

# Commission On Campus Unrest: "Crisis Of Violence, Understanding"

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President Nixon's Commission on Campus Unrest pleaded Saturday for a "national cease-fire" among students, police and politicians and urged Nixon himself to lead the way.

In what it termed the most important of a long list of recommendations to stop violence and disruption the commission said:

"Only the President has the platform and prestige to urge all Americans, at once, to step back from the battlelines into which they are forming. Only the President, by example and instruction, can effectively calm the rhetoric of both public officials and protestors whose words in the past have too often helped further divide the country, rather than reunite it".

The commission denounced violence in any quarter and proposed that anyone who uses violence be charged and punished as criminals, but said dissent and disagreement short of violence absolutely had to be protected.

Former Gov. William Scranton of Pennsylvania, the commission chairman, presented the report without public ceremony to the President just 15 weeks after Nixon called for recommendations to avoid further disturbances of the type that disrupted U.S. campuses after the United States' Cambodia incursion April 30.

After seeing Nixon, Scranton was asked about the President's moral and political leadership in healing the divisions described in the commission's report.

"Since the episodes of last spring, there has not been the kind of leadership needed to bring about the kind of reconciliation that we're talking about", Scranton replied. He said he did not think the president or his administration shared the commission's deep belief in the need for urgent action to repair these divisions, which he said are "far more compelling and are growing far faster than most Americans realize".

The commission said the Indochina War, racism and the colleges themselves were responsible for student unrest.

In its charge to Nixon, the panel said:

"Nothing is more important than an end to the war in Indochina. Disaffected students see the war as a symbol of

moral crisis in the nation which, in their eyes, deprives even law of its legitimacy. . ."

The commission said there was a "crisis of violence" and another of "understanding". "Students who bomb and burn are criminals. Police and National Guardsmen who needlessly shoot or assault students are criminals.

"All who applaud these criminal acts share in their evil. We must declare a national cease-fire.

"A nation driven to use the weapons of war upon its youth is a nation on the edge of chaos", it said. "A nation that has lost the allegiance of part of its youth is a nation that has lost part of its future".

Speaking to the President, the report urged him not only to end the Indochina War but to "renew the national commitment to full social justice and to be aware of increasing charges of repression".

"We recommend to him that he takes steps to see to it that the words and deeds of government do not encourage belief in these charges," the commission said.

"We recommend that the President seek to convince public officials and protestors alike that divisive and insulting rhetoric is dangerous. In the current political campaign and throughout the years ahead, the President should insist that no one play irresponsible politics with the issue of 'campus unrest'."

The commission also proposed:

--Nixon should call "a series of national meetings designed to foster understanding among those who are now divided".

--The government should offer "greatly increased financial aid for black colleges and universities" and formerly all-white schools should step up minority student recruitment.

--The government should enact "strict controls of the sale, transfer and possession of explosive materials" to meet the increasing threats of arson and bombing.

--Police and guardsmen should carry rifles and shotguns on campuses only when there is sniping or armed resistance. Guardsmen need more and better training to cope with civil disorders as well as special non-lethal weapons and protective equipment.

--Universities should make clear to students what kind of

conduct will not be permitted, and should waste no time calling police when violence erupts. Faculty members who lead or take part in "disruptive conduct" should be fired.

--Universities must reform their operations, from course requirements to rule-making, but nothing should be done to hamper free speech and the exchange of ideas on campuses.

--Students must "protect the right of all speakers to be heard" even when they disagree, and realize that "language that offends will seldom persuade". And students "should not expect their own views, even if held with great moral intensity, automatically and immediately to determine national policy".

## GRE'S

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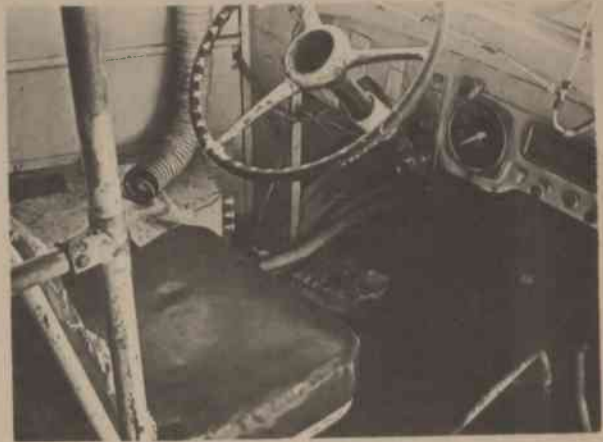
The first testing date for the GRE is October 24, 1970. Scores from this administration will be reported to the graduate schools about December 1. Students planning to register for the October test date are advised that applications received by ETS after October 6 will incur a \$3.00 late registration fee. After October 9, there is no guarantee that applications for the October test date can be processed.

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