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Furor Over the Pardon

Not many people commit suicide on their honeymoon, but Ford has done it with his pardon of Nixon.

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■ Who will pardon Ford for his betrayal of criminal justice in America?

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■ In pardoning Richard Nixon, it can be said that President Ford was acting in the best interests of the country. The long and tedious scenario Nixon's trial could have been would have reopened healing wounds, cost a bundle and not accomplished much in the long run.

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■ I am waiting to see if drunk drivers are acquitted the day after a night in the tank because they have suffered enough by virtue of their hangovers.

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■ Mr. Ford's best judgment was expressed at his confirmation hearing, when he said that the country would not stand for his pardoning the former President who appointed him.

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■ With this deliberately divisive and outrageous act Ford should remain the only American President *never* to be elected by the people!

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■ President Ford's actions give evidence that he is a convinced Christian. He wishes to replace hatred with love, darkness with light and evil with good. The news media should be jubilant.

The Rev. Raymond J. Kulwicki New York, N.Y.

Nixon used "national security" as his excuse for Watergate and its cover-up. Now Ford is using God as his excuse to cover up Nixon's cover-up. What's next—"The devil made me do it"?

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