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Nixon's Remarks

Editor — It is not clear to me why the statements of a discredited ex-President, a man who was himself forced to admit that he had lied to his country, deserve front-page space, or indeed any space, in The Chronicle.

It is a pity that Mr. Nixon finds media researchers cynical about American life, and is unable to recognize that it is he, more than any other public figure of our time, who has begotten and encouraged public cynicism. . . .

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Editor — Now we are subjected to the enormous effrontery of Mr. Nixon's lecturing the American people on their cynicism, disbelief and lack of pride in country.

Imagine all this from a man whose devious crimes and misdemeanors, whose shameless lying, and whose flouting of the Constitution came within a hair of turning the U. S. into a Presidential dictatorship; from a man who more than any other in American history personified the antithesis of the ideals we profess; from a man who, were it not for the precipitate and anticipatory grace of his ap-

pointee and successor, Gerald Ford, would now in all likelihood stand a convicted felon.

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Editor — Isn't it strange that Mr. Nixon never mentioned that one of the major divisive factors that has led to a lack of confidence in this country by it's citizens and feelings of compromise was Watergate?

And isn't it strange that, even though another major factor in this current state of compromise was the participation of the U. S. in a war, Nixon thinks that the start of another war — with the U. S. right in it — would strengthen the country?

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