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MACON, Ga., Nov. 18—President Nixon was jeered as well as cheered in conservative central Georgia today as he joined in a 90th birthday tribute to former Representative Carl M. Vinson.

Stressing the need for national security and his own peace-making role, as he has so often in his long struggle to free himself from the tentacles of the Watergate scandal, the President said, "We may be establishing a pattern where the great powers will recognize that the risks of war are too great."

But neither Mr. Nixon's off-the-cuff speech in the Willingham Chapel of Mercer University, nor his announcement that the nation's fourth nuclear-

powered aircraft carrier would be named for Mr. Vinson, distracted attention from Watergate.

On his arrival at Robins Air Force Base near here, hours after his long Watergate question-and-answer session with newspaper editors at Disney World in Florida yesterday, the President was greeted by a friendly crowd of perhaps as many as 20,000. Several persons waved placards in support of Mr. Nixon, and against the press.

But the scene was different when Mr. Nixon reached the campus of Mercer University, whose Walter F. George Law School was celebrating its 100th anniversary along with the birthday of Mr. Vinson, a graduate.

[In Tuskegee, Ala., Gov. George C. Wallace was given a standing ovation and the key to the famed Negro college town when he went there to discuss industry, jobs and education with members of the Southern Conference of Black Mayors. Page 25.]

Several hundred students stood outside the chapel, chanting "Out Now" and "No More Years," easily drowning out a band of supporters who shouted "Four More Years." Placards danced above the demonstrators' heads: "Georgia, the Impeach State" and "The Emperor Has No Clothes."

A group of four professors, three of them department heads at the university, had planned

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"He knew," the professors said, "that because of the nature of the occasion, he would be able to create the impression throughout the United States that his popularity is such that he is able to come to our university and be given a cordial reception."

Mr. Nixon took note of his political situation, which he is attempting to improve during his current five-day swing through the South, in his remarks during the ceremony.

He said the Atlanta Falcons, the local National Football League team, had won six straight after losing its first three games. Perhaps, he said, he should "have a talk with Norm Van Brocklin [the coach] and find out how he did it."

Later, referring to the demonstrators, he said that he was working toward "a world where these young people we've heard outside" could like in peace with Russians, Chinese and Africans.

The demonstration, which was peaceful and never disturbed the proceedings inside the chapel, was the first that Mr. Nixon had witnessed since he was heckled during a speech in Kansas City in early July.

But he was cheered by a petition of support bearing more than 30,000 signatures, gathered in part by the Georgia Re-

publican party. And former Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., his White House chief of staff, said Mr. Nixon had been very pleased by what he called "the tremendous reaction" to the editors' meeting.

"We've got to take them on," said Mr. Haig on the President's plane as it flew north from Key can't go on the way we are."

Ronald L. Ziegler, the Presidential press secretary, said that favorable calls were flooding into the White House. He conceded that the dismissal of Archibald Cox as the special Watergate prosecutor had produced an adverse reaction. But he sought to dismiss it as the product, in part, of "a stimulated campaign" drummed up "by traditional adversaries of the President."

Demonstration Peaceful

Mr. Ziegler quickly added, however, that the Administration was "not minimizing" the "unstimulated negative reaction" to the Cox dismissal.

Joining Mr. Nixon in the tribute to Mr. Vinson, who retired in 1965 after becoming the only man ever to serve a half-century in the House of Representatives, were a number of other political notables, including Senator Herman E. Talmadge, a Georgia Democrat who sits on the Watergate committee. He did not mention Mr. Nixon during his speech.

But Mr. Vinson, the legendary "swamp fox" who led the House Armed Services Committee for 15 years, praised Mr. Nixon effusively. His voice still clear and resonant, the former Representative hailed the "distinguished and revered" President for his long-time advocacy of national defense.

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President Nixon met with two types of reception as he arrived in Macon, Ga., to attend a birthday tribute to former Representative Carl M. Vinson. At Robins Air

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 Force Base near Macon, he was greeted by friendly crowd of about 20,000. But at Mercer University, where he spoke later, he heard demonstrators call for his impeachment.

