

INAUGURAL

Mon. Jan 20, '69

And so, the Nixon Era begins. Shortly past noon - Richard Milhous Nixon pledging to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution." Therefore, becoming officially - the thirty-seventh President of the United States. Immediately embarking the nation on a "high adventure" in pursuit of peace on earth.

In his inaugural address - President Nixon at his most eloquent, saying: "Let us take this - as our goal; where peace is unknown - make it welcome, where peace is fragile, make it strong; where peace is temporary - make it permanent." For only thus, said he - can Americans "lead the world out of the valley of turmoil - and onto that high ground of peace that man has dreamed of since the dawn of civilization."

Lest there be any doubt - the President also pledged to keep America - "as strong as we need to be for as long as we need to be." He pledged further

to work for domestic reform - asserting that peace
at home is essential to peace abroad. Adding though:
"We cannot learn from one another - until we stop
shouting at one another; until we speak quietly enough -
so that our words can be heard as well as our voices."

in his inspiring inaugural
Summing up - Richard Nixon saying: "I do,

not offer a life of uninspiring ease! - I do not call for
a life of grim sacrifice! I ask you to join in a high
adventure - one as rich as humanity itself - as exciting
as the times we live in - as we learn to go forward
together - with all mankind."

*I suspect this speech will be
quoted and requested - for centuries to come.*

PROTEST FOLLOW INAUGURAL

Be that as it may - there were some
in Washington - even today - who refused to respond
to the President's plea -- these - militant so-called
counter inaugural demonstrators; a small but noisy
bunch who waited along Pennsylvania Avenue after
the inaugural; hurling stones and beer ~~can~~ cans, shouting
obscenities at the President's motorcade as it passed
by. At least one of the missiles - hitting a secret
service man. As Shakespeare said:- What
fools we mortals be!

Army paratroopers and D. C. national guardsmen
- finally wading into the crowd. Police reporting a
number of arrests.

L. B. J. Ranch

As the Nixon era begins - so too, the Johnson era ends. L B J's final hours in office - perhaps typical of his five year reign. Mr. Johnson signing executive orders adding nearly four hundred thousand acres to the National Park system. Also, awarding the Presidential Medal of Freedom - the nation's highest civil honor - to twenty distinguished Americans. Among them Dr. Michael DeBakey, Henry Ford the Second, Edgar Kaiser, Bob Hope, Gregory Peck, Laurance Rockefeller, Roy Wilkins and so on.

Next - coffee with the Nixons. Then - the Inaugural. L B J listening in rapt attention - even as you and I. Later telling newsmen - it was an excellent speech. Adding that his "hopes and prayers" are all with the new President.

And with that he was gone.

Lyndon Baines Johnson heading tonight for the L B J Ranch -- and on -- into history.

CABINET FOLLOW PROTEST

~~On the brighter side~~^P The new Nixon cabinet won speedy approval today from the Senate. All, ~~that~~ ~~to~~ - except one.

Governor Hickel of Alaska - Secretary of Interior designate -- clearing at last his biggest hurdle. After four days of hearings - the Senate ~~laurels~~ Interior Committee voting fourteen to three, to recommend confirmation. But too late for full Senate action today - he will have to wait until tomorrow. In the meantime with all the publicity rugged Wally Hickel is now by far the best known member of the cabinet - and Alaska also is much in the headlines!

CORONADO

Commander Lloyd Bucher - skipper of the
ill fated Pueblo first witness today before a ~~senior~~ naval
court of inquiry at Coronado, California, ^{telling how} ~~According~~
~~that~~ his ship was not equipped with a "distruct system"
= when captured by North Korea last year. Adding that
his request for such a system - had been turned down
at the highest level in Washington.

As it was - said Commander Bucher - ~~he~~
~~no~~ he had only axes and sledge hammars - with which
to destroy the Pueblo's ~~highly~~ highly secret electronic
equipment.

As for scuttling the vessel - that would have
taken more than two hours - said he.

Why didnt anyone come to their
rescue - by air? We havent heard yet.

MOSCOW

The case for ~~prejudice~~ ^{prejudice} - reported today from Moscow. With the Kremlin admitting there is discrimination -- in the proposed world-wide nuclear non-proliferation treaty. Admitting that it does work against smaller nations, that would like to develop their own nuclear ~~arm~~ arsenal.

2 However, the Kremlin insisting - "that there can be no equality in this matter." Adding that the spread of nuclear weapons - "is far more dangerous for small countries than nuclear powers."

MANY FARMS

The Navajo city of Many Farms, Arizona - site of America's first college established and controlled entirely by Indians. Navajo Community College opening its doors today - to an expected enrollment of three hundred to five hundred Navajo students. With Navajo's also holding key positions - on the faculty and staff of the new institution.

~~Warren~~ In addition to its regular academic program - the Navajo Community College will offer remedial courses - also classes that will count toward a high ~~school~~ school diploma. Striving to fill an educational gap on that sprawling Navajo reservation - where half the residents ^{even today can} ~~can still~~ neither ~~speak~~ speak nor write English. That's the word from Many Farms, Ariz - Warren.

WALTER REED

One of Richard Nixon's last acts as a private citizen - a telephone call to Walter Reed Army Hospital - the then President-to-be conferring with a President of the past - also, an old friend - General Eisenhower. The two talking for about fifteen minutes - of the once and future greatness of the Presidency.

When it was all over - Ike setting the tone for future relations between master and pupil. Telling Richard Nixon -- "This is the last time I can call you Dick" adding that henceforth - it's "Mr. President."

And now - on with the "high adventure."