

# Nixon Calls for Viet Escalation

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Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon yesterday attacked President Johnson's stand in the Manila Conference and called for the escalation of the war in Viet Nam.

"The Administration's current policy resigns America and the free Asian nations to a war which could last five years and cost more casualties than Korea," the former Republican standard bearer declared.

## "Strategy for Future"

"A strategy for the future must be devised that will increase the military, economic and diplomatic pressure on the aggressors to end the war and will guarantee peace without surrender throughout Asia," Nixon stated.

Returning from a nationwide tour on behalf of GOP candidates, Nixon charged in his New York office that President Johnson's offer of "mutual withdrawal" in Viet Nam "simply turns back the clock two years and says, 'Let the South Viet Name fight it out with the Viet Cong.'"

If the President's Manila proposals mean that the U.S. will "stand aloof" and let the Southern forces fight it out with the Viet Cong, then the Administration stand "jeopardizes every strategic American objective in Viet Nam," Nixon declared.

## We're Off Base

"We are off base with our offer of mutual withdrawal of regular troops," he said. "Let us be thankful that Hanoi has not been diplomatically alert enough to catch us off base."

The offer, the former Vice President said, "might be a temporarily successful propaganda bluff." But, he asked, "Why endanger our hard-won credibility for this temporary propaganda advantage?"

Nixon also blasted the Manila communique's statement that the



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allied military action and support "must depend for its size and duration on the intensity and duration of the Communist aggression."

This, he claimed, "implies that a diminishing of the Communist military effort will bring a corresponding reduction in the allied effort . . ."

## Sees Foe Calling Play

"I know of no successful military effort that ever keyed its own intensity simply to match that of the aggressor—thus deliberately surrendering to the aggressor the initiative for major offensives."

Such policy, Nixon said, runs counter to former President Eisenhower's recent declaration

## Students Nix Honor System

An honor system for examinations, under which proctors would be eliminated but students would be required to report classmates who cheat, was rejected by Columbia College students. Student balloting went against the proposal, which had been drafted by the students themselves, by a 733-to-568 tally.

that he did not believe in "gradualism" in fighting a war.

"I believe in putting in the kind of military strength we need to win and getting it over with as soon as possible," Nixon declared.

## Doubts Hanoi Is Swayed

In his summation on the Manila conference and the Administration's Viet Nam stand, Nixon said we must face the "reality" that:

"While the mission to Manila had a welcome effect on our friends, it had no effect on our enemies and peace is no nearer; the Administration's past strategy has produced neither peace nor victory over aggression."

"Grave policy questions" have been raised by the Manila communique "which should be answered by President Johnson before the American people go to the polls on Nov. 8."

Nixon's statement had been prepared before he had learned of the President's plans to undergo surgery. Afterward he said that "while wishing him (the President) the best personally, I intend to continue discussing the issues."