

Would You ELECT Ex-Congressman Ford PRESIDENT?

Gerald Ford is a "nice guy" and there are those in the Republican party who said he would NOT run for election in 1976, and that his declaration to do so was to keep him from being a "lame duck" during the remainder of his appointive term. However, he HAS announced such an intention, and on Friday, June 20th, officially filed an appointed Army Secretary Howard (Bo) Calloway to head the campaign committee thus making it mandatory to look at his performance as a NON-ELECTED Chief Executive, and seriously ask ourselves the above question. And I, as a life-long Republican reply with a definite "No"!

Consider, for instance, that as a NON-ELECTED Chief of State, Ford:

(1) Ignored the public opinion polls and PARDONED the most despicable liar of the Watergate scandal, and even favored heaping taxpayers' money on him for his "transition" to private life in his luxurious San Clemente estate, over and above the \$60,000 annual pension and more than \$100,000 a year office and staff expenses which resignation SAVED for Richard Nixon that impeachment would have DENIED! And instead of treating this disgraced man as a modern day Benedict Arnold, Ford keeps him "briefed" on government affairs and continues to treat Nixon as though he had left office under HONORABLE circumstances, which is a direct slap-in-the-face to all of us who felt betrayed by the apparent liar we placed our trust and votes in!

(2) Ignored the will of the people and couldn't (or wouldn't) tell the difference between "recession" and "inflation" and very belatedly ADMITTED that we, indeed, had "recession" as well as "inflation" ONLY after many thousands of Americans were out of work, then proposing that food stamps cost more and social security benefits be cut back, which would hurt the poor and the elderly—apparently an act to save the rest of us by sacrificing the weakest and most helpless of us!

(3) Again ignored the public opinion polls and, again, couldn't (or wouldn't) come to the logical conclusion that the war in Vietnam was over (and lost) and wanted to send billions in MILITARY AID to a corrupt leader even the Vietnamese people were asking to resign. Ford further jeopardized American lives by not getting ALL Americans out of Vietnam AS SOON AS POSSIBLE on the pretext that a calamity would result from a quick pull-out and retaliation from the once-friendly population.

(4) Again ignored the will of many Americans by placing a MULTI-MILLIONAIRE a heart-beat away from the position which Nelson Rockefeller has OPENLY COVETED for many, many years, although a great number of Americans deplore the coupling of great financial wealth and immense political weight to such an important and influential office.

Ford (a Republican) aspires to emulate Truman (a Democrat) but hasn't even come as close as Whitmore (an actor) in his imitation.

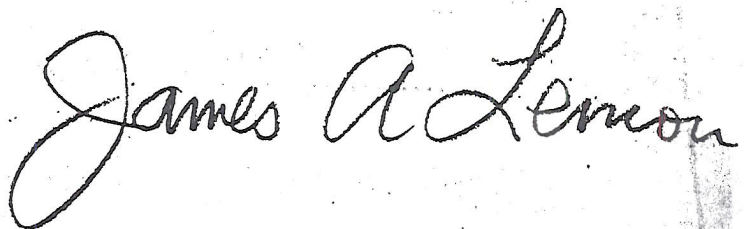
If the year were 1775, we would not seek a cross between Casper Milquetoast and Walter Mitty to be our leader—nor do we so desire such a hybrid man two hundred years later.

It's clearly time for Gerald Ford to pay attention to the opinions of the rest of us, so I ask you to join me in "RIDOF" (Republicans, Independents, Democrats Opposing Ford) to convince an unqualified candidate to withdraw from the coming Presidential election race in order to clear the way for TRUE leadership to emerge!

If you agree, clip out this piece, then take out your pen and add your own comments, and mail it to the temporary occupant of the White House urging him to go back to the obscurity of Grand Rapids (from whence he came) because his record to date as Chief Executive (in the minds of many he hasn't made it to President) clearly shows his lack of ability to continue to occupy our highest office, and that for the election during our Bi-Centennial celebration year we NEED an outstanding LEADER—not just a "nice guy"!

And so he won't be lonely in Grand Rapids, (and in the best interests of us all) request him to take Nelson and Henry with him!

Sincerely,



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