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Q. *It seems to me that Richard Nixon is constantly appointing new Cabinet officers. I can't keep track of them. Has any President appointed more Cabinet officers than Nixon?—Ed Fisher, Cambridge, Mass.*

A. As of this writing, Nixon has appointed 30 Cabinet members, surpassing the previous record of 26 set by President Grant during his eight years in the White House. During his almost four terms as President, Franklin D. Roosevelt named 25.

Q. *Is it true that the military establishment in this country set up a spy ring in Henry Kissinger's national security office several years ago because they didn't trust a man of his background and religion to conduct the foreign policy of the U.S.?—D.P., Palo Alto, Calif.*

A. That a military spy ring operated in Kissinger's office there is now little doubt. Why the military officers responsible for its installation and operation are still in the service of this country and have not been summarily discharged or retired is the more important question. Obviously they distrusted

Kissinger and his then ongoing negotiations with the Brezhnev Soviets and the Mao Chinese.

Q. *Exactly one day after you printed in your column that Vice President Gerald Ford would not follow the partisan Spiro Agnew road and would not use White House speechwriters to excoriate a segment of the American public who are shocked at Watergate, Ford did exactly that at a convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation. How come you were so wrong so quickly?—Mrs. Samuel Lefkow, Atlantic City, N.J.*

A. Simple. Vice President Ford's office lied to Personality Parade.