

Nixon Puts 'Bums' Label On Some College Radicals

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WASHINGTON, May 1 — President Nixon referred today to some campus radicals who violently oppose his Vietnam policies as "bums" and, in contrast, he said American soldiers were "the greatest."

The President's remarks on violence at universities and the war were made to a group of civilian employees who greeted him at the Pentagon, where he went for a briefing on the new United States military operations in Cambodia.

Mr. Nixon was cheered by public response to his television speech on Cambodia last night. Ronald L. Ziegler, White House press secretary, said telephone calls and telegrams received since Mr. Nixon spoke were "positive" in a ratio of six to one.

One such favorable comment

came from a young woman in a group of Pentagon employees who told the President: "I loved your speech. It made me proud to be an American."

Smiling and obviously pleased, Mr. Nixon stopped for a moment and told how he had been thinking, as he wrote, his speech, about "those kids out there."

"I have seen them. They are the greatest," he said. Then he contrasted them with antiwar activists on university campuses. According to a White House text of his remarks. He said:

"You see these bums, you know blowing up the campuses today are the luckiest people in the world, going to the greatest universities, and here they are burning up the books, storming around about this issue. You name it. Get rid of the war there will be another one

"Then out there we have kids who are just doing their duty. They stand tall and they are proud. I am sure they are scared. I was when I was there. But when it really comes down to it, they stand up and, boy, you have to talk up to those men. They are going to do fine and we have to stand in back of them."

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term "bums" to refer to student radicals was the strongest language he has used publicly on the subject of campus violence, although he has been known to employ these terms in private.

Mr. Nixon's visit to the Pentagon this morning began a day that ended with his flying by helicopter to his Camp David retreat for a weekend of relaxation with his family and close friends.

Before departing from the Capitol, Mr. Nixon proclaimed Sunday a national day of prayer for all American prison-

ers and servicemen missing in action in Southeast Asia.

He was accompanied to the Pentagon by Henry A. Kissinger, his special assistant, and was briefed for one hour and 40 minutes by Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird and high military officials in the presence of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

On leaving, Mr. Nixon commented:

"I did what I believed to be right. What really matters is whether it comes out right."

'Appear to Be Going Well'

According to Mr. Ziegler, the information given the President indicated that the operations in Cambodia across the

South Vietnam border "appear to be going well."

Mr. Ziegler said the President stayed up after his speech last night until about 1:30 A.M., receiving visitors and talking by telephone with "friends and officials around the country."

After his Pentagon briefing today, the President returned briefly to the White House and then went on a luncheon cruise on the yacht Sequoia down the Potomac to Mount Vernon, Va.

He was joined by Mrs. Nixon, his son-in-law and daughter, David and Julie Eisenhower, and Charles G. Rebozo, a close friend. The party flew this afternoon from Mount Vernon to Camp David, Md., where they expect to stay until Sunday.