



Pro-Nixon Petition

Although some students are planning demonstrations against President Nixon when he visits the University Thursday, a petition drive has been started on campus in support of the President. The petition commends the President for "his firm stands

backing the state of Israel and supporting the struggle of Soviet Jews for their just rights." University student Daniel Allen, organizer of the drive, said the petitions will be presented to the President during his visit in Lincoln.

Hail to the chief SS directs Nixon invasion

by STEVE STRASSER
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Don't bring any books or packages with you to the Coliseum Thursday afternoon. Bring your ID card.

These are among the precautions from a combined force of Nebraska State Patrol, county sheriff deputies, Lincoln and campus police officers who will guard President Nixon during his visit Thursday. The force is being directed and coordinated by the Secret Service.

An advance crew of Secret Service agents arrived in Lincoln Monday to begin preparations for the presidential visit.

Federal Aviation Agency state liaison officer Melvin Wood Tuesday afternoon said the Secret Service had not yet given specific directions for airport security. But, Wood said typical precautions include clearing the air of all other traffic when Air Force One approaches, stationing emergency fire fighting equipment near the runway, and sometimes even closing the airport. "The Secret Service takes over everything," he said.

Lincoln Police Chief Joe Carroll spent "most of the day" Tuesday with Secret Service agents, but said he still didn't know how many of his men would be used. "They're still out counting in-

tersections and doors where policemen will have to be posted," Carroll said.

Cleaning crews are hard at work around the Coliseum. Outside, two tractors and about 15 men have meticulously removed all the snow. "We're supposed to make him think God won't let it snow on the University of Nebraska campus," commented one worker.

Nixon will leave his coat in the Coliseum's Sports Information office. Secretary Cheryl Cook said she was ordered to remove everything from the walls and desks in the office, including an NCAA banner and a picture of Bob Devaney.

The President will speak from a podium on the west side of the Coliseum. The main stage has been turned into a command center where the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company is installing 30 telephones. Ten of them are pay phones for reporters.

Campus Security Chief Gail Gade said no signs or banners will be permitted in the Coliseum for the speech. Asked if police will be photographing any vocal demonstrators, Gade replied, "the press and a lot of other people will be taking pictures."

Gade said the Coliseum would be closed for final preparations from noon Wednesday until the speech.

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Nixon will congratulate Huskers

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often paid a personal tribute to figures in the sports world.

Because of the nature of his speech, Nixon has requested the the convocation be limited to a collegiate audience.

The audience will be restricted to faculty, students and staff members of the University, including the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the Omaha Medical Center. President Joseph Soshnik is also extending an invitation to students and faculty of Nebraska Wesleyan University and Union College.

All staff and students will be required to show institutional identification at the door. Wives or husbands will be admitted if accompanied by their spouses who have proper identification.

Nixon will be stopping off in Lincoln while flying from the Western White House in San Clemente, Calif., to Washington. Accompanied by Mrs. Nixon, his plane is scheduled to land at Lincoln's Municipal Airport around 2 p.m. Nebraska Gov. J. J. Exon

and Lincoln Mayor Sam Schwartzkopf, both Democrats, are tentatively scheduled to greet the Republican President when he steps from Air Force One. University officials said they did not know Tuesday afternoon who from Nebraska's Congressional delegation will appear with Nixon.

From the airport, Nixon will go straight to the Coliseum in a special presidential limousine. Plans call for Nixon to fly immediately to Washington following his NU appearance.

Soshnik said Tuesday that Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin has expressed interest in attending Thursday's convocation, but his plans are indefinite.

Hardin was largely responsible for arranging the visit, the White House said. He suggested last week that Nixon stop on the campus on his way to California. Nixon said he couldn't stop then but would on his return trip to Washington.

Nixon had been invited to address the University's centennial commencement exercises in 1969 but schedule conflicts prevented that appearance.

Soshnik said Nixon's appearance Thursday is the first time a President has come to Lincoln expressly to visit the University. Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Dwight D. Eisenhower visited the campus, but during campaign trips, he noted.

Big Red to get belated Nixon blessing

by JIM JOHNSTON
Nebraskan Sports Editor

President Richard M. Nixon made a mistake during the 1969 football season. Not a mistake in calculation, but in timing.

The President, who calls himself the nation's No. 1 football fan, named Texas the best 1969 college football team in the nation even before the season was over.

The Longhorns proved Nixon right and finished No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll. But stiff protest of the President's appreciation was voiced by Penn State coach Joe Paterno.

"The President shouldn't have any right to name the top college football team," said Paterno who was claiming his own Nittany Lions the best in the nation. Nixon eventually pacified Paterno by attending the Orange Bowl to watch Penn State defeat Missouri.

The President even presented a plaque to Penn State for having the longest winning streak in football. Everybody, except possibly Paterno, was happy.

But during the 1970 season,

Nixon was careful. While speaking in Texas, the President named Texas No. 1. While speaking in Ohio, the President named Ohio State No. 1.

And while speaking in Omaha last October, the President proclaimed Nebraska No. 1. He didn't have much choice. Ex-Governor Tiemann had requested that he make the statement. And, after all, Nixon was in Nebraska to boost Tiemann's campaign.

But Nixon's ratings were never forgotten by college football coaches across the nation. One of Nebraska coach Bob Devaney's first question after the Orange Bowl victory was: "Has President Nixon called yet?"

The President never called. His ratings now seem to come forth only when he is in a certain state.

