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# Putting Watergate Behind Us . . .



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## LETTERS

### Nixon's Resignation

It was only fitting that Richard Nixon left public life the way he entered it—a pious hypocrite, a self-serving glory seeker clothing his ambition in selfless rhetoric. Nixon claimed till the end that his only aim was to unify a dispirited nation, but by refusing to admit his role in the Watergate scandal—by refusing to admit that *his* government, at *his* behest, had threatened the liberty of us all—he effectively encouraged an unthinking, highly divisive reaction from the right. Is it possible for anyone seriously to believe that Mr. Nixon simply lost, as he puts it, “political” support?

MARK KELMAN

Great Neck, N.Y.

■ Congratulations. You won't have Dick Nixon to kick around any more.

W. H. FULLERTON

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■ I find it very appropriate that Aug. 8 not only goes down in history as the day Richard Nixon resigned but also as the day that Napoleon sailed for Saint Helena to spend the rest of his life in exile.

SCHUYLER BISHOP

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■ Until today I considered your journalistic efforts on Watergate to be pure trash. While written eloquently, your stories exacerbated my conviction that you refused to give Richard Nixon any semblance of a fair deal.

But when I heard of the three tape transcripts that Nixon withheld, and that some prove obstruction of justice on his part, I reread your articles of the past six months.

And they left me with one conclusion: you gave him *too* much of a fair deal!

MICHAEL COSTELLO

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