

# Nixon's memories: biased

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Richard Nixon's memoirs "are very definitely biased from his viewpoint" but provide surprising personal portrayals of those close to him, says one of the former president's editors.

"There is no effort to mislead the reader, although this is his (Nixon's) side of it," editor David Frost said in an interview conducted in Oklahoma City where he was visiting relatives over the weekend.

Frost, who is no relation to the David Frost who conducted the Nixon television interviews, spent eight months in San Clemente, Calif., helping edit the former president's forthcoming book, "RN — The Memoirs of Richard Nixon."

Frost, who is chief copy editor of the Grosset & Dunlap publishing firm, refused to discuss specifics of the book, which will be released in May. He said one of the reasons he was chosen for the assignment was that his superiors trusted him to keep quiet.

The 1,200-page book is "very candid

and personal, straightforward and direct," Frost said. It contains information "that will prove Nixon was right about a lot of things."

"Readers will be surprised at Nixon's personal portrayal of the people around him," the editor continued. "There are definitely villains and heroes, and they're not necessarily who you'd expect them to be."

Nixon is likely to emerge as a sympathetic character in the book, Frost believes, though readers may not change their general opinion of the former president.

"I think the book will be very controversial," Frost said. "Everyone who's in it will read it very carefully. Some fared better than most readers would expect and some worse."

Frost worked with freelance writer Nancy Brooks, Nixon staffers and the former president to produce the final text, which covers Nixon's life from childhood until he resigned the presidency and left Washington in August 1974.

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