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JEANETTE LADENHEIM
She disagreed

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How People in S.F. Felt

Neither surprise nor any strong emotion was mentioned in a random sampling of people in San Francisco yesterday, regarding President Ford's pardon of former President Nixon.

Many insisted, however, that pardon for one should include pardon for all of the Watergate hands.

And most saw some analogy to be applied to the issue of Vietnam war resisters, although with no clear consensus as to how.

"I figured this would happen the minute Nixon chose Ford out of the House of Representatives," remarked a Sunday fisherman at Municipal Pier, Albert Simpo, 62, Stonestown maintenance man.

"I don't think it's right," he added, landing a flounder offhandedly. "Nixon should be taking his medicine just like the rest who set themselves above the law.

"But since he's pardoned, the others should be released and repaid their fines."

Simpo was not willing, however, to extend the exception to Vietnam war resisters, noting he hadn't liked being in World War II but, if called, he'd go again — because "if a man can't serve his country, he's no man."

But Bob Stubblefield, a retired piano tuner from Fremont, munching a hot dog at Aquatic Park, disagreed on



PATRICIA CONWAY
'Disheartening'

now I have negative feelings about what seems to be a double standard of justice."

Three tourists in Ghirardelli Square were in favor of pardoning Mr. Nixon on grounds that anyone is entitled to special treatment for whatever he does while serving as President.

"I'm an anti-Nixon Democrat from New York City, but still I think of it in terms of pardoning the presidency rather than any special individual," said Sam Ladenheim, a photo supply executive. His wife, Jeanette, disagreed.

And Ursula and Kurt Wolfgang Nachrigaller, from Wuppertez, West Germany, agreed, indicating such practice is accepted in many "other countries."

But Phyllis Whetstone Taper from Kensington brought up another point — "that gorgeous rate Nixon's being pensioned off with, it's an abomination!"

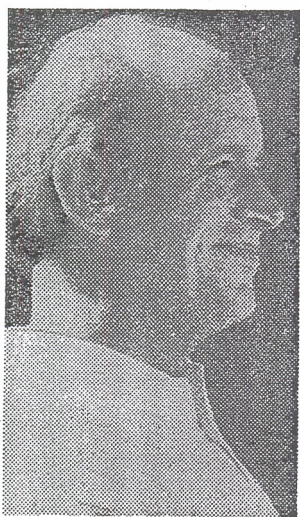
Lee Six, a street artist at Victoria Park, said she didn't feel good about any of it, particularly about "the way, if you're powerful, you get away with things" — but she felt pardon for Mr. Nixon should logically include pardon for lesser Watergate figures.

Longshoreman, judo teacher and street musician Norbert Yancey found good in all aspects of the matter, saying "Pardons for Nixon and the others, and amnesty

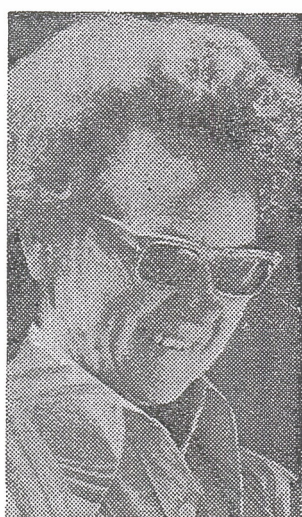


MARILYN STOLLON
'Just a buildup'

the latter point, saying, "If Nixon is pardoned, then the draft resisters certainly have to be pardoned. Right



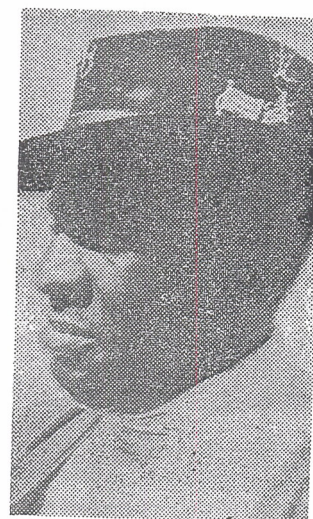
KURT NACHRIGALLER
German visitor agreed



URSULA NACHRIGALLER
So did his wife



LEE SIX
Pardon for all



NORBERT YANCEY
'Bind up the wounds'

About the Pardon



REV. CECIL WILLIAMS
'Inequity of justice'

Brockman, said she didn't much mind Mr. Nixon getting pardoned, but "I don't think he should be exempt from paying on his taxes."

Out at the sunning area of the Marina Green, San Mateo high school French teacher Patricia Conway and San Francisco art therapist Marilyn Stollon agreed it was "disheartening — wondering if the talk about amnesty for war resisters was just a distraction and a buildup" for pardoning Mr. Nixon.

But they didn't see, in any case, any reason to excuse other Watergate defendants on that account.

Downtown on Golden Gate avenue, two elderly sisters emerging from St. Boniface Roman Catholic Church said they were glad the pardon hadn't come up in the sermon.

"I think Nixon was guilty, but it's so hard to say," said one, declining to identify herself beyond being "not from this neighborhood — I actually belong to Mission Dolores."

"Still, if he gets off, why should the others pay — including people who were against that war in Vietnam?"

At Glide Memorial Church, the Rev. Cecil Wil-



TOM WHITWORTH
'No way he's different'

iams was telling his congregation that the war resisters most certainly should get amnesty for an act they felt to be ethical and moral, whether or not Mr. Nixon was pardoned for acts both unethical and immoral.

"If not," he declared, "it says to me we still have inequity of justice in American life." more

At a gas pump on Fifth street, Tom Whitworth said of pardoning Mr. Nixon and not "John Dean and the rest":

"No way — no way he's different from those that fol-



VIRGINIA BROCKMAN
Taxes bothered her

too, are all ways to bind up the wounds and bring the country together."

Another angler, Virginia

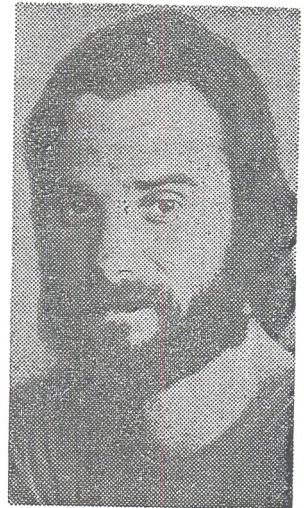


EX-PICKPOCKET
'Too complicated'

lowed his orders. The captain of a ship says 'Do this — you do it!'

In Podd's saloon at Sixth and Stevenson streets, an elderly man with a brogue, identifying himself only as "a pickpocket who retired 25 years ago, having done well," said:

"It's all right to pardon Nixon so long as every man who did his bidding is also pardoned and compensated.



RICHARD RUIZ
'Naturally he's pardoned'

As to the war resisters, well they took the oath — but now I think about it, it's got two sides to it, and it's too complicated to say."

A 27-year-old unemployed Vietnam veteran at his side, Richard Ruiz, chimed in, "Nixon's politically heavy, naturally he's pardoned. About the war resisters, they should let them come back — but they should make them take government jobs!"