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Nixon (pardon) - "Before they question President Ford, House Judiciary Committee members out to look at an obscure clause in Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution. It says that the President may pardon 'except in cases of impeachment.' .... Our Federal Constitution, and most state constitutions ... do not permit a pardon even after an impeachment. Did not Mr. Ford's pardon of Richard M. Nixon in advance of full investigation violate the spirit and purpose, if not the letter, of this ancient constitutional exception to the pardoning power?"

Article is on origins of pardoning power in cases of impeachment and criticizes Ford's action. Author quotes (in paraphrase) "American Jurisprudence" as saying that pardons granted by prior agreement under circumstances contrary to public policy may be revoked by the courts.

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Nixon, Eisenhowers (Miami fraud case) - J. Alan Gokey, accused in Florida (Miami?) of writing \$4-million in bad checks, had asked through the assistant public defender, Steve Bronis, that Nixon and the Eisenhowers testify at his trial 16 Dec. (No date given for this request.) Circuit Court Judge Ralph Ferguson grants Bronis' motion (today?) that judges in Washington and in Orange County, California, hold hearings to determine if subpoenas will be issued for the Eisenhowers and Nixon. Bronis says they would have to attend such hearings.

See entry 22 Oct 74, Julie and David Eisenhower.

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Nixon (tapes and documents) - The Society of American Law Teachers calls on Congress to block the proposed transfer of these materials on the ground that they legally belong to the people. President of the Society is Prof. Norman Dorsen of New York University Law School and general counsel to the ACLU.

The society also urges Jaworski to initiate a court test of the legality of Ford's pardon of Nixon.

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Abplanalp - "Robert H. Abplanalp, industrialist and close friend of former President Nixon, said [today] the media has treated him [presumably Nixon] unfairly." This the complete item as carried by SFC; UPI, datelined Chicago.

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