

the capitalist values dominant in American society. Professors are "free" to say anything they want as long as they don't challenge the basic economic and political system . . .

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### **Back When . . .**

Editor — I came across the following quotation of Vice President Richard M. Nixon while debating Senator John F. Kennedy October 13, 1960:

"It makes you realize that whoever is President is going to be a man that all the children of America will either look up or will look down to, and I can only say that I am very proud that President Eisenhower restored dignity and decency and, frankly, good language to the conduct of the Presidency of the United States and I only hope that should I win this election that I could approach President Eisenhower in maintaining the dignity of the office, in seeing to it that whenever any mother or father talks to his child, he can look at the man in the White House, and whatever he may think of his policies he will say, 'Well, there is a man who maintains my kind of standards personally that I would want my child to follow.'" . . .

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### **Kissinger Conference**

Editor — It doesn't matter very much whether it was Nixon or Kissinger who ordered the wire-tapping of 17 government aides and newspaper men. What is important is that the two men collaborated in an unwarranted and probably illegal invasion of privacy. It is insulting to the intelligence to be told that exposure of the secret bombing of Cambodia or of U. S. partisanship in a dispute between India and Pakistan threatened our national security. Nixon and Kissinger obviously feared domestic protest rather

than any advantage to the enemy. The real threat to our security continues to lie in the fact that the Nixon Administration feels safe only in an atmosphere of security. That is why newspaper reporters and news commentators are the main targets of its hostility.

Only the so-called "leaks" have permitted us to know the real nature of White House activities during the past six years. Since the preservation of democracy is more important to me than Henry Kissinger's tenure in office, I hope the leaks continue.

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Editor — The sorry performance on the part of the press during Dr. Kissinger's first press conference last week is deserving of the reaction it is getting . . . The American public's reaction to Dr. Kissinger's statements of June 11 is much the same. No matter how distasteful James Reston finds the Secretary's "emotional" outburst, the public understands it well. Here, finally, is a man who will not hesitate to air his wrath where his personal integrity is attacked . . .

Reston is quite wrong in stating that to show a justified emotion such as this might detract from Dr. Kissinger's unprecedented capabilities as a diplomat and negotiator. Dr. Kissinger has certainly proved capable of controlling his emotions where it counts . . .

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