

Nixon Owes More Taxes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— President Nixon owes \$4,263.72 in back taxes to the State of California for the years 1969 and 1970, the executive officer of the state Franchise Tax Board said today.

The state also assessed the Nixons a penalty of \$39.17 for failing to file a California state income tax return for the year 1970.

Martin Huff, chief of the state's income tax agency, said Nixon and his wife owe the money on a total of \$182,057 in adjusted gross California income for the two years in question. After allowable deductions of \$117,366, taxable income totaled \$65,097.

Huff said the adjusted gross income included \$58,918 in capital gains from the 1970 sale of part of Nixon's San Clemente property, income from the estate of Nixon's mother, royalties from Nixon's book "Six Crises," and \$59,260 for improvements at the Western White House.

The state had ruled earlier that Nixon did not have to pay California taxes on his presidential salary of \$250,000 a year, but might owe taxes on other income earned from with-

in the state.

Nixon's Los Angeles tax attorney, Dean Butler, said the California tax would be paid.

"I am extremely pleased with the courtesy, cooperation and priority that the Franchise Tax Board has shown in this matter," Butler said. "We have indicated we will accept their findings."

Butler said Nixon's state tax situation was unusual "because of the very unique nature of this taxpayer."

Huff said the Nixons owed no California taxes for the years 1971 and 1972, when they reported a net loss in California-source income of \$31,632 and \$38,508 respectively.

Huff said the board originally planned to assess the Nixons a 25 per cent penalty for failing to file a 1969 return, but decided not to after receiving "satisfactory showing of reasonable cause" as to why they did not file a return.

Huff said the state considered some of Nixon's presidential allowances to be California income because the money was spent in the state. One example he cited was the personal use of government airplanes while in California.