



Gerald R. Ford took the oath from Chief Justice Burger



The Fords and David Eisenhowers waved good-by to the Nixons

Historic Speech

# NIXON RESIGNS

San Francisco Chronicle

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It's All Over



### Ford to Be Sworn In As President Today

Leadership of America Will Be in Good Hands, Nixon Tells the Nation



### Ford Praises Nixon for His 'Personal Sacrifices'

### Nixon Made No Immunity Deals, Jaworski Says

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# One Year Ago

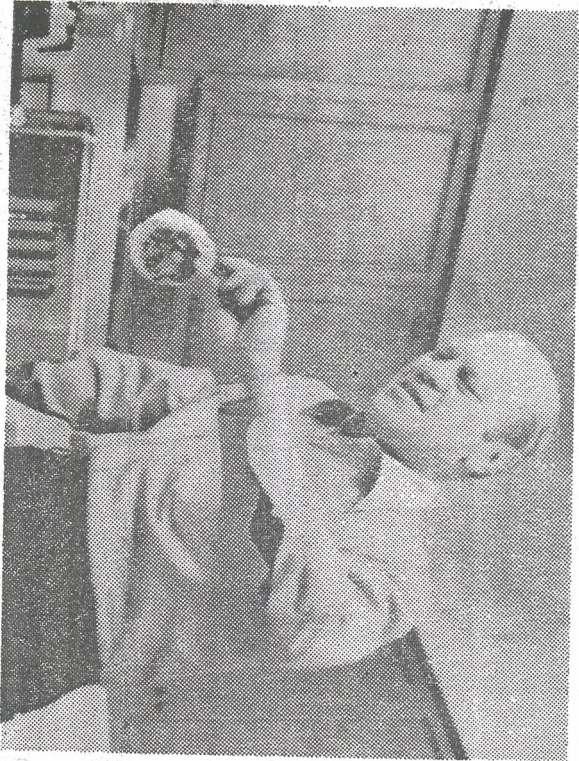
It has been one year since the most agonizing event in American political history reached its denouement in a tumultuous week in Washington.



Richard Nixon made an emotional farewell speech



Mr. Nixon waved good-by and left for California



**The new President still toasted his own muffins**

Like the prairie farmer who somehow senses when a distant thunderhead becomes a tornado, so the man in the street could tell that it was all over for Richard Nixon.

Across the land, 110 million to 130 million Americans turned on their television sets for Mr. Nixon's resignation speech on August 8. It was not to learn what Mr. Nixon would do but how he would do it, what he would say.

And what could he say after having admitted three days before "a serious act of omission" in not having owned up earlier to a crucial piece in the Watergate coverup: his command to abort the FBI's fledgling investigation soon after the Watergate burglars were arrested in June 1972.

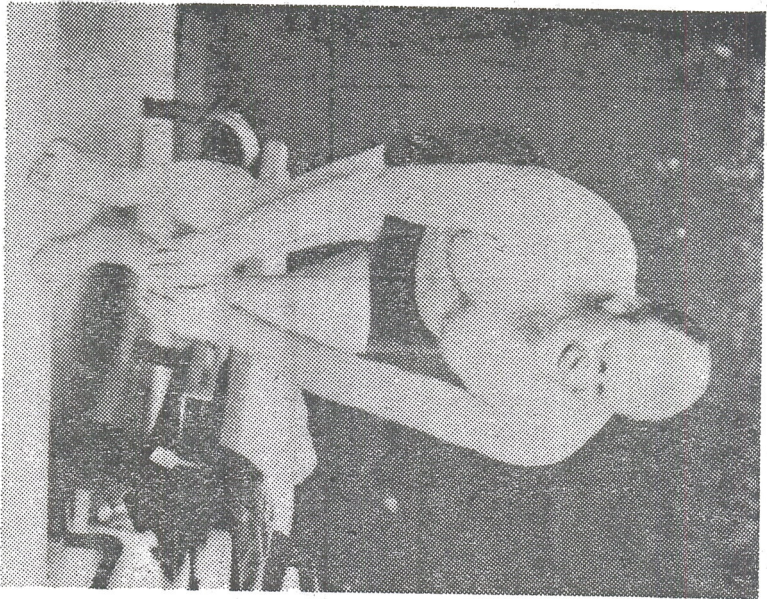
"In the past few days," the President said, "it has become evident to me that I no longer have a strong enough political base in the Congress."

