

# Nixon Portrayed As Avant Garde

## Washington

President Nixon is taking so much bold action in response to a national "mandate for change" in 1968 that the country may be having difficulty keeping up with him, presidential counsellor Bryce N. Harlow said yesterday.

The result, he told a luncheon of the George Washington University Club, is a condition of "political and social dyspepsia" (indigestion) in the country and in some resisting institutions.

Among the leading resisters to change, Harlow declared, is the United States Senate.

Harlow had this analysis of change and resistance to change in other areas:

- In the Southeast Asia, Mr. Nixon "suddenly and quickly seized the initiative" by ordering U.S. troops into Cambodia, "the most aggres-

sive operation" in the history of the war.

This was a real shock to many people because it departed from the previous pattern of only responding to enemy initiatives. "Capitulation in Vietnam, jettisoning of U.S. Allies or hopeless prolongation of the war" seem easier to many people than bold action, Harlow said.

- In the economic field, the country is so "addicted" to inflation that the Nixon attack on it is a wrench. "The shock of the cure gives us the willies just as an overindulged child recoils at the approach of the castor oil," Harlow said.

- In the race relations field, Harlow said that Mr. Nixon's "approach of insistent progress (while) disdaining empty rhetoric and hypocrisy has brought discomfort to many reactionaries of the left and the right."

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