resident Nixon said recently that he would never grant amnesty. Of course earlier this year at 1 of those ever so rare press conferences he said that he would be very liberal with regard to amnesty once the war was over and the POW's were home. Since I favor amnesty this leaves me with a difficult decision. Do I attack his amnesty policy as political opportunism or as an attempt to legitimize the Vietnam War? I believe that a Vietnam War was a gross mistake. There were never enough people who believed in it enough to volunteer to fight, so we had the draft. Most people who were drafted went along with the system for a multitude of reasons, belief in the justice of our cause in Vietnam was not chief among them. But they went along anyhow. Some recognized that the Vietnam cause was not worth their lives. Of those, some went to jail and others, believing that it wasn't even worth jail, left the U.S. As a Vietnam veteran I do not feel dishonored by these men. Rather, I respect their decisions. I do not see what some terms on the battlefield, but I also realize that courage is required to march to the beat of a different drum- to recognize something is wrong and to say so. When the system says "NO" it takes much courage to say "YES".

Some persons would have you believe that they can speak for those who have died in Vietnam. They can't. Neither can I. But, I know many of them- they were my friends. Some of them felt Vietnam was worth one life. They had, as had I, realized their fate to the system and were hoping for the best. They were concerned about the war- they were concerned with living out these days until they could come home. What they did on the battlefield took courage, but those acts of courage were primarily directed at helping their buddies, not destroying the "enemy". Few of us ever had the courage to stand up to the Army and our country and say "No, this is wrong!"

When they died I went out to pick up what was left. A hand, a slab of flesh, body organs, intestines, brain pieces, bone. We put the bodies and body parts in plastic body bags and they went home. I cannot speak for them- I can only speculate. I don't think anyone of them would have considered his death in Vietnam as worthwhile. I wish with every graven of passion in my body that I could bring them back to this world. I wish people would realize the utter waste of their deaths- because if people would see this, it would never be allowed to happen again. I can't bring them back but we can allow those, who recognized the war for the waste it was, to return to the US.

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Since George McGovern's nomination as the Democratic Standard Bearer the nation has been embroiled in a great deal of controversy regarding amnesty for Vietnam draft evaders. The President and the Democrats have proposed, in their platform, a sweeping and universal pardon for these individuals. Indeed, they claim that these men should be commended for their actions, because they showed the foresight to see that the Vietnam war was wrong. Fortunately, resident Nixon has taken a stand directly opposite to this.

Today almost all Americans agree that the Vietnam War was drawn out for too long. But the situation in regard to draft evaders has not changed. When the Selective Service issued a draft call for 100,000 men, that number would have to enter the service. Imagine that you or someone close to you was number 101, a man that would not be drafted under normal circumstances. If one of the drafted decided to flee the country, he would be immediately drafted for 2 years of military service and perhaps lose your life all because 1 person decided to desert his nation in a time of need. Common sense dictates that these people do not deserve the privileges of American society. Some have proven that they do not wish to be responsible citizens or abide by the law of the land.
Amnesty-Demo continued.

Some people still feel that Vietnam is worth dying for. Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Sen. Nixon have said that the war is being used to win the war. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Linzer have indicated their support of the Vietnam war. One might ask what in the hell are they doing here if they feel their country has moral and military obligations in Vietnam? But the Linzers, the Mr. Stantons, the Mrs. Fixons and the Mrs. Eisenhowers don't ever soil their hands with the dirt and blood of war. Here, they would have the rest of you take up the sword and fight their wars. Let's put an end to this. Let's stop these people who delight in tese horrible immoral wars. Let's put a man in the White House who values human life. Let's bring home our military men, our prisoners and let's grant amnesty for those who recognized this war for what it was. Let's hum the war out of our hearts. Let him live out his life with the ghosts of 20,000 Americans and millions of aliens to remind him that America is a nation of compassion, not one of rage.

Butch Sincock
Former Captain, US Marine Infantry

Amnesty-Demo continued

For worse, thousands of Americans have died and countless others have been wounded in Vietnam. Our soldiers went to war because they felt that they must heed their nation's call. It is crucial that the Hccovem's of this nation are so quick to deprecate their sacrifice, to tread on their graves, and spit on their corpses by allowing draft evaders to re-enter this great country without penalty. How can these men allow these draft evaders to walk the same streets with our loyal veterans?

