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CBS Morning NewsInterview with Charles Goodell and Henry Schwarzschild:

In a 9 minute interview, Henry Schwarzschild, director of the A.C.L.U. project on amnesty, said the "human and political assumptions of the conditional clemency program are offensive in that the assumption is that the war was right and the people who refuse to participate in the war need to be punished...."

Schwarzschild said the 126,000 men qualified to apply for clemency "after all, have already paid the penalty either in federal courts or in military courts by bad military discharges."

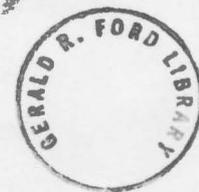
Schwarzschild said the clemency discharges offered to veterans who have bad discharges "are probably marginally worse than the discharges these men already hold," as they "automatically keep people from gaining any veterans benefits at all."

Charles Goodell, chairman of the President's Clemency Review Board, said "You know very well there isn't going to be unconditional amensty in the next few years. There isn't any way that's going to pass the Congress. So you are speaking to people out there who can get a pardon. They may not be able to get their record clear. You know we don't even have the power (to do that).

"Some of them I can guarantee are going to get veterans' benefits. But that doesn't come from the Clemency Board itself. We don't have the power.... Most of them don't even qualify for veterans' benefits because most of the people who come to the Clemency Board haven't been in the service 180 days, which they have to be in order to get veterans' benefits," Goodell said.

"They get a pardon," Goodell said, "and if you are telling me that a Presidential pardon is meaningless then I think you're doing a disservice to those young people out there...I don't think you ought to be discouraging those young men from applying to the Clemency Board. They have nothing to lose."

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From Mort Allin

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Should items such as  
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Mr. Marsh

We have advised  
Mr. Allin's  
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# By Almost Any Standard, the Amnesty Plan Isn't Working

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Lebanon Making Hard Decisions on National Security

ABC's Hilary Brown reported on the mutual defense talks which have taken place this week between the Lebanese government and President Hafiz Asad of Syria.

Brown said that the recent rash of Israeli raids across the Lebanese border have caused the Syrians and Lebanese to fear that the Israelis may try to occupy all of South Lebanon and out-flank the Syrian defenses on the Golan Heights. The Syrians are "desperate" to provide Lebanon with military aid, Brown reported, because the Arabs do not believe the Lebanese could repel an Israeli attack on its own.

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Tornadoes Cause Heavy Damage

All networks, with film reports from Macomb, Miss., reported that tornadoes hit in parts of both Mississippi and Louisiana, killing at least seven persons and injuring about 100.

\* \* \* *FYI*

Draft Evader Fired from Alternate Service Job

A Vietnam draft evader in West Palm Beach, Florida, was fired Thursday after only four days on an \$11,000 a year job, given to him as alternate service under President Ford's amnesty program, NBC/CBS reported. NBC said local residents made so many complaints that the county dismissed him from his job with the county engineer's office. NBC said one woman said: "I lost my son and all I got was a flag. This man hid, and now he gets a good-paying job."

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India Recognizes Palestine Liberation Organization

The government of India Friday recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization as the only representative of the Palestinians, NBC reported. India authorized the PLO to open an office in New Delhi, NBC said. NBC said the PLO will have full diplomatic privileges in India.

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Harris Poll Gives Ford Negative Performance Rating

ABC/CBS reported that a Harris Poll taken in mid-December showed that 52 per cent of Americans disapproved, and 46 per cent approved, of President Ford's performance in office. Two per cent were undecided, ABC said.



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Per discussion,  
Please follow up.

Rick

January 5, 1975

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- The administration has generally agreed on an energy program that includes an excise tax on crude oil and natural gas, would raise the price of gasoline by about 5 cents a gallon and would within a year cut daily oil consumption by 750,000 to 800,000 gallons, Time magazine reports.
- Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), Rep. Henry Reuss (D., Wis.) and Rep. John Brademas (D., Ind.) call for income tax reductions of from \$10 billion to \$20 billion.

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Sunday NewsFord's Ideas Failing: WIN, Clemency

Aldo Beckman, Chicago Tribune, Washington: President Ford's two pet projects, both launched with great hoopla and fanfare, are stumbling toward failure. There might still be a chance to save the WIN program, and there is some possibility that enough interest can be generated in the clemency program for Viet Nam protesters. But time is running out. Both are suffering from lack of interest. "The President just got too busy with other things and had to delegate the responsibility," complained one White House aide who is familiar -- and discouraged -- with both programs.

U.S. May Consider 10-Year Oil Deal

Bill Neikirk, Chicago Tribune, Washington: The United States is considering an unusual proposal in which the oil-producing nations would be guaranteed a specific price for their oil over the next decade in return for reduced prices now, a high administration official says. The proposed "trade" might develop from joint meetings between oil-producing and consuming nations scheduled to begin later this year. The official said a deal would be in the OPEC's interest because of the difficulty of maintaining an artificially high price over the next 10 years.



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# Ford expected to extend amnesty program 30 days

By Aldo Beckman

Chicago Tribune Press Service

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# 'Nice man' Ford in conservative land

By Godfrey Sperling Jr.

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Northeastern Papers

William Slattery, New York Post: An expected last-minute flood of applications for presidential pardons from war resisters will necessitate expansion of the Clemency Board handling the cases, according to former Sen. Charles Goodell. Goodell said that more than 15,000 applications for clemency are pending and that several thousand more are expected to be filed before the March 31 deadline. He said, "I will ask the President, to expand the board, and then we will break the board down into three-man panels to hear individual cases." Goodell estimated that several months will be needed to process all applications.

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FOREIGN - DEFENSE - CIA

Western Papers

Sacramento Bee, "Let The Dominoes Fall." The disintegrating military situation in Cambodia and South Vietnam has prompted President Ford, unfortunately, to invoke the tired old "domino theory" in urging more military aid for Indochina. Our commitments to our allies and their faith in us have been much more imperiled by this country's terribly misguided intervention in Southeast Asia.

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Dallas Times Herald, "Help for Allies." The additional aid requested by President Ford for the embattled nations of Cambodia and South Vietnam ought to be approved, giving them one last chance to fight off a Communist takeover.

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Tulsa Daily World, "Some Praise for CIA." The Central Intelligence Agency deserves thanks and praise for its partially successful effort to raise a sunken Soviet missile submarine. Instead of congratulations for an imaginative intelligence operation of enormous potential worth, the CIA is getting another round of abuse and criticism from the likes of Senator Frank Church (D., Ida.). Americans can only be thankful that Church was not in authority during World War II when U.S. intelligence agents cracked the Japanese code. He would surely have complained of the cost.

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Washington Post - 3/28/75

# Goodell Urges Hill to Extend Vietnam Clemency Program

By John P. MacKenzie  
Washington Post Staff Writer

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fense Department's program alternate service. He said the