

# NIXON DENOUNCES TIDE OF TERRORISM

Campaigning in Midwest,  
He Asserts Violence Is an  
'International Disease'

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 19—President Nixon swung through the Middle West today, telling middle America that "a rising tide of terrorism and crime" could only be stemmed by Republican votes in November.

As he campaigned in Ohio, North Dakota and here in Missouri, the President objected most frequently and vehemently to "four-letter obscenities," and his critics obliged him with both shouted slogans and offensive signs, although they were not very successful at causing disruption.

"The four-letter word that is the most powerful of any in the world is 'vote,'" Mr. Nixon told a crowd of 2,500 at the Grand Forks International Airport in North Dakota.

## References to Canada

Meanwhile, Mrs. Nixon was campaigning in Michigan and Minnesota. Appearing in Detroit on behalf of Mrs. George Romney, Republican candidate for the Senate, she said that women have a leveling influence in politics and that the country needs more of them in political office.

Throughout the day President Nixon gave an international flavor to his political campaign against violence and lawlessness by references to the slaying of Pierre Laporte, the Quebec Labor Minister, by French separatists in Canada. In Ohio, he reported he had called Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau of Canada yesterday to extend his sympathy.

"But the thing we have to bear in mind," the President said in a Capitol steps interview in Columbus, "is that what happens in Canada is not limited to Canada. It is an international

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disease, the idea that if you have a cause, you use any means to bring about that cause, to accomplish it, and that the cause justifies the means."

During a 12-hour campaign day, Mr. Nixon appeared for two Republicans locked in close Senate contests, Robert A. Taft Jr. in Ohio and Representative Thomas S. Kleppe in North Dakota, and for one Senate underdog regarded as a possible long shot, Attorney General John Danforth in Missouri.

The President appeared to relish the prospect of heckling as long as it did not become really disruptive, since it underscored both his attacks on obscenity and permissiveness and his insistence that the great majority of his audiences—and thus the voters—disapproved of the hecklers.

When a very modest noise arose from his Grand Forks audience, Mr. Nixon called out: "I can handle it. Don't you worry about it. Go right ahead."

He sounded the terrorism theme at the day's first stop, the Ohio Capitol steps, where a President had not stood since Herbert Hoover in 1931.

"All over this country today," the President declared, "we see a rising tide of terrorism, of crime, and on the campuses of our universities we have seen those who instead of engaging in peaceful dissent, engage in violence."

"When people try to shout down speakers with obscene words"—here Mr. Nixon gestured at several hundred young people clustered in the crowd

who were trying to do just that—"then, my friends, it's time to draw the line and say we're not going to stand for that!"

Republican candidates and officials on the platform stood and cheered and the crowd, put at 100,000 by the President but estimated at about 15,000 by reporters, broke into its loudest and longest applause of the rally.

Mr. Nixon closed his Columbus speech with an implicit appeal to support Republican candidates as defenders of law and order and the chief critics of violence.

"It is time for the great silent majority of Americans to stand up and be counted," he declared, "and I'll tell you how you can be counted—on Nov. 3 in the quiet of the polling booth. If a candidate has condoned violence, lawlessness and permissiveness, then you know what to do."

Intermittently during his Ohio speech, young protesters chanted antiwar slogans but they were never able to drown out the speakers or provide more than an irritant to the program.

## Stops by University

On his way back to the Columbus airport the President made an unscheduled detour to the Ohio State University campus for a generally friendly 20-minute chat with several hundred students. He told reporters later that the visit, "renewed my faith in young America."

One self-styled hippie told him, "I don't want to die in Vietnam, stop the war." Mr.



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Nixon replied: "We're winding down the war. We're bringing the troops home. You watch us, boy. Two million American boys have served in Vietnam. I'm proud of them, and I'm proud of you."

As the President's fourth campaign tour opened, it be-

came clear he would undertake a much more ambitious political schedule in the last two weeks before the election than had been generally anticipated.

Aides announced during the trip to Columbus that Mr. Nixon would make a single flying appearance in Maryland on Satur-

day on behalf of Representative J. Glenn Beall Jr., who is running against Senator Joseph D. Tydings. Next Tuesday he will begin a cross-country swing in Florida, move through Texas on Wednesday, Illinois and Minnesota on Thursday and then on to California.