Finally, these people made a decision to live in the country knowing that the doors of America would be forever shut to them. They chose to leave family and friends to live in another country. There they found only disillusionment. Now they want to return. Short time ago, however, America was not good enough for them. Now they are not good enough for America.

Recent polls have shown that none 79% of all Americans oppose amnesty for draft evaders. Obviously, the Democrats cannot be speaking for the people as McGovern claims. Indeed, by this statistic he is in direct opposition to them.

On the other hand, President Nixon has listened to the voice of the majority by stopping any amnesty bill and has threatened to veto any such bill should one pass. Only through the re-election of President Nixon can we have a truly representative government.

Philip Sincock

Dole vs. McGovern

Sen. Robert Dole, the Republican National Chairman, says major television networks should give Democrat President Jimmy Carter no time to debate himself on the issues and rebut himself on the issues and rebuff his previous positions.

Dole told a 100 a plate fund raising dinner honoring Tennessee Sen. Howard Baker that McGovern "has jumped back and forth on practically all the issues.

McGovern's operating principle seems to be that governments make a moving target that is hard to hit." Dole said.

It now appears, the Kansas senator said, that McGovern's campaign is not going to focus on the issues but center on "personal scandals that the president which are calculated neither to clarify the issues not to encourage their rational discussion."

President Nixon's campaign, Dole said, has attracted millions of Democrats.

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Mistakes?

I found the story of the "Hot Potato Campaign" very amusing. You quoted an old Nixon hand who said "McGovern makes so many mistakes that it's hard for us to get a mistake in ad euse." I think that in the past four years Richard Nixon has filled more than his quota of mistakes. In my opinion most smart Americans will vote "The Big Mistake" out of the White House in November?

Richard Essayer Jr. Newsweek

To the reader--some of you might be wondering why the Fixer is being published. Because of the Election the Breeze has been swapped by political articles that they couldn't print and had refused to run. So the Fixer invited the two parties to send in articles that they wanted to publish. If you have any comments (or contributions) please send them to us at 4295.
THE NIXON RECORD

The Economy:

President Nixon has taken strong action to flatten inflation and increase employment. He initiated a 90 day wage-price freeze, followed by more flexible controls, and introduced a package of tax cuts to stimulate the economy. The inflation rate has been cut in half, and the Gross National Product has expanded at a yearly rate of over 7%. Housing starts are up 42% over last year.

The Environment:

President Nixon established the E.P.A., the Environment Protection Agency, the first Federal unit ever set up to protect our quality of life. He has increased funding for environmental improvement by over 500%, and initiated a "Legacy of Parks" Program to bring increased recreational opportunities to cities. Over 25 separate environmental bills have been proposed by him.

Young Americans:

President Nixon has signed into law the bill giving 18-year-olds the right to vote... overhauled the selective service system with the goal of establishing an all-volunteer army... and has proposed an education program that would guarantee a college education to all who qualify, and vocational education training for those who do not wish to attend college.

Vietnam:

The President has done everything in his power to bring peace to Vietnam without sacrificing the South Vietnamese in the process. He has brought home 500,000... reduced casualties by 25%... and cut spending by 2/3rds. As this is written, strong steps are being taken to get the enemy to cease its aggression and make peace.

Drugs:

The President has won agreement from Turkey to place a ban on the growing of the opium poppy... made an agreement with France to assist in battling the traffic of drugs... and stepped up arrests of pushers. He is spending six times more for rehabilitation and five times more for drug education than ever before. Combined, those actions are finally turning the tide against the drug scourge.

Foreign Policy:

President Nixon went to Moscow in May of this year where he negotiated agreements with the Soviet Union to limit development of anti-ballistic missile systems, jointly explore space, and combat the diseases and pollution plague mankind. In April, he visited Peking where he made a start toward improving relations between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China. The President has called a halt to crisis diplomacy, seeking to reduce tension in such troubled areas as the Middle East.

NIXON-NO ONE THAN EVER

SPEAKING OF MISTAKES...

George McGovern makes mistakes. Sometimes big mistakes. All the world knows about his mistakes. He made a mistake about Tom Eagleton. He trusted Tom to tell him everything. He didn't, and when the truth was known George McGovern admitted his mistake. Then he was having staff problems, we all knew it. We knew it because George didn't try to hide the truth.

