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Q. *Ex-President Nixon was given a full and unconditional pardon by President Gerald Ford. What was Nixon's position on pardon or amnesty for Vietnam war veterans?—Mrs. Clyde Johnson, Houston, Tex.*

A. At a news conference on Jan. 31, 1973, Nixon declared: "Those who deserted must pay the price, and the price is not a junket in the Peace Corps, or something like that as some have suggested. The price is a criminal penalty for disobeying the laws of the United States. . . ."

"Certainly I have sympathy for anyone who has made a mistake. We all make mistakes. But also, it is a rule of life, we have to pay for our mistakes."