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*Nixon's Visit to Yugoslavia in 1970  
The New American Approach to the Politics and Movement of Non-alignment*

*Summary*

The interest of Yugoslavia and the United States to improve their bilateral relations resulted in a joint wish for the meeting of Tito and Nixon to take place. The first visit of an American president to Yugoslavia occurred when, as a result of Tito's efforts, the Non-Aligned Movement was established and when Yugoslavia secured its definitely dominant role within the movement.

Nixon's motive for visiting Yugoslavia mainly amounted to using Tito's prestige in the Arab world and to win him over to accept the role of a mediator between the United States and the Egyptian leadership in seeking a peaceful solution for overcoming the Middle East crisis. The first step towards that direction would have been for Tito to persuade the Egyptians to accept an extension of the ceasefire deadline envisaged by the previous Egyptian-Israeli Agreement. This initiative was, of course, coupled with Nixon's efforts to influence the officials from Belgrade to alleviate the anti-American campaign within the Non-Aligned Movement and to take within its doctrine a more balanced stand towards the Block countries.

Tito had even more reasons to be pleased with the outcome of his talks with Nixon. The key issues upon which Yugoslavia's great interest for these talks were based on were resolved in the right manner. Namely, Nixon promised Tito that he would decidedly support Yugoslav financial requests to American and international financial institutions and that he would offer state guarantees to American private investors regarding their investments in the Yugoslav economy. On the other hand, the meeting itself significantly contributed in strengthening the security situation of Yugoslavia and improving its international position which had been seriously weakened in recent years. After a considerable period of time, the pendulum of Yugoslav politics of equidistance finally returned to its equilibrium.