

The Interior

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I suspect the reason so few people in Columbus are disappointed in Mr. Nixon's lack of moral leadership is that they never wanted moral leadership anyway. They elected the man to protect their vested interests: to keep blacks out of their homes and schools and labor unions; to keep poor people off welfare; to conduct violence and call it peace with honor. They wanted a President who would elevate racism and selfishness to respectability and patriotism. Richard Nixon hasn't failed them there.

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