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Mr. Nixon, We Agree

It is now eleven days since Henry A. Kissinger confidently proclaimed that "peace is at hand" in Indochina, but the war drags on, exacting its ever mounting toll in American and Vietnamese lives.

The agreement negotiated by Dr. Kissinger in Paris has now been substantively questioned not only by President Thieu in Saigon but apparently by President Nixon himself. While continuing to assure the voters of the imminence of the peace pledged four years ago, Mr. Nixon in the closing days of the campaign has resorted to rhetoric he has employed in the past to justify military escalation—the invasions of Cambodia and Laos, the resumption of the bombing of North Vietnam, the mining of North Vietnamese ports.

Under strikingly similar circumstances on the eve of the 1968 Presidential election, candidate Nixon declared: "Developments of the past few days clearly indicate that the American people need fresh new ideas, new men and new leadership if we are to bring an end to the war. . . . When we consider the fact that it was only three days ago that the hopes for peace were tremendously high . . . and that now those hopes are quite discouraging because of developments since then, it is clear that if we are going to avoid what could be a diplomatic disaster it is going to be necessary to get some new men and a united front."