Remember 1963? That was the year that George McGovern took a stand against Vietnam. In 1963, no one agreed with him. But George felt he had to be honest about his feelings. Then there's Nixon. He doesn't make big mistakes. Or does he? Do you remember the firing of "Alter Hicken?" Remember the Bangladesh War when Nixon quietly backed pro-communist Pakistan against India? Remember Sec. of State Rogers' hushed complaints about Nixon's disuse of his state department? Do you recall the 10 million dollars of hidden Nixon campaign funds? And then, in September, Nixon refused to back his own Consumer Protection bill. Remember Nixon's additional 4 million people on the unemployment roles that you pay for? And finally, remember the Nixon that always preached against deficits, and then in 1971, proposed the biggest deficit in the history of the United States.

So you decide. Who makes mistakes? Nixon or McGovern? Who tells us the truth about his feelings and mistakes? Nixon or McGovern? Which one keeps silent, hoping we don't see his mistakes?

VOTE McGOVERN on NOVEMBER 7.
There was a...(continued from 6)

Now we are left with an alternative in George McGovern. The only thing that is not clear is whether he
in any respect is as ideologically right-wing as he claims to be. But he has not been blemi-
shed by the "loss of Power". He pledges to us that he will not lie to us and cheat us. I say that he
must be given an opportunity to prove it. It is true that reviving a country that has been mora-
ously bankrupted, is no easy task. Many of the highest standards. If he fails
us too soon we can also kick him out.

But our energies today must be to kick out the existing corrup-
tion, out the read door, and that in our value system is Nixon.

Loren Curne

Unfortunately, during the present campaign, George McGovern has been forced to call on the Incen-
tant onslaught of Spiro Agnew, Melvin Laird, George Schultz, and a host of others surrogates candida-
tes running in his behalf. If Nixon is nominated, the McGovern administration will be unable to do what he wants most to do—present his social and econom-
ic programs to the American people. (Meanwhile back at the White
House, resident Nixon hides behind a well-trained staff and in his usual
honest and straightforward way, refuses to answer any questions or make any statements, except to
assure the American people that things are really going very well, they are getting the Tax Act, and that he really is a good guy at heart, it is
only that the press won't leave him alone.)

At any rate, the issues have been sidetracked, and two of them, welfare reform and tax reform have been derailed.

No sane observer would dare to sug-
gest that this nation's welfare pro-
gram is working well. Yet the
Nixon administration's response to the problem is to point out that the head
man of "lay off those who don't want
work" and use it as a whipping
boy upon which to blame the disas-
terous results of its own domes-
tic economic policies. In effect they are saying, "let's give out welfare and unemployment will be all
right." But they never say anything about who is actually on welfare
or why they are on welfare.

The story of those on welfare
are children. Most of them are products of broken homes. Some are
living in institutions, some foster
homes, some with their mothers.
The next largest group is made up
of the mothers of these children.
They cannot support themselves
because there is no one to care
for their children while they are
away from home, and there is very little money to be earned working
within one's home these days.

Next, there are families temporarily on assistance due to extended
illness or unemployment. The third
large group is made up of the aged.
Because of illness and inflation
these people have lost what retire-
ment savings they may have had.
The last group is made up of the
blind, the physically handicapped,
and the mentally retarded. Many in
this group are working, but their incomes are small and they require special services in order to stay
healthy and be productive. On a
national level, over 15% of all people on welfare are children.

George McGovern has called for
a minimum of $2400 per year for a
family of four, plus enough food
stamps to raise their effective in-
come to $4000 in the next 10 years.
This has been established for health and decency by the US. Government. Does this a-
means he is guaranteeing every person in the US. $4000, as Mr. Nixon' s TV commercials suggest? Or that he
will put one out of every two americans on welfare? Logically...

Furthermore, McGovern wishes to expand Medicare to include medi-
cations for the elderly, one of their greatest expenses, child care cen-
ters and job training programs for
mothers who wish to work, and most
of them do because they can earn much more than their welfare pay-
ments, and to expand early child-
hood learning programs to aid in
breaking the poverty and welfare
cycles.

These programs will touch the
heart of the welfare problem, not
simply act as a superficial balm to
soothe our emotions.

In the issue of welfare reform
George McGovern's proposals have
been carefully thought through and
clearly defined. He has presented
them for public debate, and even
Mr. Nixon has reasoned little or nothing.

McGovern's pro rams are cle-

evidently desired to give the less
fortunate citizen a fair shake and the average citizen a fair shake.

