



With the First Lady at his side, President Nixon hails a rally in San Diego

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Demos' Rebuttal to Nixon's Speech

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Sen. George McGovern's campaign headquarters charged today that President Nixon's acceptance speech for his renomination "contained 28 outright falsehoods, distortions and misrepresentations of fact, almost one a minute."

In a point-by-point rebuttal of statements made by Nixon and implications inferred from his 31-minute acceptance speech Wednesday, McGovern's campaign staff said it was offering voters "a correction... of the most outrageous parts of Mr. Nixon's speech."

The "corrections" dealt with race relations, Vietnam, crime, the economy, welfare, taxes, wages, unemployment, defense spending, the aged, China, the arms race and peace.

The statement was labeled "Truth Squad Release No. 1." A worker at McGovern

headquarters, asked what the Truth Squad was, replied, "Our campaign, obviously."

In rejecting Nixon's pledge to "continue relentlessly to remove the last vestiges of discrimination in America," the rebuttal charged: "Neighborhood, schools and community life are more segregated today than four years ago because of the President's abandonment of the national commitment of equality."

The statement rejected "the implication that Senator McGovern would impose any kind of government on South Vietnam" and said that Nixon's peace plan "is no feasible plan at all to the people we must settle with" because it would keep South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu in power.

Included were these refutations of Nixon statements: Nixon: "Our rate of infla-

tion is the lowest of any industrial nation."

McGovern: "Untrue. Canada (14 percent), Germany (16), Italy (16) and Belgium (16) have all experienced less inflation since 1968 than the U.S. (22 percent)."

Nixon: "... The lowest percentage of the family budget going to food in any country in the world."

McGovern: "This is not much consolation to the housewife who has seen the price of hamburger go up 28 percent, bread 30 percent and coffee 20 percent in an inflationary food spiral which shows no signs of stopping and which for the last few months has been picking up speed."

Nixon: "... The world is a

than was the case four years ago. safer place in which to live ago."

McGovern: "There is a 30 percent greater chance of being victimized by crime than four years ago."

Nixon: "Our opponents have proposed massive cuts in our defense budget which would have the inevitable effect of making the United States the second strongest nation in the world."

McGovern: "Untrue. Under the McGovern defense budget, every part of the American nuclear deterrent capability will be stronger than it is today, when these deterrent weapons are more accurate, more reliable and more sophisticated than those of any nation."