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PRESIDENT'S DOUBLE, RICHARD M. DIXON—THE FUN'S GONE OUT OF HIS ACT.

James La Roe, 45, of Seaford, N.Y., who

made a career of looking like Richard Nixon, has been cast adrift by the rough waves of Watergate.

A former vacuum cleaner salesman who adopted the name, Richard M. Dixon to go with his face, La Roe says, "It's been terrible. I haven't had a major date since Watergate. Nobody thinks anything about Nixon is funny anymore, not even how he looks or talks or behaves.

"In the first Nixon Ad-

ministration," La Roe explains, "I was sensational. People howled when they looked at me. Many of them thought I looked more like Nixon than Nixon. I. earned \$50,000 a year and up just working conventions, saying a few lines. I was a star attraction. Now I have a whole act, an entire routine, and I can't get a major booking. It's discouraging."

La Roe is also incensed that he was named on the Nixon enemies list by Charles Colson and his associates. La Roe voted for Nixon and believes, "I humanized the President with

my act.
"To have those idiots down in Washington list me as one of his enemies -- I tell you, a man has to wonder what sort of people the President hired. My feeling is that they should have put their own names on that enemies list. They were not only vindictive but stupid as well."

When asked what would happen to his career should President Nixon be impeached, La Roe said thoughtfully, "I guess I would have to turn my comedy act into a tragedy."