

# Nixon Gets Wide Press Support on Truce

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Newspapers supporting President Nixon's Vietnam policy and newspapers that have opposed it joined yesterday in approval of his new cease-fire proposals.

A nationwide survey of newspapers showed a unanimous display of editorial support. The only criticism was that "it came much too late," which The Charleston (W. Va.) Gazette remarked.

The Charlotte (N. C.) Observer, which describes itself as a "dovish" newspaper, said President Nixon's speech was "a positive effort for peace."

The Columbia (S. C.) State called it a "sober, carefully calculated approach" and added that it suggests "something is up between Washington and Saigon." It also said: "Within the context of the President's speech, that something could be a break in the Indochina war."

"One has new reason to hope for meaningful negotiations," said The Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer.

The Chicago Daily News, a

paper that has not supported the President on Vietnam, said that "President Nixon was saying, in effect, that 'for us the war is over.' Americans of almost every political persuasion must surely back the President to the utmost in his urgent attempt to write an end to the longest, most dismal war this nation has ever known."

The Tucson (Ariz.) Daily Citizen said, "Perhaps no leader of any nation has made such a far-reaching proposal from a position of strength, he has established an acid test of Hanoi's peace intention."

"The least the President has done," said The Phoenix Gazette, "is to show the world whose fault it will be if the war goes on."

The Syracuse (N.Y.) Herald-Journal, a vocal Nixon advocate, said, "We're hoping to hear the voices of U.S. dissidents from the campuses and churches, from the A.F.L.-C.I.O. and corporate board rooms raised as one, saying with President Nixon to the world: 'The U.S. wants to stop all fighting in Indochina.'"

The Washington Star, generally a Nixon supporter, said, "His address was largely free of hard-line phrases and displayed a new flexibility, a willingness to discuss one or more of his proposals in any order agreeable to the other side."

"The American move is made," said The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, which seeks a speedy withdrawal. "It holds promising possibilities."

The St. Paul (Minn.) Dispatch commented that the President's ideas were not new. "What the President seems to have done," the paper said, "is to have gathered together all the best ideas for ending the war."

The St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, which has been urging the United States to pull out of Vietnam, said the President's speech "gives reason for guarded optimism that a negotiated settlement can be reached."

The Miami News called the speech a "a sincere desire to break the negotiating deadlock. The proposal raises the legitimate question of why the cease-fire offer was so long in coming."