

Bar Nixon's Use Of Campaign \$

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Trustees for some \$2 million left over from former President Richard Nixon's 1972 campaign say he can't use the money for any legal fees he may incur.

Leftover campaign funds are being used to pay legal expenses of former Nixon campaign officials John N. Mitchell, Maurice H. Stans and others.

But the money can't be used to pay legal fees for anyone who did not hold an official position in the campaign organization, trustees say. This includes former White House aides H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, and Nixon himself.

Three-Man Trust

"There's no way," said Charles E. Potter, chairman of the three-man trust that oversees the money. "The trust agreement doesn't provide for that."

Another trustee, Gulford Dudley Jr., said he also understands that Nixon could not use the money. Stans, who is the third trustee, was not available for comment.

The trust reported \$3.4 million cash on hand when it filed its most recent report in June. Since then it has agreed to settle a lawsuit brought by the Democratic Party for \$775,000. It also reported bills outstanding of \$560,000, leaving a bit more than \$2 million. This is expected to be cut further when Mitchell submits his legal bills.

Nixon could find himself faced with legal costs mounting into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. He already is a defendant in several civil lawsuits and could be named in more civil suits or in criminal cases.

Meanwhile, at San Clemente, Cal., Nixon remained inside the walls of his estate.

As of yesterday, four days after his resignation, there was no sign that Nixon was spending much time outside the walls of Casa Pacifica, his big estate by the sea.

On Sunday, Nixon with his banker friend Charles C. G.

(Bebe) Rebozo, and members of his family, drove a few miles south to spend a couple of hours at a secluded beach. The day before, he also took a drive.

But for the most part, Nixon seems to be an exile in his own country.

Nixon watched President Ford's address to Congress last night, called it "a splendid speech" and sent a telegram of congratulations, a Nixon aide said, refusing to release the text.

Nixon viewed the speech with his wife, Pat and daughter and son-in law, Tricia and Edward Cox.

The former President spent most of yesterday morning working at his office in the government-owned compound next to his private estate.

And during the day, he reportedly telephoned former White House communications chief Herbert G. Klein to apologize for slurs which were disclosed in last week's tapes.

In those tapes, Nixon said to Haldeman that Klein did not have "his head screwed on; he just sort of blubbers around . . . sits there with

egg on his face . . . he's just not our guy at all."

In yesterday's phone call, Nixon reportedly said he had "probably said worse things about other people," the Baltimore Sun reported. The former President also reportedly told Klein: "It was one of those things I said and I didn't mean it, and I apologize for any embarrassment."

Nixon has developed a pattern in his privacy, working several hours each day.

Like a deposed monarch, he is surrounded by a few aides and visited only by loyal friends. He is beset by troubles—money, the threat of prosecution and what to do with the records and tapes that will guide historians in their assessment of the triumphs and scandals of his administration.

The records and tapes, hopefully, will be housed in an \$8-million library sponsored by the Richard M. Nixon Foundation.

But yesterday, those closest to the project were pessimistic about the prospects of getting the library off the ground right now, in light of all that has happened.

Don't Try to Push Ford, Rocky Tells Backers

Nelson Rockefeller, who has received endorsements as Vice President from many quarters, says President Ford must make the decision.

Republican chairmen from 11 Northeast states endorsed Rockefeller for the Vice Presidency yesterday. Neither Rockefeller nor Ford was consulted beforehand, a spokesman for the group said.

"I am naturally complimented by this expression from our Republican party leaders of the northeast," Rockefeller said when informed of the recommendation.

"However," he added, "I continue to feel that this is a decision that President Ford must make in the light of his own judgment, plans and requirements."

Rockefeller learned of the group's action while he was in New York at the office of the Commission on the Critical Choices for America, an organization he formed last year.

Ford was asked if he has chosen a Vice President as he emerged from his house in suburban Alexandria, Va., at 7:45 a.m. today.

"No, no, one thing at a time," he said with a laugh. "We were a little busy yesterday."