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with bad discharges:

veterans have received less than honorable
jes in the Vietnam Era. The Clemency Board
at 40,000 will be eligible to apply for a
ncy. These are people who were charged only
going AWOL; those who got their bad discharg-
r speaking out against the war or racism in the
tary are lucky enough to be denied the opportu-
y of getting taken: **A CLEMENCY DISCHARGE
THE WORST A VETERAN CAN HAVE;** it
sprives him or her of all VA benefits and every
mployer knows it is given only to people who went
AWOL during the war.

How to find trouble:

If you need further information about the Ford
Clemency fraud, you can call the Justice Depart-
ment or the Pentagon; the information may be
delivered to you personally by FBI agents, since
reports on all inquiries are given to the FBI; if you
are a deserter in exile, you will probably receive a
letter from the military asking you to report to
Camp Atterbury for processing within ten days.

How to find help:

Another way to get assistance is to call us. We'll give
you free, accurate legal edvice and information. The
Government brought the American people the war
in Indochina; we're trying to end the war and all the
trouble it's still causing all of us. **THAT'S WHY
WE'VE CALLED A BOYCOTT OF THE FORD
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Have you heard the joke about President Ford's Clemency Program?

It's on you.

IT MAY BE HARD TO BELIEVE that a government which already makes itself look silly asking us to pay for the war in Vietnam while telling us it's over would try to fool us on amnesty, but that is exactly what the Ford clemency fraud is all about:

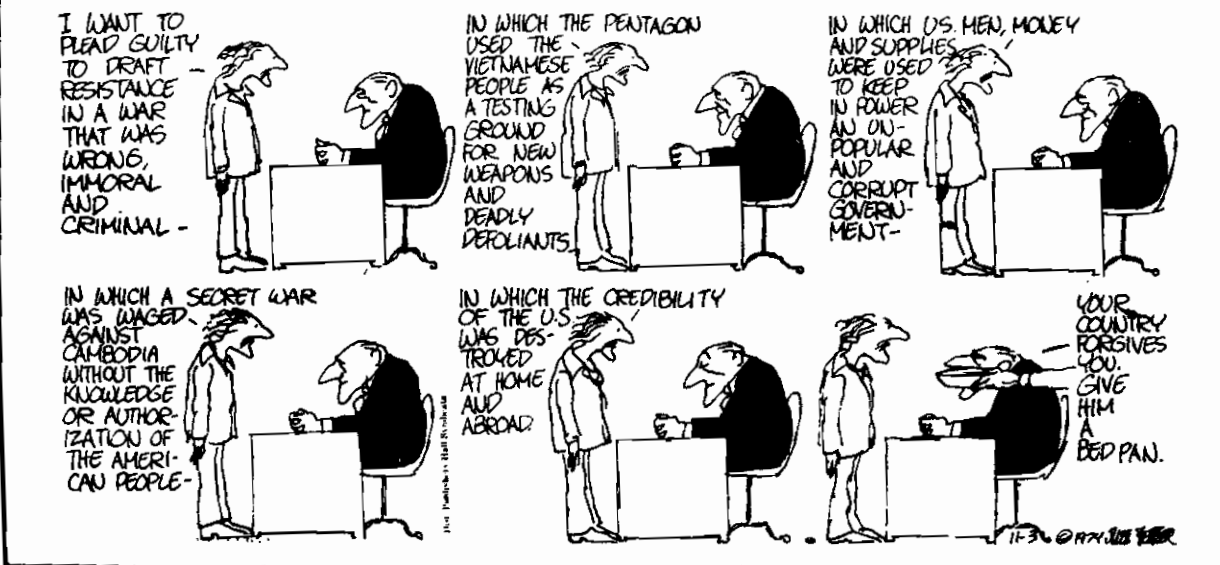
Draft Resisters:

IF YOU THINK SLAVERY HAS ENDED IN THE UNITED STATES, you should know that although the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution prohibits "involuntary servitude, except as punishment for the crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted," the Ford "clemency" mandates alternate service work for people **WHO HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF ANYTHING**, even though no one is being drafted.

Draft resisters who come into their U.S. Attorney's office are given a paper to sign. In this paper they acknowledge allegiance to the United States (as if refusing to fight in an unconstitutional war is unpatriotic)—and **GIVE UP THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS, A SPEEDY TRIAL, THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, AND PROTECTION AGAINST DOUBLE JEOPARDY.** This is like inviting someone to dinner on the condition that he doesn't eat—in fact, it's worse, because you don't get any trial at all, and you might be innocent of any crime because the Government case is defective: **LAST YEAR ONLY ONE DRAFT RESISTER OUT OF EVERY 13 INDICTED WAS IMPRISONED; only 28% were even convicted. THE FORD "CLEMENCY" IS DESIGNED TO HAVE PEOPLE ACCEPT PUNISHMENT EVEN THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT CAN'T PROVE ITS CASE AGAINST THEM.**

If a draft resister is willing to implicitly admit that he has been disloyal and explicitly give up his constitutional rights, his "reward" will be alternate service work, probably for two years. The Government may let him choose his own job—if it's not too pleasant and the pay is low—but they can also assign him to a job. **THERE IS NO APPEAL FROM THE DECISIONS OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY OR THE DRAFT BOARD WHICH ASSIGNS A JOB.**

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Deserters:

If people in the military committed some other "crime" when they left, like taking their uniform, they probably have another charge against them. This means that **WHEN A DESERTER APPLIES FOR THE "CLEMENCY", HE OR SHE MAY BE COURT-MARTIALLED AND HAVE TO SERVE TIME IN PRISON** before participating in the program. If deserters get past this hurdle, just in case they think people should refuse to participate in an illegal, immoral war, they are compelled to sign a loyalty oath. After that, all they have to do for an Undesirable Discharge (which deprives them of most VA benefits and decent jobs for the rest of their lives) is sign a pledge to do alternate service for up to two years—**MOST DESERTERS WHO HAVE TURNED THEMSELVES IN SO FAR HAVE GOTTEN TWO YEARS.** Those who sign this statement and don't do the work will have an Undesirable Discharge which indicates this; they can also be court-martialled for obtaining their discharge under false pretenses, this is hard to prove, but it can bring **FIVE YEARS IN PRISON AND A DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE.** Those who decide to do the work may be allowed to find their own service job—this will be a good trick when unemployment is nearly 6% (25% for black teenagers)—but they can

also be assigned: if the Government tells them they have to dig ditches and then fill them up again for two years, that's what they have to do—or face court-martial on the original charge. **DESERTERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORD CLEMENCY FRAUD COULD PROBABLY GET OFF** if they asked for a court-martial instead: even a military lawyer at the "clemency" center at Camp Atterbury has said 50% could win their cases. Deserters who go through the program and do their alternate service get a reward: a Clemency Discharge, which denies them *all* VA Benefits (an Undesirable Discharge does not) and makes it difficult for them to ever find a good job, since any employer who sees it will immediately know the owner went AWOL.

Prisoners:

Draft resisters who have already served prison sentences are offered the opportunity to get punished again under the Ford program. They can do up to 24 months alternate service and get a pardon. This is a clear violation of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, which prohibits being punished twice for the same offense—but the Government wants people to obey its rules, not the Constitution (we learned that when the U.S. illegally bombed