

'A Secret Center Somewhere'

Nixon Aide Joins Attack On 'Eastern' Media Men

Los Angeles

President Nixon's principal assistant has assailed "the orgy of doom crying" by news commentators who claim Mr. Nixon has been isolated by his staff.

"I am completely convinced that President Nixon is the most un-isolated President in recent times," said H. R. Haldeman.

Haldeman was here Saturday night to accept the Alumnus of the Year Award at the 50th anniversary celebration of the University of California at Los Angeles.

He surprised a banquet gathering by making a partisan speech — "the only public speech I will probably make all year."

Reason for the speech, he said, was because he was being blamed for the "isolation of the President." Haldeman in effect is Mr. Nixon's chief of staff, supervising appointments and regulating flow of reports to the chief executive.

"Somewhere in the jungle labyrinth of Manhattan Island there is a secret nerve center where, every Sunday afternoon, an enormously powerful group of men gather to decide what the Eastern Establishment media line for the coming week will be," Haldeman said. "Most importantly, they decide on the password for the week."

"A week or so ago it was 'desperate gamble' — then last week it was 'crisis of leadership.' Now they've dis-

Dumke Cancels San Jose Talk By Kunstler

Chancellor Glenn S. Dumke of California's state colleges ordered yesterday that a scheduled speech by William Kunstler on the San Jose State campus tomorrow night be canceled on grounds violence might erupt.

Kunstler is chief defense lawyer of the "Chicago 7."

Dumke said he was taking the action because "disorders involving personal injuries and property damage have occurred following certain of Mr. Kunstler's appearances."

Kunstler had been invited to San Jose by the student body.

covered that the leadership's gamble was not so desperate and in fact it has already paid off handsomely by all criteria."

Haldeman said that the media had declared "isolation of the President" week.

He denied that the President's Cambodian decision had been made "in isolation and without adequate consideration of the consequences or consultation with those who should provide the input on such matters."

Haldeman said he spent the entire 10-day period be-

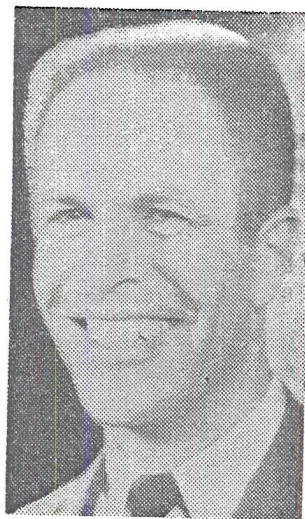
fore the April 30 Cambodia announcement with the President, adding:

"During those 10 days the President spent about two thirds of his time on Vietnam-Cambodia and related matters. He met daily with his various national security advisers — Henry Kissinger and members of his White House staff; Bill Rogers and key State Department officials; Mel Laird and the Joint Chiefs and others from Defense; Dick Helms and the CIA staff, and a number of other government and outside advisers."

Haldeman said the President listened carefully to the entire 10-day period before the April 30 Cambodia each argument as he weighed his decision and then "after much deliberation, he finally reached what seemed to him an inevitable, logical conclusion."

The presidential aide said the waves of protest on the nation's campuses had been expected. He asserted the unrest was not solely due to Cambodia reaction but was contributed to by the Kent State troubles which "were already under way before the Cambodia move."

Haldeman said the President's task in early May "was to lower the emotional temperature of the country, to reassure those who felt frightened and out of touch, and to maintain the ship of



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state on a steady and intelligent course."

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