

# Nixon Briefs News Chiefs On U.S. Indochina Policy

## San Clemente

Thirty-eight news executives heard confidential assessments yesterday from President Nixon and his Defense and State Department advisers on the Administration's controversial Southeast Asian policies.

Mr. Nixon personally welcomed the group to the Western White House and then turned them over to three experts for more than three hours of background briefings. The President was seeking support for his much-criticized decision to send United States troops into Cambodia and for his overall policy of gradually disengaging from South Vietnam.

The President joined the group — described by the White House as a representative collection of top newspaper and broadcasting executives — at lunch beside the pool at his vacation home overlooking the Pacific.

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Mr. Nixon's chief foreign policy adviser, headed the briefing team which also included Lieutenant General John W.

## Clean Campaigns

### Washington

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew and House Speaker John W. McCormack signed a code of fair campaign practices yesterday, symbolically pledging their parties to clean campaigns next fall.

Asked by a reporter if signing the code would cause him to tone down his speeches sharply critical of war opponents, Agnew replied: "I don't think that question is worth an answer."

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Vogt Jr., director of operations for the joint chiefs of staff, and William H. Sullivan, assistant secretary of state for East Asia and Pacific Affairs.

(The New York Times and the Washington Post reported they had learned the President told the news executives he had chosen the course of orderly withdrawal

from Vietnam to reinforce America's role in world affairs and thus secure a "lasting peace."

(Mr. Nixon reportedly said his controversial intervention in Cambodia had been essential to the withdrawal process, and would neither expand nor prolong the war in Indochina.)

Next Tuesday the President is expected to deliver a final report to the Nation on the Cambodian operation. Wednesday evening Mr. Nixon will appear on television to answer newsmen's questions about foreign policy.

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