Todd R. eiss
George McGovern began speaking out against the war in Vietnam as early as 1965, yet he voted for the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in 1962, voted not to repeal it in 1966, and voted increased appropriations to Vietnam in 1967 and 1970. How that seems to be rather inconsistent.

Mr. McGovern also said he would never commit US troops to war without a declaration of war, yet when asked what he would do if Israeli women were overrun he said he would send troops, if necessary, to save Israel. That is wonderful loyalty to a friendly nation and I am sure that we all appreciate but here also we notice a slight change.

Mr. McGovern said he was looking forward to his first trip to the Supreme Court, a woman, to send a woman ambassador to the United Nations, and to appoint a Special Assistant to the President for Women's Rights. McGovern also seeks to establish an independent Women Employment Administration to promote the interests of working women in all fields.

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**Woman's Rights**

"The first priority for government is to ensure for all Americans their rights," said Senator George McGovern, Presidential candidate for the Democratic Party. McGovern was specifically speaking of the discrimination against women and restoring women's rights to them.

Because McGovern feels that this discrimination is morally wrong and morally wasteful, he demonstrated the Equal Employment Opportunity Enforcement Act. McGovern's involvement in securing equal rights for women as not been only something of the past. Just recently at the Democratic National Convention McGovern used his authority as chairman of the Democratic Party Commission on Party Structure and Delegate Selection to achieve equal representation for women at that convention. As women were poorly represented on the Illinois slates, he insisted that they be changed so that the delegates pledged to him included 44% women. Most of his delegations were 50% women.

If elected President McGovern is equally determined to include women in his administration by appointing women to the Cabinet, as agency and Bureau heads and at all levels of the Federal government. McGovern plans to choose for his first appointment to the Supreme Court, a woman, to send a woman ambassador to the United Nations, and to appoint a Special Assistant to the President for Women's Rights. McGovern also seeks to establish an independent Women Employment Administration to promote the interests of working women in all fields.

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Mr. McGovern's stand on the issues is (as I think he doesn't know himself where he stands). I suppose the main reason they can't stand up and defend their candidate is he is a liberal in the White House, refusing to debate (though he did send some questions to McGovern to answer while McGovern was on a talk show). We can talk about the blunders of McGovern and how he has changed his views on some issues. I urge all of us to take 10 unheded minutes to seriously consider that it's all about. I realize that you can look deeply into your conscience for answers to questions such as "What is America?" and "What is truth?". It seems that we are more than one nation because it is difficult to find out what the country is planning to do. In 1968 he had a secret plan to end the war (which he never revealed to me). It is only fair then that everybody who considers himself to be a member of society's offerings that can demand of us more than a nation of ourselves and in each other as decent and vital people, capable of striving for the greater glory of a better society.

Let us now take a look at the two candidates for President of the United States. First of all we have Richard Nixon. Can we look at him honestly and say "He has tried to make the Supreme Court a body that dispenses justice for all, regardless of race of income status? Or has he tried to create a judicial branch under the influence of regional or sectional interests? Can we look at him and say "He has employed men who are beyond moral reproach and suitable to advise him of the country's needs?" Or has he surrounded himself with a political element that has financial and other vested interests in his position? Can we look at him and say "He has been open and credible in his public administration" or has there been an incredible display of low grade politics that has dealt a heavy hand to 20,000 young American men?

If we, the American people, have serious values, and feel that they are of paramount importance in our quest for a better human existence; if we, as distinct human beings, believe that truth, honesty, justice, goodness, and public morality are the highest human goals; then we cannot reflect Richard Nixon to be President of the United States. He has compromised his integrity and the public's confidence in him during the past four years. He has shirked his office and his campaign has chalked up a score that includes: 10,000 illegally arrested young people, Washington, New York Times, censorship, lungesworth and Caravel, L.B., secret campaign funds, 2 members of his personal staff indicted on criminal charges, veto of domestic related bills dealing with education, social security, day care centers, hospitals, L.B. toon for special booms, Lockheed, almost dismissing charges against a convicted 1st-degree murderer, wage and price freezes with no restrictions on special products thus maintaining high level inflation, "What do we do with the money that deals a heavy blow to the taxpayer and small farmer and of course a political settlement of the Vietnam just a week or so away from election day."

Can we call him open, honest, credible? Can we be allowed to carry the banner that calls for "liberty, truth, and justice for all?" I bet to God and to the humanity in all of us to reject Richard Nixon once and for all.