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Some Comments on the Interview

Editor — After watching the Frost-Nixon interview regarding Watergate, I am convinced that Richard Nixon will go down in history as the greatest President this nation has ever had — if only for the fact that he has had the courage to admit that he has made mistakes, and he, like no other American has had to live with them. Ironically, it will take another generation to judge his accomplishments.

THOMAS M. EDWARDS
San Francisco

Editor — So Nixon refuses to grovel? Well, where I come from, if a self-proclaimed innocent man solicits a pardon, directly or indirectly, and grabs it the instant it is granted, he is not only groveling, but groveling like the most miserable of mendicants.

Yes, I know, Nixon accepted his pardon for the good of the American people. He sacrificed his all to spare us. But spare us from what, for Heaven's sake, the "agony" of seeing a scoundrel prosecuted?

FRED L. LENHART
Rohnert Park

Editor — How can the Richard Nixon who ordered the Christmas bombing of Hanoi in 1972 talk about his "heart"?

What is he going to do with his profits from the emetic spectacle we have witnessed? Will he contribute to the needs of American youth, widows and orphans? Will he send funds for rehabilitation and reconstruction in Vietnam, as thousands of us have done out of our slender resources? Will he try in any useful way to atone for the damage he has done to our society, to our system?

LUCY HAESSLER
Santa Cruz

Editor — Why be honest? Where does it get you? Almost everyone involved in the Watergate affair has made money... The answer to success seems to be to get involved in politics and climb the ladder no matter who you kick in the teeth. And of

course if you are a woman, get in bed with your congressman. And by all means be sure to write a book.

PEGGY HONIG
San Pablo

Editor — If Nixon had paid Frost I'd better comprehend it.

MIKE JOHNSON
Berkeley

Editor — The interview was an indictment of Ford's pardon. It would have been so much cleaner and dignified if Nixon has spoken in front of the Senate after impeachment and without being paid. This was a TV show of a discredited politician trying once again to weasel his way out, like he did in the Checkers speech, for a million dollar fee (taxed?) in front of a slick foreign journalist between inept commercials.

A. BERLINE
San Francisco

Editor — I had hoped that by now we had almost forgotten Watergate. However, the subject is now being forced on the TV public again. Not that the TV programs are so great, but this drivel interferes with what some of us wish to view.

CAPT. FRED McGEE
South Lake Tahoe

Wake Up, People

Editor — Well, the May 4 Chronicle was no different from all the rest your issues lately. At least six stories dealt with the drought and its consequences, in the usual hand-wringing fashion which has become so fashionable.

It is certainly too bad that our Guru Governor and his eco-freak pals cannot be convinced that even macrobiotic food must be irrigated, that hydroelectric power is clean and safe, that considerable revenue is generated by water-related recreation. But, as long as the state is hamstrung by the philosophy that humanity should take a back seat to so-called environmentalism, this all can happen again.