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NBC CORRESPONDENT KAPLOW  
DISCUSSES NIXON ADMINISTRATION

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The Nixon Administration "seems to be moving along with fairly solid support," according to NBC correspondent Herb Kaplow, who spoke Wednesday (July 8) at the University of Montana.

Kaplow, who has been covering the affairs of Richard M. Nixon since his days as vice-president, referred to himself as "one of the oldest living political bird dogs of Richard Milhouse Nixon."

In an analysis of Nixon and the American Presidency, Kaplow criticized the President for being unable to fulfill his inaugural promise to "bring us together."

He said that Nixon, through speeches by Vice-President Spiro Agnew, is cultivating support of the "Silent Majority," arousing solid, but "not overwhelming" backing from U.S. citizens.

Of all of the nation's problems, Kaplow said, the "whole domestic area is the biggest challenge to Nixon right now." Kaplow said the country is involved in a social revolution combining problems of race, poverty, population and environment, but the President has so far been progressing cautiously in areas of social reform.

The President is basing his reform on a planned revamping of the welfare system which, Nixon believes, will be fundamental to his "fostering of racial equality," Kaplow said.

The NBC representative attributed Nixon's domestic caution to the President's fear that "the frenzy of LBJ" will become "the frenzy of Richard Nixon."

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Nixon's idea of economic improvement for the poor, according to Kaplow, fits into a formula for being re-elected in 1972.

The Vietnam War, Kaplow said, is generally regarded by the Administration as a "bad deal which should be liquidated as soon as possible." Kaplow said the verdict is not in yet on the Cambodian phase of the war, but he said American troops are "probably more secure" than before the move into Cambodia.

Reminiscing about the eight years between 1960, when Nixon lost his first bid for the Presidency, and 1968, Kaplow said Nixon was able to keep going because even as a Wall Street lawyer he "kept his hand in politics."

A maturing, adjustment and "certain acceptance" in those eight years, Kaplow said, gave Nixon confidence that he can do the job as President of the United States.

Kaplow said Nixon is a "systematic, methodical and organized," President.

The newsman consented to a lengthy question-and-answer session following his lecture which was sponsored by the University of Montana Summer Session.

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