

# Why Nixon Might Consider Resigning



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**D**ESPITE President Nixon's firm resolve to stick out his full term, sources close to him believe he would resign if faced with certain impeachment.

Impeachment would deprive him of his \$60,000-a-year pension. The pay-raise bill, now awaiting Congressional action, will increase pensions. Under the bill, the President's pension would increase around \$15,000 over the next three years.

Rather than give up a \$75,000-a-year pension check, our sources say, the President would resign if he could make a deal to avoid prosecution. House Ways and Means chairman Wilbur Mills has already offered to introduce legislation granting him immunity from prosecution.

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**M**OST STATES strictly forbid the release of juvenile arrest records. This upsets the military brass who want the right to snoop into the past indiscretions of potential recruits.

The most recent military effort to gain access to juvenile records began with a memo from Captain John R. Brock, the Navy's legislative chief, to his superiors.

"The reluctance of civil authorities to release juvenile record information," he complained, "is impeding recruiter efforts in screening applicants to obtain high quality recruits."

A Navy spokesman explained to us that recruits often fail to note past run-ins with

the police. The information turns up later and the servicemen are cashiered for "fraudulent enlistment."

According to Brock's memo, the military services lost \$2 million on fraudulent enlistments in fiscal 1972. He wants access to juvenile records, therefore, "to stem the rising tide of fraudulent enlistments . . . and above all, enlist a higher quality recruit."

This would violate the traditional American concept of protecting juvenile records, warn legal experts.

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**T**HE MAN appointed by West Virginia's Governor Arch Moore to stave off the collapse of a \$65 million loan empire has a secret \$26,000 personal interest in the failing firm. He is State Banking Commissioner George Jordan, who borrowed \$26,000 from the Diversified Mountaineer Corp. in 1972.

While other borrowers were paying soaring interest rates, the lucky banking commissioner, who was supervising banks with intimate ties with Diversified, got a bargain 6 per cent loan.

Jordan confirmed to us that he had borrowed the money from a special loan portfolio kept by Diversified. But he firmly denied any conflict of interest.

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