But the President's speech at the University of Nebraska Coliseum Thursday afternoon will have no regional limits. Nixon is coming to Lincoln to make one thing perfectly clear to the entire nation.

The Big Red Cornhuskers of Nebraska are the President's

No. 1 college football team of the year. And the reaction of the Nebraska players is mixed.

All-American linebacker Jerry Murtaugh, who never minces any words, feels it's about time Nixon gets into gear and names Nebraska No. 1. But quarterback Jerry Tagge, who keeps his statements short and sweet, is humbled by Nixon's presence.

Jerry Murtaugh: "It's about time Nixon does something about us being No. 1. For Christ sakes, we expected to hear from him right after the ball game like he did to Texas last year."

Jerry Tagge: "I think its wonderful. It's really too much. I never thought I would be part of an organization that would receive a personal congratulations from the President of the United States."

Johnny Rodgers: "I was surprised to hear that he was coming to Nebraska. You can catch all the footballs you want, but it makes you feel kind of important to be able to meet the President of the United States."

Van Brownson: "I'm disap-

pointed that we didn't hear from Nixon earlier. Coming to Nebraska was about all he could do after what he did for Texas last year. But I guess his coming in person really makes it kind of special."

Dave Walline: "I didn't really expect Nixon to come to Nebraska. As a matter of fact, I didn't expect anybody in the country to do anything special for Nebraska. The way we're treated by the press around the nation you just don't expect anybody to go out of their way just because we're the best football team in the nation."

Dan Schneiss: "It's quite an honor. It means a lot just to be the No. 1 football team in the nation. But it means a lot more when the President personally congratulates you for it."

Jeff Kinney: "I realize that politics are involved with Nixon's visit, but it's still a great honor when the President of the United States comes to congratulate you personally."

Willie Harper: "I heard Nixon was coming to Nebraska. But I didn't know it was to honor the football team. It's nice, I guess. But it really isn't that big of a deal."

Rozman hearings closed to public

Doors remain closed to the public, but open to witnesses, as a faculty committee to investigate the Stephen Rozman case prepares to convene its second hearing, Thursday.

"We will hear anyone who indicates that he does have evidence or information concerning the Rozman matter," Henry Holtzclaw, chairman of the Faculty Senate ad hoc committee, said Tuesday.

But the hearings will remain closed to the public.

"It was a decision of the committee that we could function more efficiently this way," Holtzclaw added.

He declined to comment on the committee's reasoning.

The committee was appointed by the Faculty Liaison Committee to investigate Rozman's actions in events concerning the occupation of the Military and Naval Sciences Building during the May strike. Rozman is an assistant professor of political science at the University.

About 10 witnesses appeared at the first hearing Jan. 9. Holtzclaw said that while there are still many witnesses to testify, the committee hopes to conclude hearings Jan. 23 as scheduled.

The committee is to report its findings by Feb. 1. The Regents have stated that the decision to fire or to retain Rozman as a faculty member will be made at the February meeting.

The Regents have also written a 13-page statement listing "areas of concern in the conduct of Dr. Stephen Rozman." These areas include his conduct during discussions between students occupying the building and administrators and his "abusive language" in later

discussions with President Joseph Soshnik.

Rozman Monday called the charges "vague, ill-defined and premised on nonfactual information."

Devaney will be present

Nebraska football coach Bob Devaney, who is in Houston attending the National Collegiate Athletic Association convention and the convention of the American Football Coaches Association, said Tuesday night he expects to be in Lincoln Thursday for President Richard M. Nixon's visit.

Devaney, speaking from his hotel in Houston, said, "I have a commercial flight scheduled to leave Houston at 8 a.m. Thursday which would arrive in Lincoln around noon, but I hope to find a chartered flight to take me instead."

There was strong speculation that the Cornhusker coach would not be present for the President's speech because of the NCAA banquet in Houston Thursday night which will name its national coach of the year. Devaney is a top contender for the award. But he plans to return early Thursday evening to be on hand for the banquet.

Devaney was not sure what the President's speech would contain or what special awards would be presented. The Nebraska football team has scheduled a 3 p.m. meeting today (Wednesday) to get final information on the President's visit.



John Hansen . . . chairs the FSM meeting to plan demonstrations for Nixon's appearance.

Peace groups plan protests

At least four Lincoln organizations have combined to plan a demonstration outside the Coliseum prior to Nixon's arrival.

Mothers for Peace, the Lancaster County Welfare Rights Organization, Veterans for Peace and the Nebraska Council to Repeal the Draft will gather in silent protest, according to one of the organizers, Nick Meinhart.

The group may also chant and carry placards, he reported. Mary Alinder, member of Mothers for Peace, said the organization plans to have mothers and children singing and chanting outside the Coliseum during Nixon's speech.

Major focus of the protest will be the war because, as Meinhart put it, welfare recipients, draft age young people and peace lovers everywhere are being hurt by America's intervention in Vietnam.

The Free Speech Movement (FSM) called a meeting Tuesday to organize demonstrations for the speech and set

another meeting for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Nebraska Union.

Proposals at the Tuesday meeting, attended by about 40 people, included leafleting, not cheering the President and shouting him down, and getting support from members of the football team. One participant suggested organized shouts resembling football cheers.

The Wednesday FSM meeting will be for the purpose of further planning demonstrations and preparing leaflets to inform students and faculty of demonstration plans.

Other peace organizations are also planning protests.

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