

California Bills Nixon For Taxes

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President Nixon flew off to the sun and serenity of Key Biscayne, Fla., yesterday in the face of new difficulties that marred his Easter weekend.

He was assessed—and agreed to pay—\$4,263.72 in California income taxes for the years 1969 and 1970. Interest and penalties will be added on to the assessment.

He was threatened with the possibility of a new tax bill from the state of New York for gains on the sale of his Manhattan apartment in 1969.

And his Secretary of State, Henry A. Kissinger, said aloud what has long been suspected:

Mr. Nixon will not be able to sign a "comprehensive" agreement on nuclear weapons control when he visits the Soviet Union this summer. Too many problems are unresolved, Kissinger said.

These setbacks followed a week of other difficulties.

The House Judiciary Committee on Thursday issued a subpoena for records of 22 presidential conversations that would be used as evidence in the committee's impeachment inquiry.

Both House and Senate Republicans expressed growing irritation during the week over White House delays in providing information to the Judiciary Committee. And this attitude, the Louis Harris poll reported, seems to be spreading in the country. For the first time, the Harris survey found a plurality in favor of the President's impeachment and a substantial majority dissatisfied with the degree of Mr. Nixon's cooperation with the committee.

In this atmosphere, the President yesterday had a morning meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko to discuss the President's summer trip to Moscow.

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Mr. Nixon also transacted a good deal of routine business, signing, among other papers, a retroactive pay increase of \$500 million for about 2.1 million white collar workers in the federal government.

He added Michigan and North Carolina to the list of states eligible for emergency aid as a result of the April 3 tornadoes and made a number of appointments to advisory boards. Among them were the retired professional football player Bart Starr and the skater, Tenley Albright, who were named to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

The bad news for Mr. and Mrs. Nixon on taxes came from the state Franchise Tax Board in California. The board ruled that the Nixons had \$66,097 in taxable "California income" in 1969 and 1970 from three sources—a capital gain on the sale of land at the President's San Clemente property, portions of his salary and fringe benefits as President, home improvements resulting from government expenditures, and royalties from Mr. Nixon's book, "Six Crises." The board assessed a \$39 penalty on Nixon for "failure to file a timely return." Interest will also be assessed.

The President's tax lawyer

in Los Angeles, Dean Butler, said the sums due would be paid "promptly" and the White House confirmed his statement.

A few hours after the California tax development, it was announced in Albany, N.Y., that the state's tax department is considering the "possibility" that Mr. Nixon may be liable for New York taxes on a potential capital gain from the sale of the President's apartment in New York City in 1969.

If this series of develop-

ments affected the President, he failed to show it yesterday morning when he met Gromyko in the Oval Office. Mr. Nixon projected a jovial mood and engaged in light-hearted talk with Gromyko before their meeting began.

They were joined in the discussion by Kissinger and the State Department's legal counselor, Helmut Sonnenfeldt. Gromyko was accompanied by the Soviet ambassador to the United States, Anatoly F. Dobrynin.