

Pros and cons on Rich:

To the Editor:

It is mildly amusing to hear the most ardent Nixon supporters consistently blame the news media for the President's problems ... rather than accepting that it has all extended from the President's own willful actions. More distressing is the attitude expressed by many editors and politicians who readily concede Nixon's misdeeds, yet advocated a nonimpeachment vote because of his many accomplishments.

In point of fact Nixon did not end the war in Indochina as he promised in 1968 but rather proceeded to enlarge and wage it for a longer period of time than our total involvement in World War II ... In the process he initiated the most extensive bombing in history and directed a policy which resulted in some six million casualties, including the deaths of 20,000 Americans

DOUGLAS MATTERN
Palo Alto

Your Editor-in-Chief's report ("Closing in," Aug. 4) opts for non-impeachment of President Nixon which is, of course, Mr. Hearst's privilege. But his argument in favor of exoneration seemed to be based at least partially on his argument that "Democratic Presidents" in the past have "notoriously escaped censure for committing the same types of acts for which Nixon is damned by the Democratic majorities in Congress."

The buck had to stop sometime and in some place.

ALEX HORNE
San Francisco

... A few weeks ago you were all for Nixon's resignation. Now you say that a House vote for his impeachment would overturn his "mandate." His "mandate" came from people who did not know the dirty dealings that had taken place, the crimes that would be committed and the complete contempt Richard Nixon had for the American people and our institution of government, freedom and the law.

MRS. CHARLES O. BEY
Redwood City

... I want and all the American people have the right to hear what Nixon had tried so hard to hide. He would hang himself with his own tapes. ... For all those people who thought that Nixon was the one "good apple" in a barrel of rotten ones, I wanted them especially to hear the tapes ...

FLORA SILVA
San Francisco

I would like to send a kangaroo to the House Judiciary Committee for their court.

VIRGINIA COSTANZO
South San Francisco

They deal with Big Business and Arab oil barons. And gave the Russians our grain. They treated the dairies like jolly good fairies, gave utilities gain after gain! It makes one's gorge rise high as a steeple to call it "government by the people!"

STERLING SHERWIN
Tam Valley

President Nixon ended American fighting in Vietnam. His Cambodian bombing protected American lives ... His usurpation of war

powers was more lawful than Truman's. His income tax deductions were no more questionable than those reportedly used by Humphrey, Reagan, Alioto and who knows how many senators and congressmen.

Some of the scrutiny accorded San Clemente might well have been applied to Chappaquiddick ...

LEONARD C. ZOPH
San Francisco

... I am disgusted that men who have been elected to the law-making body of this country can be so vindictive and partisan in their judgments and as for the congresswoman from Texas she used the TV to exploit her color and keep reverse discrimination rolling ... I am 78 years old and a veteran of two world wars and can remember very well a President who should have been impeached but served more years than any President in our history and a Democratic Congress obeyed him like a lackey.

RICHARD E. SWEET
San Francisco

... After all, a landslide election victory did not confer on Richard Nixon "the divine right of kings." This may herald a rebirth of a quality in the land seriously eroded in recent years ...

MS. ROBIN A. CARTER
San Francisco

The House Judiciary Committee has performed a most difficult job in a splendid manner. The members have spent many months in hard, painstaking, agonizing work. A teach roll call they voted, in my opinion, the dictate of conscience ...

MISS BARBARA GIOVANNETTI
Daly City

As for the President's abuse of power over the bombing in the Vietnam war, it is the President's duty as Commander-in-Chief to use all means at his disposal to end a war and to save the lives of American service men ... It was a wrong war but President Nixon did not get us into it but with Dr. Kissinger's help did get us out. He also made a big step in bringing peace to the Middle East ...

ARTHUR HUENERGARDT
South San Francisco