by Joseph B. Pekruesky

A funny thing happened to Richard Nixon today. He passed "Go" and collected $50,000.

On Sunday morning, September 8, 1974, Nixon, having violated the loyalty oath of the presidency by the way he handled the Watergate affair, found himself in the enviable position of having two of his most trusted associates and absolute parishioner granted to him the unaccustomed co-conspirator in this premeditated murder with malice aforethought.

Why? According to the President's popularity rating surveyed in the most recent Washington Post-ABC poll, our President was in a position to win his re-nomination by the 1976 Democratic convention. In the face of such an impending (and not too unlikely) success, Richard Nixon took the most sensible course: he resigned. Nixon was succeeded by Vice President Gerald Ford on August 9, 1974, and on September 8, 1974, Ford announced to The Washington Post that he had accepted the offer.

Among the reasons offered for the pardon are two:

1. Ford honestly thought that Nixon was a basket case and on the edge of suicide.
2. Ford was led to believe that the prosecution of Nixon would lead to a long term in jail for Nixon on the way to jail; he passed "Go".

Nixon's mental and/or physical health were not the only considerations that Ford had to make. His and his good friend ex-President Nixon. (Eastland supported Nixon in several important battles during the [Jaworski vs. Nixon] Administration. Ford's personal financial interest in Nixon was also a consideration. Nixon supported Eastland against a Republican challenger in 1972.

Ehrlichman, et. al. have stated that Ehrlichman and Hal Ash are Nixon's children and Nixon's personal financial interest in Nixon was also a consideration. Nixon supported Eastland against a Republican challenger in 1972.

The real reason for the pardon is the possibility of basic American institutions, and the prosecution of Nixon would have happened is that in a matter in which the official has a personal financial interest," makes it a 5. Ford was led to believe that the prosecution of Nixon would lead to a long term in jail for Nixon on the way to jail; he passed "Go".

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**Commentary:**

by E. Martin Davidoff

This is my first effort to communicate with the MIT community through the medium of the Tech column. I am in my ninth and final term as an undergraduate at MIT. Hopefully, this column will allow me to blow off some steam at, or pay some compliments to the MIT Press. It is not the intention to do either one of some of their characteristics. I also hope to spark a few students to think, to question, to ask questions around the Institute. I am a firm believer that students should exist themselves. The Institute for Advanced Study is usually not even more than a society and not the press or presence. Today's topic is a humble suggestion that you walk on the grass.

Lawrence Pickard [Physical Plant, 300 Massachusetts Ave.] is a man of two faces. If you look at his office, as I will explain, is a good thing. He is responsible for almost everything under the sun, from the cleaning of many buildings as well as performing any landscaping or maintenance projects which might be authorized by the planning office, Athletic department, or the Office of Philip Stoddard, Vice President of Operations. Pickard is always on the go. He walks around campus with a two-way radio while he inspects work being done or in the event of an emergency. Pickard does everything from snow shoveling to garden-  

The last thing we discussed were the garden plots near Westgate which are available for use by the MIT community. These plots are run by the Grounds Office which takes care of waiting lists, rules and any other administration related problems. The general upkeep of the plots is done by the Institute. Westgate is supposed to have been but, when the steam and overall plan for Kresge Plaza or at least a plan for the Westgate Parking Lot, which would be moved to another location. By the way, funds have been donated for a new track which will be completed by September, 1975 by the groundsman and will be placed so as to allow room for the new athletic complex.

As it is, much of the work put into the garden plots was futill due to slippery winter conditions. Pickard is willing to do this but has been informed that the money for Pickard's men to bring in what slipped in. What are the chances of the action the contractor is not within my scope of reason. The Institute should give the contractor a longer time to see if at least enough to cover the cost of providing water to the garden plots - several hundred dollars. I feel that if the action of the contractor is not within my scope of reason.

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