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RICHARD M. NIXON BECOMES 37TH U.S. PRESIDENT

Richard M. Nixon became the President of the United States last Monday when he took the oath of office during the elaborate inaugural ceremonies. He became the nation's 37th president.

Nixon dedicated his adminis-

tration "to the cause of peace among nations."

With the threatening weather overhead and under a most elaborate security precautions, Nixon placed his hand on two family bibles and Chief Justice Earl Warren gave the traditional oath

to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Richard Nixon urged the Americans "to go forward together."

"We have endured the long night of the American spirit,"

he declared. "But as our eyes catch the dimness of the first rays of dawn, let us not curse the remaining dark. Let us gather the light."

Cannons boomed a 21-gun salute to the new chief of state. Elaborate and red-coated Marine

band struck up the stirring "Hail to the Chief." Soon after the salute, the new president of the United States began his inaugural address.

Nixon spoke solemnly and deliberately. He called for the

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nation to go forward as a pace-maker and together, both whites and blacks.

"For the first time, because the peoples of the world want peace and the leaders are afraid of war, the times are on the side of peace," Nixon stated.

"We are caught in war, wanting peace," he said. "We are torn by division, wanting unity. We see around us empty lives, wanting fulfillment. We see tasks that need doing, waiting for hands to do them."

He added: "To a crisis of the spirit, we need an answer of the spirit. We cannot learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another."

Nixon promised to "press urgently forward" toward such goals as rebuilding cities, better housing, strengthening education seeking full employment and protecting the environment.

"No man can be fully free while his neighbor is not," Nixon declared. "This means black and white together as one nation, not two. The laws have caught up with our conscience. What remains is to give light to what is in the law; to ensure at last that all are born equal in dignity before man."