

PRESIDENT NAMES UNIVERSITY HEAD CAMPUS ADVISER

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as Special Consultant on
Academic Community

ACTS TO STILL DISSENT

Administration Accepts Site
South of White House for
Antiwar Rally Today

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WASHINGTON, May 8 —

President Nixon named a prominent university administrator today to advise him on campus problems.

In a move to portray his concern over campus dissent, Mr. Nixon appointed G. Alexander Heard, chancellor of Vanderbilt University, as a "special adviser for the next two critical months." His task will be to keep the President "fully and currently informed on the thinking of the academic community."

Hickel Still Waiting

Mr. Heard will not be paid by the Government but will occupy an office in the Executive Offices Building near the White House. His appointment was disclosed in a White House news release issued while Mr. Nixon was at his mountain retreat at Camp David, Md.

In another move, the Administration agreed to permit a mass antiwar rally tomorrow on the Ellipse, an area immediately south of the White House that was previously declared out of bounds.

Meanwhile, Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel had yet to receive a call from the President after the disclosure two days ago that he had written a letter to Mr. Nixon accusing the Administration of insensitivity to student concerns and criticizing Vice President Agnew.

Concern by Hickel

Mr. Hickel was asked by the White House to make no further statements for the time being. But Interior Department sources reported that he remained concerned about the Administration's posture and, in conversations with White House aides, had offered his counsel. As yet, the offer had not been picked up by the President.

The White House dispatched a Presidential aide, John C. Whitaker, to confer with Mr. Hickel yesterday. But sources here reported that Mr. Whitaker seemed less interested in

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the content of the letter than in learning why Mr. Hickel had been moved to write it and in determining who had disclosed it to the press.

On other fronts, however, the Administration adopted a conciliatory attitude toward the demonstrators, in sharp contrast to its attitude during the antiwar demonstrations here last fall.

The White House announced this morning, for example, that Mr. Nixon had arranged to have high Government officials available for discussions with protesters today and tomorrow. And this afternoon officials from every Cabinet department gathered in front of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to talk and listen to young people passing by.

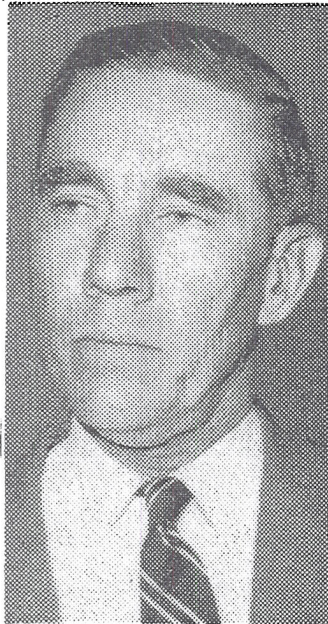
'We Are Listening'

Officials at the Interior Department said that they knew of no one from Mr. Hickel's office or at a lower level who had been asked to meet with any student delegation.

A spokesman said that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare also planned to open about 20 rooms tomorrow for meetings with student delegations, adding that preference would be given to semi-official delegations from universities and colleges.

"There is a feeling in the country that no one is listening," said the spokesman, "and we want to show we are listening."

Late today, the department



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Chancellor G. Alexander Heard of Vanderbilt University was named by President yesterday as special aide.

announced that meetings with sub-Cabinet officials could be arranged by calling a special telephone number: 900-432-0550. Volunteers were recruited to handle the calls.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell, a favorite target of student dissent, also met with protesters today, including three officials of the Student National Education Association, who presented him with a petition accusing him of being a "phantom President."

One of the group, Charles Gonzales of New Iberia, La., quoted Mr. Mitchell as saying

he had "absolutely no consultation" with the President on the decision to send United States troops into Cambodia. Mr. Mitchell is known to have attended two National Security Council meetings at which the various options in Cambodia were discussed, but he said today that his role on the council had been to advise Mr. Nixon on legal matters.

Mr. Gonzales described the Attorney General as "very civil, very congenial—but he was not in a debating mood."

The Presidential statement announcing Mr. Heard's appointment reflected the conciliatory mood. It began: "I recognize the profound concerns that are rending many of our campuses today. However, this is a time for communication rather than violence, and above all for mutual understanding."

Plans Regular Talks

Mr. Nixon went on to say that, besides Mr. Heard, he would consult "regularly in the future" with seven other university presidents: William C. Friday, University of North Carolina; Fred H. Harrington, University of Wisconsin, who resigned today, effective in October; Charles J. Hitch, University of California, Berkeley; Edward . Levi, University of Chicago; Malcolm Moos, University of Minnesota; Nathan M. Pusey, Harvard University, and W. Allen Wallis, University of Rochester.

Meanwhile, Henry A. Kissinger, the President's assistant for national security affairs, lunched with several Harvard professors who have broken with the Administration's Southeast Asia policy over the involvement in Cambodia.