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President Calls Himself

'Disraeli Conservative'

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When President Nixon described himself as a "Disraeli conservative," he referred to Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, the British statesman and novelist who served as Prime Minister in 1868 and from 1874 to 1880.

Disraeli is credited by historians with creating Britain's modern Conservative party, initiating social reform and staunchly defending what he conceived to be Britain's principal interests, domestic and foreign.

Like Mr. Nixon, he was a man who spoke of "peace with honor." He used the phrase after negotiating at the Congress of Berlin in 1878, a settlement that deprived Russia of the ability to dictate terms after her successful war against Turkey.