

Capitol Punishment

Roll Out Those Hazy, Shady Days and Deals of Summer

By Art Buchwald

The first thing everyone had to do when they returned to school in Washington was write a composition on "What I Did on My Summer Vacation."

Here are a few of the better ones.

Dickie Nixon wrote:

"I went to San Clemente and Camp David and Key Biscayne. And we even made a side trip to Washington, D.C. At San Clemente we have a swimming pool and beautiful shrubs and gardens and new carpeting in all the rooms. I traded my collection of baseball cards with my best friends Bebe Rebozo and Bobby Abplanalp. In exchange for the baseball cards they gave me a \$600,000 loan. Then they gave me back most of the cards.

"At night I listened to my tapes. I like the John Dean ones best. Everyone wants me to trade my tapes, but I'm not going to let anyone have them. I'm going to keep them forever and ever.

"I didn't make many friends this summer. In fact I lost some. But that's because everyone was saying mean things about me. I made a list of enemies, and this fall I'm going to get Sammy Ervin if it's the last thing I do.

"I guess it was a rotten summer if you look back on it. But it's behind me and now I have football to look forward to. When I grow up I'm going to be President because you can call up any football coach and give him a play, and he has to use it whether he wants to or not.

Dickie Nixon"

Teddy Agnew wrote:

"I played golf this summer at Palm Springs with my best friend Frankie Sinatra. I also played tennis. Then I had to go back to Washington because some

people said I had my hand in the cookie jar in Baltimore. This is a big lie and got me very mad.

"I never took any cookies in Baltimore. Other people who took cookies said I took them, but nobody asked me if I took any. I received a letter from the principal saying that they were looking into the fact that I had stolen the cookies. What I think happened is that there are certain kids in school who don't want me to be elected class president. So they leaked the story about the cookie jar. I'm not going to take it lying down.

"All in all I had a lousy vacation.

Teddy Agnew"

Little Martha Mitchell wrote:

"I couldn't leave my house this summer because I was a prisoner, so all I did was make telephone calls. I called my best friend Helen Thomas and I told her what a goddamn fool John was for protecting Dickie Nixon. John thinks if he doesn't rat on Dickie he won't go to reform school. But Dickie doesn't care about anybody but himself. When classes start I'm going to tell Sammy Ervin everything I know about Dickie.

"If I'm a good girl John says I can go to camp next summer. Big Deal.

Martha Mitchell"

Henry Kissinger wrote:

"I got a new job and I met a lot of new girls and I had a good time. I bugged some friends, but no one got mad at me because I explained I did it for their own good. I went to Hollywood and met a lot of movie stars. I also got a nice tan. I was going to go to China but I went to Paris instead. I like to travel a lot. My mother said if I got straight A's this year she would give me a subscription to Playboy magazine. I'm going to study very hard.

Henry Kissinger"