962, immediately after running for Governor of California, after I was out of office and had no visible prospects of success, I had some things to say about the press. [Laughter.] I have had nothing to say about it since. That's my answer. [Laughter, applause.]