

What now, President Nixon?

God only knows what the next four years and President Richard Nixon will bring.

His inaugural address, meant for inspiration, leaves us only with apprehension. The speech could have just as easily been spoken by Lyndon Johnson. Yet Nixon has promised us change.

The ambiguity Nixon exhibited both during his campaign and in his address leaves us with little basis to predict how effective a President he will be. He has been careful to outline his plans in only the most general of terms. He has made no great promises, and thus can anticipate no great failures, such as Johnson's "Great Society."

So behind the rhetoric, is there anything we can reasonably expect of the Nixon administration? Yes, but it doesn't leave us with a very optimistic perspective.

We can expect the war to end. It appears that the Vietnamese are more worn out than we are by it. Nixon will get the credit for being a peacemaker, though he is by no means the single catalyst for peace.

President Nixon said: "Let us take as our goal, where peace is unknown, to make it welcome; where peace is fragile, make it strong; where peace is temporary, make it permanent." In the name of such noble goals, we entered into the Vietnam conflict. If the new administration holds to these principles righteously, we can expect more undeclared wars in other parts of the world.

Nixon also said: "The essence of freedom is that each of us shares in the shaping of his own destiny." Can we then expect that men between the ages of 18 and 26 will have the option of choosing their own destiny without having to carry a card which commits them to wars they consider unjust? We look for the draft to end in the next four years, though it may be less a

result of Nixon's efforts than something he will be forced to do.

Nixon, speaking Monday, said: "Standing in the same place a third of a century ago, Franklin Delano Roosevelt addressed a nation ravaged by depression and gripped in fear. He could say in surveying the nation's troubles: 'They concern, thank God, only material things.'

"Our crisis today is the reverse.

"We have found ourselves rich in goods, but ragged in spirit; reaching with magnificent precision for the Moon, but falling into raucous discord here on Earth."

But our crisis today still concerns material things. The nation is the richest the world has ever seen, yet over 30 million of its citizens live in poverty. Our nation allocates \$70 billion of its resources for defense purposes, yet schools everywhere have trouble getting money to build classrooms and pay their teachers.

An "answer of the spirit" is not all that's needed to remedy these problems. We will need programs, blueprints for some concrete action. We have heard of none, so far, from the new President. We expect, then, a slightly more conservative version of the past administration's domestic policy, and certainly not the kind of policies which will solve our problems.

This is the President that is supposed to unite the nation. He has asked us to stop shouting; he wants us to give him half a chance to prove himself. Okay, all we want right now is to know what he plans to do. We have made some guesses, and we would like to be proven wrong. There are too many unanswered questions.

If the people of the country are to unite, they should know first what they are uniting behind.

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Your editorial of January 21 concerning the "Words of Wisdom from the New President" was magnificent. The way you equated Mr. Nixon's wisdom with emptiness was superb.

In fact, I would go so far as to say that this editorial is the best example that I have seen in a long time of the basic anti-intellectualism of the more "progressive" elements of the academic community.

No longer is it necessary to consider the merits of an opponent's thought; if he dares to disagree, one merely obliterates his ideas. Keep up the progress.

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Stop ROTC

Emerald Editor:

ROTC programs are located on every state supported campus in the United States to train officers for the U.S. Army. After four years in the program

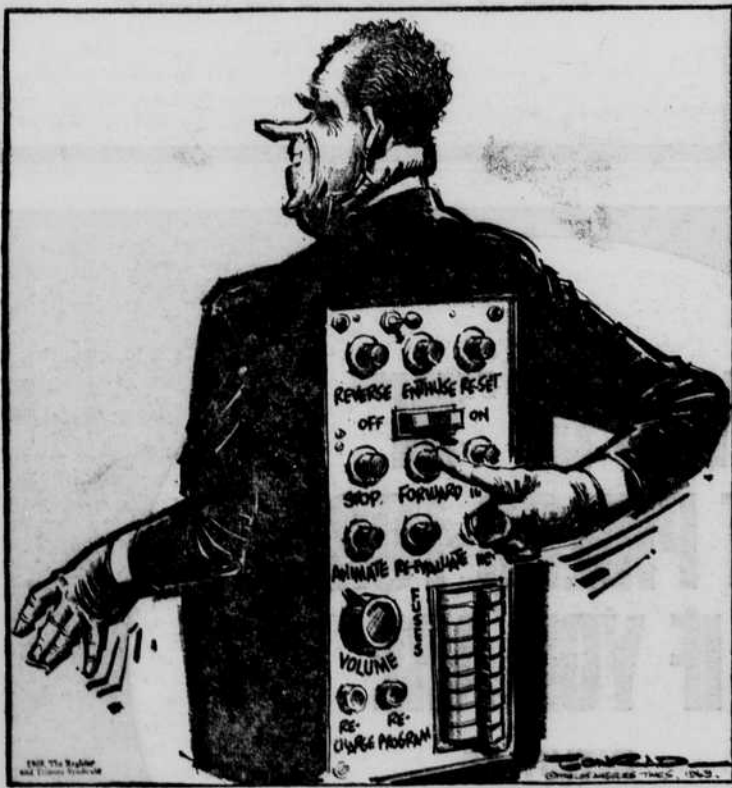
and two summer camps the graduate becomes a 2nd lieutenant. The ROTC program represents one overt form of campus militarism and should be moved to a National Guard status.

As a member of ROTC, the student enters into an authoritarian relationship with his commander-professor. The commander-professor is a part of the military machine and is not subject to the direction of the State Board of Higher Education. His job is to produce soldiers not teach military science.

Many students see ROTC as a "Better" way to dodge the draft only to find the possibility of tours being extended and up to six years in service. The Vietnam war has brought up many questions concerning American foreign policy, imperialism and counter-revolutionary warfare.

Throughout today's world the ROTC trained officer will be fighting against revolutionaries and nationalists for their right

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"Mr. Hickel, could you step down for a few questions . . .?"

Conrad
takes
a look
at the
new
administration



"... Watch that first step!"



President-elect Nixon with members of his cabinet