

Notes on People byline, Albin Krebs

While he was President, Richard M. Nixon granted several pardons, the most notable of which was, perhaps, the one bestowed at Christmastime in 1971 upon James R. Hoffa. That was after Mr. Hoffa, the former president of the Teamsters Union, had served $6\frac{1}{2}$ years of a $13\frac{1}{2}$ -year sentence he had received on a jury-fixing and mail-fraud conviction. During a taping of Dinah Shore's new talk show, to be shown here Oct. 21, Mr. Hoffa was asked for his opinion of the absolute pardon President Ford gave for Federal offenses committed while Mr. Nixon was President. "It took courage and a sense of loyalty to the American people" for Mr. Ford to do it, said Mr. Hoffa. The benefactor of the 1971 pardon did have some reproving words for his mentor, however. Mr. Nixon got himself into a pickle, said Mr. Hoffa, for he should have "burned the Watergate tapes and said they are none of your business."

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