

Nude Nixon Back on Wall

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A nude, caricature painting of President Nixon went back up on the wall of the Broward Art Guild's art show yesterday despite protests by many citizens and the resignation of the show's chairman.

In response to the phone calls and the resignation of Helen Magee, the show chairman, the guild temporarily took down the painting Monday and in its place hung a sign which said:

"In this spot hung an artist's personal statement, withdrawn by the actions of a gag-type, unenlightened minority group. (Our sincere apologies to the artist. We like his strength.)"

"Isn't it amazing that the minority has good taste?" Mrs. Magee responded. "We're not a protest group. We're a nonprofit group trying to raise the standard of local art."

The guild, in answer to those who opposed the painting, hung the sign in its place for one day, but decided yesterday to return the painting to the show.

It is a six-foot tall, full front view depicting the President with both arms upraised in a peace sign.

The painting, offered for sale for \$39, was done by John Boase, a Broward Community College faculty member, and is entitled, "The Emperor's New Clothes." The title is a reference to the children's story of the emperor who appears naked before his subjects, who pretend to believe he is finely dressed.

Boase had two other offerings at the show. One depicts former President Lyndon B. Johnson with two blood-red fingers formed in the peace sign, and the other shows Vice President Spiro Agnew with the jawbone of an ass in one hand and a small Statue of Liberty in the other.

Mrs. Magee said the latter two paintings "are in equally bad taste."



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"THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES"
Painting of the President piqued patrons

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