

I have been so intent on the investigative results of this international scandal of Watergate that I have failed to see it in perspective until last night during the questioning of the President by the editors (Nov. 17).

It was only then that the awfulness of the entire spectacle hit home — how disgraceful that this President has brought this country to the point where we must question him in public regarding felonies — and then receive evasive answers — cunningly designed to deceive — and only by repeated questions regarding his sly answers, are we still led to see the depths to which he has led us; to have commentators have to report afterwards on the "inconsistencies" of his replies to questions which should never have had to be asked.

Nixon today is like the unwanted guest, the unperceptive guest, unable to sense his unwelcome presence.

In my own heart I am convinced of his guilt — if he is innocent, I pray him to step aside and prove it on his own time, with his own blood, rather than spilling that of our nation for the world to see.

This display is disgraceful, ludicrous and in the last analysis, obscene.

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