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L.A. Free Press reprints what it describes as "unedited text" of remarks by President Nixon at Pentagon 1 May 70, as carried by L.A. Times (no date given). First two sentences apparently refer to his announcement of the day before that troops would be sent to Cambodia.

"When it got down to the conclusion, then you say ... well, the usual thing. You ask for support for the President and all that guff. Then you finally think of those kids out there - I say kids. I've seen them. They're the greatest. You know, you see those bums, you know, blowing up the campuses. Listen, the boys on the college campuses today are the luckiest people in the world, going to the greatest universities, and here they are burning up the books. I mean, storming around about this issue. Get rid of the war, there'll be another one [issue]. And then, out there, we've got kids who are just doing their duty and I've seen them. They stand tall and they're proud. I'm sure they're scared. I was when I was there. But when it really comes down to it, they stand up. Boy, you've got to talk up for those men. As far as the kids are concerned, I don't know. But I know I did what I believe to be right."