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PRESIDENT IS TOLD OF STUDENT ANGER

Staff Report Finds Swing to
the Left Among Moderates

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WASHINGTON, June 8
—President Nixon was told today that nonpolitical sons and daughters of the middle class were becoming increasingly suspicious of the Administration's policies and were rapidly being pushed into the radical camp by some of the Administration's rhetoric.

The report was delivered by eight young members of the White House staff—all under the age of 30—whom the President had sent on a tour of about 30 college campuses in May.

It was impossible to obtain any idea of Mr. Nixon's response to the report. All eight staffers refused to talk about the session on the ground that it was a "private staff meeting. Dr. Alexander Heard, the President's new adviser on campus problems, said through an aide that he, too, could not comment on the meeting.

Causes of Discontent

Last week, published reports—they have not been confirmed or denied—said that the staff members had been stunned by the depth of student hostility toward the Administration and the rapid erosion of respect for the Government.

The reports were published in Newsweek magazine, The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times and The Washington Evening Star.

Among the more prominent causes of student disenchantment, the eight staff members reportedly found, were the tough attacks on radical students by Vice President Agnew, the decision to send troops into Cambodia, and a long series of relatively minor incidents that were taken by the students as evidence of indifference to their anxieties and complaints.

Among these were Mr. Nixon's decision to watch a football game during the Nov. 15 demonstration against the war and his description of some campus radicals as "bums." The President has since made an effort to improve relations with the students. Mr. Heard's appointment as a special adviser on campus problems was one such gesture; the tour of the campuses by the eight staff members was another.

Aides Are Briefed

The staffers reported on their trip last week to some of the senior men on Mr. Nixon's staff, including Bryce N. Harlow, the President's counselor; and H. R. Haldeman, his Chief of Staff.

After that meeting, it was reported by one source close to the group that some of the senior staffers had greeted their findings with little visible sympathy. But several members of the group reached today said that they felt the senior staffers had listened intently and responded sympathetically. "Our message got through," one of them said.

The findings by the young staff members that were given to the President today were said to be the same as those reported to the senior staff members last week.

The staff members who made the trip were John Campbell, 26, a staff assistant for domestic affairs; William Casselman, 28, a staff assistant for Congressional affairs; Christopher Demuth, 23, staff assistant for domestic affairs; Jeffrey Donfeld, 26, staff assistant for domestic affairs; Chester Finn, staff assistant for domestic affairs; Lee Huebner, 29, a staff assistant and speechwriter; Don Mudoch, 28, special counsel to the antipoverty program, and Hugh Sloan, 29, a staff assistant in the appointments office.

They visited campuses in all parts of the country, including Harvard, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Wisconsin and Duke.