

Nixon Says Paris Accord Can Bring Lasting Peace

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Columbia, S.C., Feb 20 .- President Nixon appealed today in a 25-minute address here, for public understanding of the motives for the settlement in Vietnam and its potential benefits.

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The President's address was made to a joint session of the South Carolina General Assembly during a two-hour stop-over on his way back to Washington from Key Biscayne, Fla.

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Mr. Nixon chose the setting for the speech after the 170 members of the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives unanimously voted last month to back the peace settlement in South Vietnam, the first of several state legislatures to do so.

Mr. Nixon's speech was a broad outline of his views on why the accord was made and what the United States hoped to gain by it, in both the short and the long run. He has voiced many of the ideas previously, but today was believed to be the first time that he had collated them.

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Transcript of excerpts from speech filed with above.  
Estimate of wordage in these excerpts, 2,500.  
Use of variations of the following words: peace with honor, 4 times; peace, 8; honor, 12; pride, 6; strength, 10; leadership, 2; respect, 3; sacrifice, 4; faith, 4; support, 2.

Washington Post says "During the past two weeks administration officials frequently have expressed their private concern that the President has failed to receive sufficient gratitude from his anti-war critics for achieving a peace settlement in Vietnam." (SFChronicle, 21 Feb 73, filed POWS.)