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*'My conscience tells me clearly and certainly that I cannot prolong the bad dreams that continue to reopen a chapter that is closed . . . I do believe the buck stops here . . .'*

President Gerald R. Ford  
In announcing pardon for Nixon

*'No words can describe the depths of my regret . . . That the way I tried to deal with Watergate was the wrong way is a burden I shall bear every day of the life that is left to me.'*

Former President Richard Nixon  
In Response to Pardon Announcement



PRESIDENT SIGNING NIXON PARDON (AP)

# Ford Pardons Nixon

By HELEN THOMAS

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A prayerful President Ford yesterday granted Richard M. Nixon unconditional pardon for may Watergate offenses in order to "firmly shut and seal this book" for the nation and for Nixon himself. Stunned congressmen expressed both praise and outrage, and Nixon said he was grateful.

The White House said Ford sweated out his decision alone over the past week without consulting Nixon, but the former President issued a statement within minutes, sorrowing over the "mistakes" he had made but conceding no criminal wrongdoing.

Ford put forth his historic—and immediately controversial—decision by summoning newsmen to his Oval Office yesterday

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## TerHorst Resigns

WASHINGTON (AP)—Jerald F. TerHorst, close friend and advisor to President Ford for many years, resigned as Ford's press secretary last night to protest the pardon granted to former president Richard M. Nixon.

"The president acted in good conscience and I also found it necessary to resign in good conscience," TerHorst said in a statement given to a reporter by his wife from their Alexandria, Va. home.

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relinquishing the highest elective office of the United States.  
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States, pursuant to the pardon power conferred upon me by Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution, have granted and by these presents do grant a full, free, and absolute pardon unto Richard Nixon for all offenses against the United States which he, Richard Nixon, has committed or may have committed or taken part in during the period from January 20, 1969 through August 9, 1974.

I, WITNESS MY HAND, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of September.

*Gerald R. Ford*

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Richard Nixon's presidential pardon could mean he can't plead the Fifth Amendment in trial of underlings. Page 5.

## Kniewel Fails Canyon 'Jump,' Survives Crash

By JOHN NORDHEIMER

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TWIN FALLS, IDAHO — Robert (Evel) Kniewel failed yesterday in an attempt to rocket across the Snake River Canyon when a tail parachute deployed prematurely on the takeoff of the Montana daredevil's Sky-Cycle X-2.

The steam rocket streaked to about 1,000 feet above the river before floating into the canyon to make a nose-down crash landing on a rocky bank at the river's edge.

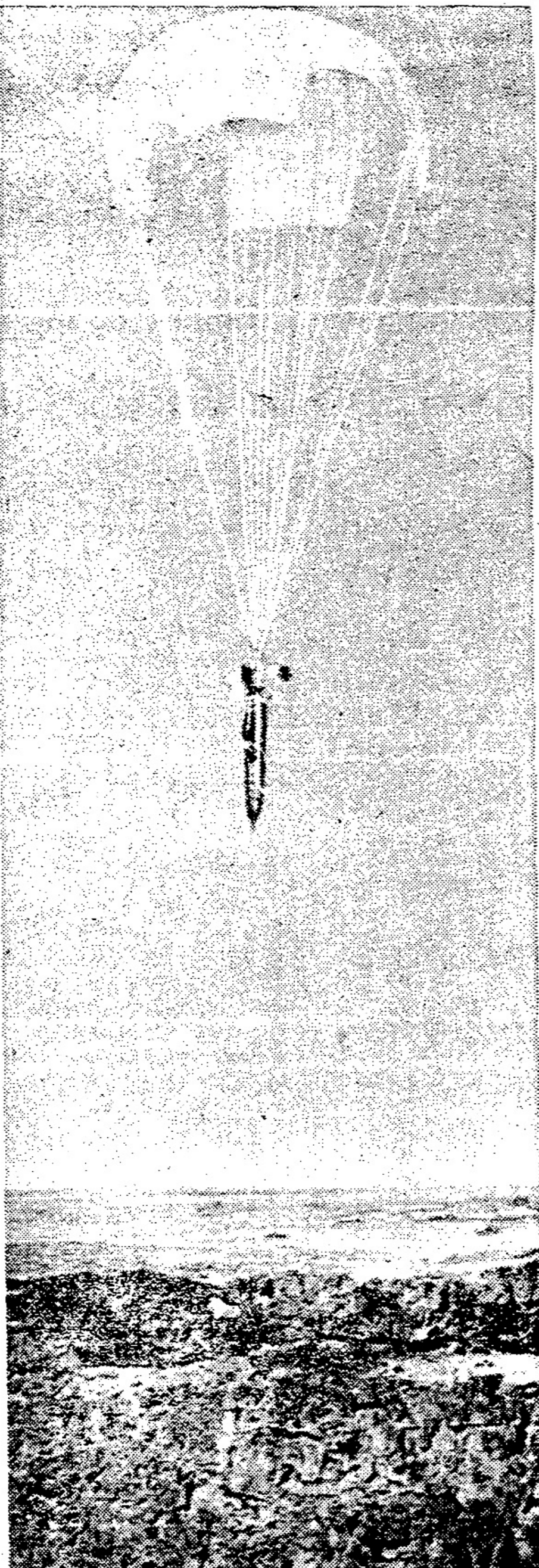
Kniewel was pulled unhurt from the craft several minutes later by a rescue team.

