

*Q. Former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst admitted that he lied under oath to the Senate Judiciary Committee two years ago. He was charged with a misdemeanor, sentenced to 30 days in jail, and even that sentence was suspended. Dwight Chapin, on the other hand, was sentenced to 10-months' imprisonment as was Jeb Magruder. Why such a difference in the sentences?—T.D., McLean, Va.*

*A. Kleindienst cooperated with Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, admitting that he lied in the ITT case, that in fact Nixon did order him not to appeal the case. Moreover, Nixon knew Kleindienst had committed perjury during his Senate confirmation hearings. The President therefore may be liable to a charge of misprision of justice for not reporting the crime.*

*When Jaworski agreed to let Kleindienst plead guilty on a misdemeanor count, three attorneys on his staff resigned. Generally, an accused who pleads guilty and cooperates with the prosecution, is treated more lightly by the judge than one who pleads not guilty, compelling the state to try him at high expense.*

*Parade 7-14-74*