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MR. NIXON ADDRESSING THE DAR
He spoke of Rome and Greece

Nixon Says U.S. Could Collapse

Washington

President Nixon received a warm welcome from about 4000 women yesterday when he addressed the 83rd Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Returning to a theme he had stressed in the past but had not mentioned for many months, Mr. Nixon said the United States, like ancient Rome and Greece, faces a danger of collapse.

"You find that those civilizations came down not because they were poor, and not when they were poor, but when they were very rich, not because they were weak materially," he said, but because "they had lost something within. They had lost their sense of mission,

their sense of destiny, their sense of character. They turned inward."

As this nation approaches its 200th anniversary, he said, there is a "danger of going downward because it is rich, of becoming weak because it is rich, of tearing itself apart with internal strife because of its wealth."

He added, however, that the United States can renew its "sense of destiny" by maintaining a world leadership role and thus leave "a legacy of peace for all mankind."

Mr. Nixon also reaffirmed his opposition to granting amnesty to Americans who fled the country rather than fight in the Vietnam war.

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