The flight aborted almost as soon as steam exploded from a rear nozzle of the 13-foot-long craft and propelled it along a 108-foot launch track kaimed at the cloudless sky.

A large crowd along the canyon's south rim gasped as a 15 mph wind blew the sky-cycle back to ward them, rocking gently in the air nose-down like a red, white and blue Christmas ornament.

For several seconds it appeared that Kniewel, who could be seen struggling inside the open cockpit, might crash into the craggy canyon or even plummet into the crowd on the rim.

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KNIEWEL TAKES A DIVE—Stuntman Evel Kniewel drifts nose down into Snake River Canyon after his Sky-Cycle trip failed.

## Nixon 'Regrets' Past Mistakes

By EVERETT R. HOLLES

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. — President Ford's pardon for Richard M. Nixon yesterday evoked from the former president the most forthright acknowledgment — and apology — that he has yet made of his personal implication in the Watergate scandal and cover-up.

Within 10 minutes after the presidential pardon was announced in Washington, Nixon's statement was released at his Casa Pacific estate here, saying "No words can express the depth of my regret" for his mistakes in allowing Watergate to become "a national tragedy."

"That the way I tried to deal with Watergate was the wrong way is the burden I shall bear for every day of the life that is left to me," he said.

In a subsequent statement, given in response to reporters questions, an aide quoted Nixon as saying that, in gratefully accepting the presidential pardon, he hoped Ford's "compassionate act would contribute to lifting the burdens of Watergate from our country."

When the Nixon statement was released by his adviser and former White House press secretary, Ronald Ziegler, at 8:30 a.m. Pacific time, he and Mrs. Nixon were already en route to a new haven of seclusion away from their heavily guarded estate here.

They left at 7 a.m. in a large black limousine accompanied by Secret Service agents and Nixon's military aide, Lt. Col. Jack Brennan, reportedly for the Palm Desert estate of Walter Annenberg, ambassador to Britain.

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## Reaction in Congress Divided; Brooke Not Among Backers

By The Associated Press

Several Democratic congressmen accused President Ford yesterday of setting a double standard of justice by granting former President Nixon full pardon. Republicans generally felt Nixon had suffered enough from Watergate and said Ford's action was justified.

An exception to the GOP support of Ford was Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts who was the first Republican senator to urge Nixon's resignation.

"President Ford's blanket pardon — without Mr. Nixon's full confession of his involvement in Watergate — is, in my judgment, a serious mistake," Brooke said.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield

(D-Mont.), said Ford told him of his plans an hour before the public announcement. "It would be easy for me to criticize the President's judgment," Mansfield said. "I will not do so."

Assistant majority leader Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.), said Ford's action, "sets a double standard: one standard for the former President of the United States and another standard for everybody else."

Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota, the 1972 Democratic presidential nominee whom Nixon defeated, said: "It has seemed to me that the central lesson of Watergate should be that no one stands above the law."

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## Jaworski Seen Accepting Edict

By JOHN M. CREWDSON

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WASHINGTON — Leon Jaworski, the special Watergate prosecutor, apparently has no plans to mount a legal challenge to the validity of the unconditional pardon that President Ford yesterday gave Richard M. Nixon, his predecessor, according to a spokesman for Jaworski.

The special prosecutor "accepts the decision," said John Barker, the spokesman, in a telephone interview. "He thinks it's within the President's power to do it. His feeling is that the President is exercising his lawful power, and he accepts it."

Barker added that Jaworski had not been

consulted in advance on the matter by either Ford or White House lawyers, and learned of the President's intention to act in Nixon's behalf less than an hour before the decision was announced.

Some lawyers, including Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine), reacted yesterday by questioning the legal and constitutional validity of a presidential pardon conferred before an indictment has been brought or a conviction obtained.

"It could be challenged," declared Muskie, adding that "there are those who say that it ought to be challenged, lest the precedent be

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## 'Even Justice Can Become Unjust . . .'

By CLIFTON DANIEL

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WASHINGTON—"There is a point," Sophocles said, "beyond which even justice becomes unjust."

President Ford apparently decided, with his clemency announcement yesterday, that that point had been

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reached in the case of Richard M. Nixon.

Ford had been told that the former president was likely to be indicted as a co-conspirator in the cover-up of the Watergate burglary in 1972.

He had also been told that, because of all the publicity about the case, it might be nine months or more before a jury could be chosen to give Nixon a fair trial.

He felt that such an ordeal would threaten the former president's health, so he decided to spare both Nixon and the nation.

He said his concern was not so much with the fate of Richard Nixon as with "the immediate future of this great country."

Ford's announcement of a full pardon for Nixon was unexpected. It came at an odd hour for White House action — 11 o'clock on a Sunday morning.

Only 11 days ago he said, during his first news conference as President.

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