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Advance Pollsters Aid Nixon Rallies

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WASHINGTON — President Nixon turned in a masterful political performance over the weekend with the help of his advance pollsters.

He pledged "amnesty - never" in Ohio and flew a rescue mission to Michigan for Republican Robert Griffin, whose U.S. Senate seat is threatened.

A crowd locally estimated at 300,000 cheered him along an 80-mile motorcade route through Cleveland suburbs. Some 10,000 more — among them booing, jeering supporters of George McGovern — waited for him at Saginaw Saturday night.

'Disgusted'

In both states, Nixon said what the voters he seeks wanted to hear. They were hard - working, patriotic Americans disgusted, a Republican poll showed, by

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draft dodgers, crime and school busing to integrate the races.

Nixon's most dramatic remarks were prompted as much by a scenario carefully developed before his appearance as by his own quick adjustments to the mood of the crowds.

"We polled the natives in advance," one White House aide explained.

Acceptance

Fierce opposition to amnesty, fear of crime and an overwhelming acceptance among Ohioans that Nixon had timed peace talks close to his re-election campaign were among discoveries of the President's pollsters.

Hours after Nixon got this intelligence, he cancelled a national broadcast on defense issues that could have

reminded Ohioans of their peace talk suspicions.

Substituted was a broadcast urging "one America" based on old fashioned virtues more in harmony with the ideas of Cleveland suburbanites.

So Nixon talked little about peace and much of dope pushers and "scroungy looking people" who fault policemen.

It was almost impossible for the President to miss a sign mounted on a pickup across a hill right by his motorcade. He paused as if programmed by this evidence of the anti-amnesty sentiment uncovered by his confidential poll.

"Mr. President," the sign said. "May I please shake your hand. No Amnesty. We lost a son in Vietnam."

"Don't worry about that amnesty. Never," the President told Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lorence of Mantua Corners, Ohio, who were surrounded by their children

and grandchildren.

"I don't want to feel like he went for nothing," Mrs. Lorence said.

With the national media recording, the President replied:

"... The few hundred that deserted this country, like the draft dodgers, are never going to get amnesty when boys like yours died, never."

Jet to Saginaw

After the five-hour motorcade, the President and Mrs. Nixon jetted to Saginaw for a fighting defense of Sen. Griffin before a more hostile crowd.

Nixon aides encouraged a band to drown out a noisy McGovern cheering section. Nixon did not risk "working the fence," as politicians describe hand shaking by candidates at airports.

Instead, he stood in a car, flashing a victory sign.

His schedulers are aiming Nixon next into Illinois and California, guided by the same kind of painstaking — and private — poll of local sentiment.