

From this collection of the crude and the crass, of proof of his conspiring in crimes and connivings to inculpate others in them, of his lack of honest or ^{for} the decent regard of men, it should not be believed that Nixon was without awareness of what it means to be President of the United States, the most powerful man in the world running what was the world's richest country when he took it over. Nor can it be fairly alleged that he was not conscious of what it means to be the man the push of whose finger could incinerate a large proportion of the world and ruin what was not totally destroyed. He displayed a statesmanship no whit inferior to Warren G. Harding's and when great emotion over the most pressing of events of transcendental importance seized him he was an of an eloquence not in the least inferior to that Of Calvin Coolidge.

Once the expletives were deleted he was not a man without warmth or unaware of what is really important in life or to the presidency or where the most urgent needs of the country lay or that after five years of his rule there were still these uncounted thousands ill-fed, ill-housed and ill-educated and prepared to live in decency.

Nay, never should it be said or believed that Richard Milhous Nixon was a man without compassion, a man on whom the most urgent needs of others did not weigh heavily.

Immersed as he was in the great travail that became the greater travail of two and a half years of The Watergate, his bugs caught and his tapes preserved for posterity the coursing of his blood and the rise of his spirit when he became aware of the most dire of human needs.

Before sending Maldeman off to take the intelligence establishment into camp and make it responsible for Nixonian crime the great mad found time to remind Maldeman how important it can be for a candidate to have his picture taken with a celebrity. Even Democrats could come it, be photographed with Nixon, and go out and use the picture in their campaigns. No suggestion that this would help Nixon, of course.

With all this new girls meant and all the time he'd spent rereading his own masterpiece of those endless earlier Nixon crises, he had still found time for a long talk with Pat and Tricia over the problems they would face at the upcoming convention.

When Tricia was not received as she'd have liked there were "labor thugs out booing."

How terrible! In Allentown!

In Boston "the press were pretty vicious...one even refused to ~~shake~~ shake," meaning the hand of the princess. But Tricia has a "good brain in that head." After disbelieved she restricted herself to safe "Republican groups."

Haldeman thought it was nice, "Julie giving that time to the Museum in Jacksonville." But Nixon was less sure: "The Arts, you know - they's Jews, they're left wing - in other words, stay away."

Loyal, faithful Pat was also worried the night of these troubles that could make her husband the first President first kicked out and then jailed. She, too, is intensely human: "First, she says the moment they get the helicopter and get off and so forth, it destroys their hair and so forth." Her "second point," Haldeman appraised it as "the big point," was Pat's "doing" the delegations of the states. "On TV," of course. But Nixon had had word from "some of our strategists...not to overuse them and cheapen them" by overexposure." Haldeman, "couldn't agree more."

No, the cares of The Watergate did not dehumanize Richard Nixon!

Her did face change him. At his pinnacle he was true to the belief and the expression of belief that was his one qualification to be Eisenhower's Vice President; "The Arts, you know - they're Jews, they're left wing."

Unchanging as the tides, save for an occasional wavelet. Jews were "left wing" instead of the "Communists" they were to the Congressional inquisitor.

His world was beginning to crumble as the entire world was beginning to tumble, but when he ~~reminded~~ ^{thought} ~~thought~~ ^{thought} himself of the struggles past and coming of his woman, from the "good brain in that head" to "the big point," not once did he utter a fuck, a shit - ~~or~~ or even a ^{little} piss.

"TAPES SHOW HE ADMITTED COVER-UP" his enemy Reag might proclaim but never could it allege that Richard Nixon, for all his foul language, more foul because of the ^{limitations} ~~limitations~~ ^{not published and rehearsed} on all his unprepared language, ever once uttered an expletive to be deleted when talking of his loyal women.

He remembered his mother Hannah, as we shall see.