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Press club  
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It is possible to be heard by the press.  
 L In the last several weeks I have been in more than a dozen states, spoken before scores of groups, and held numerous press conferences.

L I may have set a slightly faster pace than some of my Democratic friends--but as you know, they've been pretty active, too--speaking out on the issues, expressing their views before various groups.

L But there is another candidate the press and the public seldom see, except on what I call his prime time television commercials--and that's Mr. Nixon.

L Is there anyone in this room who doubts that Mr. Nixon is a candidate? Of course not. He was on the ballot in New Hampshire and in Florida. He'll be on the ballot in Wisconsin and in California and in other primary states. And he'll be on the ballot in November.

L ~~But who does he send out to do his campaigning for him? Republican officials, movie stars and pom pom girls.~~

L Do you know when the last time Mr. Nixon held a regular televised news conference to allow the press of this Nation to question him and his policies? November twelfth, 1971. More than four months ago.

And I don't think either the press or the public should let him get away with it.

It's time for President Nixon--candidate Nixon in this election year--to start leveling with the people.

L The people have a right to know what's in the fine print behind the television commercials.

L He went on television the other night and tried to tell us he was proposing \$2.5 billion to upgrade the quality of education in our poorer schools. That was the television commercial, but what was the real program? Nothing new--No new money.

L The people have a right to expect more of their President than the politics of television and cosmetics, the politics of hit and run.

I challenge the President to start communicating with the American press and the American people, to stop the prime time commercials and start talking sense.

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