

A Lib View Of Nixon's Masculinity

Washington

Women's Liberation notable Gloria Steinem suggested yesterday that President Nixon "may be the most sexually insecure chief of state" since Napoleon Bonaparte ruled France.

"And Napoleon was very short," Miss Steinem added.

In remarks at the National Press Club, the feminist said that "not to lose face is a culturally masculine problem. The less secure a male, the more he has to prove; the more dangerous a leader."

"Witness Richard Nixon. Perhaps all those years sitting on the bench watching football players go by have given him an unquenchable thirst to come out No. 1 and to save face. We're paying for that in Indochina."

Miss Steinem is a writer and editor of a new women's periodical magazine "MS."

Miss Steinem said that many of her views might be moderated if Mr. Nixon obtained passage of the equal rights amendment in Congress.

She said it "simply isn't true" that the Nixon Administration has appointed more women to top jobs in government than any other.

She said many of the jobs were simply honorary posts with little position or money attached.

She said she feels that Senator George McGovern (Dem-S.D.), a Democratic presidential candidate, is "the best white, male candidate" for president in 1972. She said she feels that anthropologist Margaret Mead and Representatives Shirley Chisholm or Bella Abzug of New York also might make good presidents.

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