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Playing King

Several weeks ago Jack Anderson reported that, while the rest of us are being asked to conserve energy, President Nixon has a special limousine sent to carry his dog back and forth between Camp David and the White House. The September 17 issue of Newsweek informs us that the President now has a new four-poster bed with tassled canopy costing \$5,000. According to a recently published book by the former chief usher of the White House, J. B. West, to rebuild the entire White House cost about half as much as the bulletproof windcreens, golf carts, ice-makers and other security arrangements for San Clemente and Key Biscayne. Now we find out that the U.S. Treasury is paying \$1,785,000 to redecorate the interior of the President's plane.

At a time when the rest of Americans are going without meat and pay raises, when the elderly on fixed incomes find it almost impossible to subsist, and some resort to dog food, how much longer will we tolerate a President who wishes to play king?

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