

Article by HOOK Criticizing
Handling of Dissidents

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For the third time in as many months, President Nixon has asserted that the university community itself bears the responsibility for restoring "order and discipline," and an atmosphere in which free academic inquiry can flourish, on college campuses.

To reinforce his argument at the start of the academic year, Mr. Nixon chose the unusual device of mailing to some 900 university administrators, trustees and others a copy of an article written by Dr. Sidney Hook, professor of philosophy at New York University.

Dr. Hook, an ardent defender of academic freedom, has often argued that college administrators have yielded too easily to the demands of campus dissidents and have thereby ushered in an era of intellectual and physical intimidation, thus corrupting the purposes of the university.

'Cogent and Compelling'

Mr. Nixon sent a covering letter with the copies of the Hook article, saying that it ranked "among the most cogent and compelling documents I have read on the question of campus violence." The article appeared in The Los Angeles Times of Sunday, Aug. 30. It was adapted from Dr. Hook's statement before the President's Commission on Campus Unrest.

The President said "with concern" Hook in his article called