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WONDERING MUSE: One line of Mr. Nixon's State of the Union message keeps sticking with me — his remark that "They came home (from Vietnam) with their heads held high, not on their knees but on their feet." How come not a single photographer got a shot of this juggling act? . . . And it was during his recent press conference that Mr. Nixon spoke of "the quality I must have inherited from my Midwestern mother and father — that the tougher it gets, the cooler I get" . . . The first sentence of Mr. Nixon's book, "Six Crises" begins, "The ability to be cool, confident and decisive in crisis is not an inherited characteristic," but what the hell.

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