

Agnew: Unpaid Penalty

To the Editor:

I wish to take very strong exception to the Feb. 26 letter by Harry S. George, which accusatively asks if The Times is "... still smarting from those barbs cast so unerringly by Mr. Agnew charging the liberal press with unfairness. . . ." Of course, I can't answer for you, but Mr. George seems to be rather insensitive to the issues involved and all too representative of a substantial portion of the ill-informed.

Mr. Agnew has not paid any "penalty of law" as Mr. George asserts, with the possible exception of his lawyers' fees. He was not removed from office but left rather than be pushed. He was not sent to a penal institution for punishment nor was the action taken against him by his peers at the bar a penalty of law.

In fact, Mr. Agnew has yet to be told to pay up his evaded taxes, and these taxes are due on bribes he received. Unless it has been spent on a golf spree or some such, it would appear that Mr. Agnew will be able not only to keep his liberty but also the bribes and kickbacks he failed to report receiving. Is this paying the penalty of law?

I trust that Mr. George will be intellectually honest and offer us all an apology for his bad taste in people and letters.

ROBERT P. DuBOIS
New York, Feb. 26, 1974