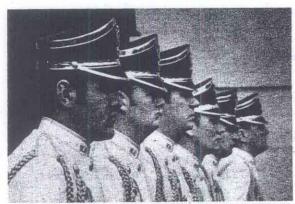
Q. What's happened to President Nixon's operetta corps of trumpeters who used to greet foreign dignitaries with fanfare at the White House?—A.M. Briley, Oakland, Calif.

A. Most probably Nixon, a one-time plain, unpretentious, poor boy from Whittier, Calif., a man of the people, realized that such pomp and pageantry was unbefitting a democracy; which is why the operetta costumes for the buglers have apparently been mothballed. But you can never tell; if it strikes the President as impressive, he might well order the buglers costumed to the hilt for the spring welcome of Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev.



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