

To the Editor:

Upon reading and digesting your editorial of Aug. 12 on "Packaging Mr. Nixon," these thoughts occurred to me:

Since the niggardly allowance of Congress could not meet Mr. Nixon's expenses, he, like many of us, needs money. Since the three networks refused what he offered, Mr. Frost accepted. You now say Mr. Nixon's information is "for sale to the highest bidder."

Don't we all sell of ourselves? Historians will label this era "The Age of Hypocrosy." IRENE M. COSTANZO
West Yarmouth, Mass., Aug. 19, 1975

To the Editor:

According to The Times of Aug. 11, David Frost, backed by an "international" consortium of broadcasting companies, has concluded a deal with Mr. Lazar, acting as Mr. Nixon's literary agent, to present four programs, ninety minutes each, of Mr. Nixon's memoirs. As a titillating come-on "at least 25 per cent of the time" is promised for the rehash of the Watergate affair.

Our country, in approaching its 200th anniversary, is only beginning to recover from the most traumatic event in its history. For the first time a President relinquished his post under a cloud; highly placed members of his staff and Cabinet have been found guilty of wrongdoing and sentenced to prison. We have undergone the agony of endless public investigations under the humiliating limelight of worldwide press and broadcasting. Must we go through all this again?

The parties to this unsavory deal are acting in the tradition of a muckraking, sensation-mongering, yellow press, in the expectation of a substantial gain out of our discomfiture, paid for—ironically—by us, the customers of program-sponsoring business firms.

At the moment of this writing there are indications that at least two national networks are disinclined to consider this "deal," and it is to be hoped that all others, national or local, will

reject it out of hand. But it is upon us, the real television sponsors, to reject this highly undesirable performance on our screens. Mr. Nixon had every opportunity to tell his side of Watergate during his Presidency and should not be allowed to do it now for profit to himself and his collaborators.

ERNEST ROSENFELD
Storrs, Conn., Aug. 14, 1975

Secure Jordan

To the Editor:

Roberto Iza [letter Aug. 13] has argued well against Benjamin Rulf on why Jordan needs to be strong. He has taken a page from the Palestinian terrorists and the Arab world and drawn all the "facts" and "quotations" to support him. The one obvious fact that he chose to ignore is: No one is threatening Jordan, that she should need to be so militarily powerful.

MILTON S. GOLDSTEIN
Elizabethtown, Pa., Aug. 21, 1975

What Price a P.O. Box?

To the Editor:

The post office has adopted a new method for emptying the pockets of the public. When nobody was looking, it increased the rent for a small post office box, which was \$21.60 per year (increased from \$18 per year not so long ago), to \$70 per year, an increase of 224 per cent.

Two weeks ago I checked the rent of a small post office box in a town in Massachusetts. It was \$11 per year, unchanged for years.

Is each postmaster allowed to set his own rates?
K. F. MULDER
New York, Aug. 19, 1975

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