Too weak a base to get the country's work done, he said. And too weak to stave off impeachment.

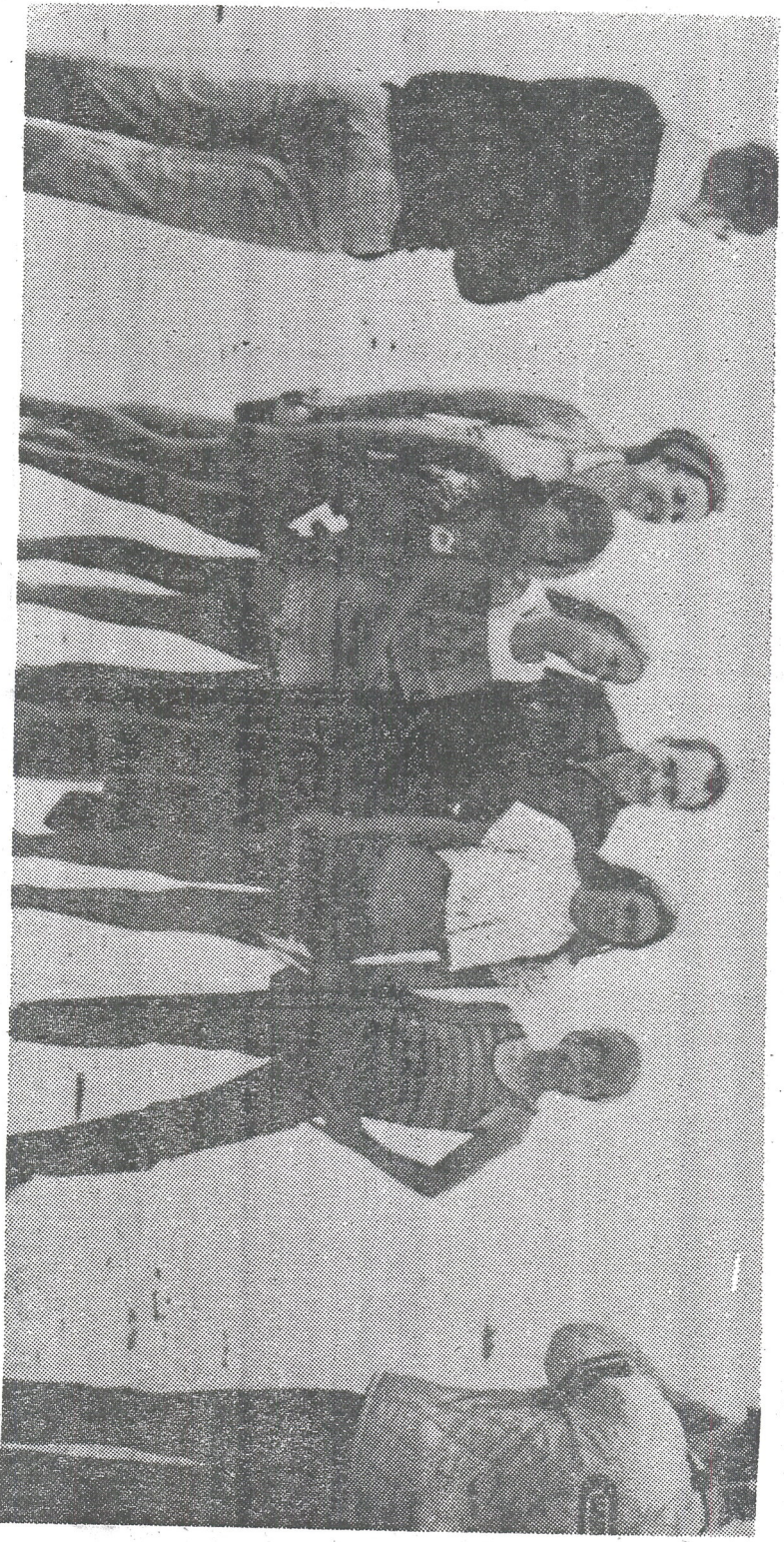
And, thus, on August 9, 1974, Richard Nixon resigned the presidency and went into a special kind of exile. And as he flew to California, Gerald R. Ford became the 38th President of the United States and proclaimed "our national nightmare is over."



