

Editor — The sophistry in President Nixon's TV speech is infuriating. How dare he lump peace demonstrators and the Weatherman? How dare he compare the open actions of the demonstrators who were willing to take the consequences of their actions with the secret dealings of his staff who used every possible means to insure that their actions "never saw the light of day?"

How dare he insinuate that all our present difficulties are caused by a Congress immersed in Watergate investigations and nothing else? And, finally, how dare he imply that the moral climate of our government is not important to our well being when, in fact, it lies at the core of our well being?

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Editor — . . . Nixon said nothing — nothing, that is, that we at home hadn't already anticipated his saying.

He did refer to John Dean by innuendo; but he didn't mention

Mr. Mitchell or any of the other loyalists. He didn't say a word about the Cambodia bombings . . . and he didn't talk to us about San Clemente or about all the butchers out of work or how much it costs to airlift his dog by government helicopter.

True to allegation and as lawyers are wont to do when faced with allegations, he simply denied the whole thing. His statements

were self serving. He did go on to describe a sort of Watergate phoenix, from the foul-smelling ashes of which new and better government systems will gloriously rise. And he begged one and all to rally round the flag and to please let him get on with the important business of running the country. He eloquently and platonically disposed of the subject of the executive tapes . . .

Our questions haven't been answered, and Mr. Nixon has made one thing perfectly clear: they won't be answered . . .

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Here's Why

Editor — Here's an answer from a retired registered Democrat, to Philp V. Adams inquiry of the 12 inst. as to whether the President finds "four separate living establishments necessary."

The idea of necessary in this context is foreign to the U.S. idiom. Our U.S. mores include "Make hay while the sun shines," "To the victor belong the spoils," and "Put a beggar on a high horse and he will ride him to death." . . .

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