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Black arm bands, worn as a protest by two student leaders who sat on the platform with President Richard M. Nixon Thursday, have sparked criticism from a state senator and two NU students.

ASUN President Steve

"We should never allow this Legislature to interfere with anybody's freedom of speech," he said.

Tiwald expressed similar sentiment: "I'm concerned that State Senators are desiring to infringe upon the rights of any citizen in the state, particularly, it seems, students at this University."

its statement to the Regents, the Nebraska Legislature and President Joseph Soshnik, the organization charges that the two student leaders presented a "radical image" which distorted and gave an unbalanced impression of student opinion.

Wald added that YAF is "entirely wrong" in concluding that because Innocents is non-

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Tiwald and Innocents Society President Ken Wald were discourteous and should not have expressed political views, several persons claim.

The two were chosen by University administrators to sit on the stage during Nixon's speech. The third student on the stage, Mortar Board President, Julie Marolf, did not wear an arm band.

Just hours before the speech, State Sens. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff and Ernest Chambers of Omaha exchanged thoughts during a Nebraska Unicameral session on freedom of speech and the students' action.

Carpenter objected to Nixon's being confronted by black arm bands. He said the President should receive every courtesy since he was "gracious enough to honor us with his presence."

"The President is a man, not a god," Chambers retorted. "He is not holy or a saint, but subject to criticism for his actions or inactions as is any other man who seeks and gains election to public office."

Chambers also applauded young people for exercising non-violent freedom of speech.

Wald asserted that his action was not discourteous to Nixon. He noted that Carpenter nominated a fictitious candidate for the vice-presidency at the 1956 Republican National Convention shortly before the group nominated the then Vice-President Nixon for a second term.

"Whether Nixon is number one or number two makes little difference," Wald said. "Senator Carpenter had better look to his own actions to see if they were courteous."

Some members of Young American for Freedom (YAF) have also expressed "their strong disapproval of the actions" taken by Tiwald and Wald.

"ASUN and Innocents are both supposedly non-political bodies, representing students of all political persuasions. If Mr. Tiwald and Mr. Wald believe that they must utilize their positions to express their own political views, then I believe it is time that they resign." Terry Cannon, YAF state chairman, and an NU senior, said.

YAF is also launching a formal protest against the choice of Tiwald and Wald to represent the student body. In

political, he, too, must be non-political. He pointed out that Nixon's not only head of the government but a politician as well.

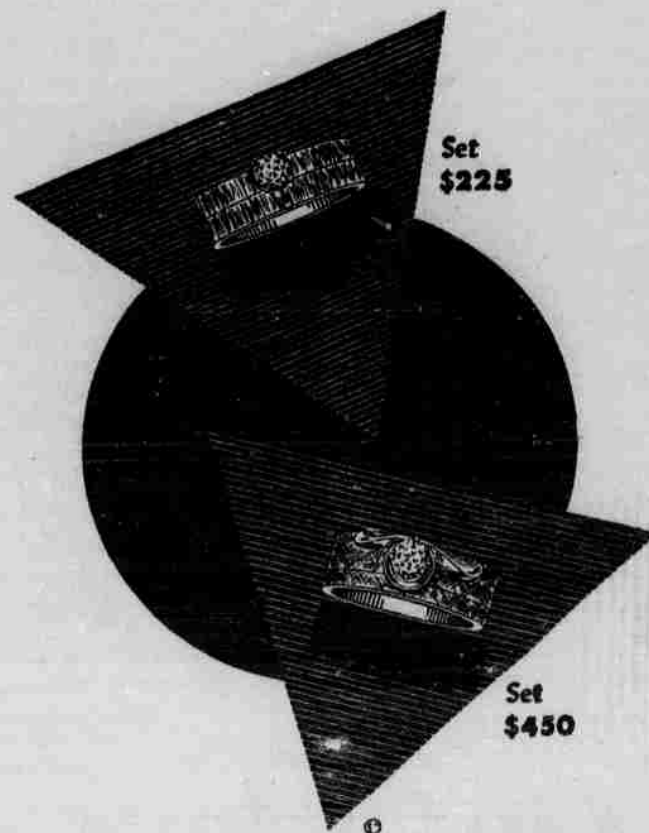
Tiwald added that although Nixon represents all Americans, he does not represent the feeling of "many, many students."

The arm band expressed the feelings of most University students, Tiwald continued. He said a majority of students disapprove of Nixon's war policies.

He advised YAF to participate in "the democratic process of student government elections" if they want ASUN leadership to reflect different attitudes.

ASUN Sen. Bruce Wimmer called the "so-called student leaders' actions reprehensible. He asserted that Tiwald would have done better to join the "rest of the student body in welcoming President Nixon and congratulating the Number One Cornhuskers."

"I feel that I do represent a significant portion of the student body," Tiwald said. "And I will retain my free speech right just as Mr. Wimmer does."



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