**Mr. Nixon was hospitalized for treatment of a blood clot**



Mr. Ford now has a White House pool

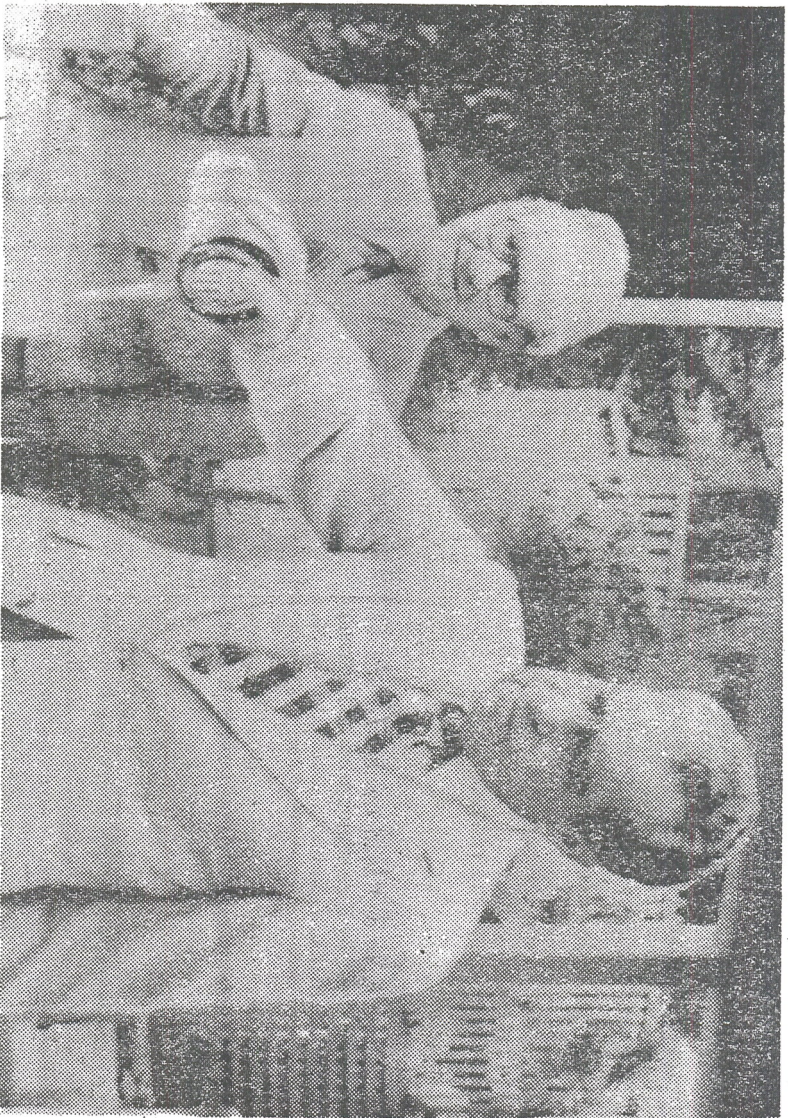


Mr. Nixon now walks the beach at San Clemente and poses with other strollers

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. . . Mr. Nixon mixed drinks for newscaster Lowell Thomas at San Clemente