

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## **The Press Meets Nixon**

Editor — Good work on the reporting of Mr. Nixon's pitiful news conference and his plan to appoint his own prosecutor. Our family believes that our President has tarnished the good name of his office.

CHAS. CONRAD.

Fresno.

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Editor — It was good to finally hear a President cut loose and honestly tell the media exactly what they are. Anyone who has had a position of responsibility which relates to the public and therefore covered by the media has had similar experiences.

Walter Cronkite's commentary after the President's press conference, regarding the duties of "professional journalists" were just so much more Cronkiteism. If those he referred to are "professional journalists" then journalism is not a profession. Two primary requirements of any profession are integrity and self discipline. I challenge the media to point out any cases of disciplinary action taken on any of its members.

THOMAS H. MORRIN.

San Francisco.

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Editor — The press, no less than Presidents, has an obligation to be credible; its credibility has been sadly damaged over the past 20 years not so much by what it has broadcast and printed, but by what it has elected not to report or not to investigate. It might better serve if, instead of too hasty outrage, it took a long, hard, objective look to see if some of the last five years' criticism is just possibly justified.

GEO. C. McNUTT.

Oakland.

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Editor — I have watched most of the evening network news shows these past 10 days and I have seen

nothing I would characterize as "frantic, hysterical, outrageous, vicious or distorted," adjectives President Nixon used in his press conference.

I, for one, have the greatest respect for working newsmen and the difficulties and temptations that beset them. There are far more pressures on a newsman to knuckle under and be a yes man to the establishment than there are to be an independent investigator, reporting news without fear or favor. In this country, we can be justly proud of our reporters.

NANCY K. REYNES.

Somoma.

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Editor — Whether or not the President should be impeached is up to the Congress and the American people to decide, and not the TV news media. . . . I am sick and tired of listening every night to the front men; John Chancellor, Walter Cronkite, etc., tear our country apart. Let's start looking at what is good about America instead of what is wrong with America.

RUDOLPH M. DI CARLO.

San Francisco.

## **Razed Victorian**

Editor — I am outraged by the accidental razing of the beautiful old Victorian house on Scott street by the stupid redevelopment agency, and as a citizen I demand that the city restore the building to its pristine beauty and elegance shown by the photograph.

MRS. PETER HICKEY.

San Francisco.

## **The New Technology**

Editor — Has anyone stopped to think that the famous Watergate tapes may prove to be nothing but a bunch of worms?

In the privacy of my secret hideaway I can make my own tape recorder run forward or backward or dub in background music by The Electric Company.

It even erases.

At this point in time may I make it perfectly clear that with the modern advances in tape worm technology the confidential Watergate conversations may only be Pat and Julie and Tricia planning the White House Christmas party.

STUB STOLLERY.