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TAX EVASION LAID TO A NIXON DOCTOR

Rockefeller Also Among
Defendant's Patients

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A physician for President Nixon, Governor Rockefeller and other prominent persons was indicted in Federal Court here yesterday on charges of income-tax evasion.

The defendant is Dr. W. Kenneth Riland, a 61-year-old New York osteopath, who was charged with evading \$39,000 in taxes on \$82,000 in patient fees that he allegedly failed to report as income for 1966 through 1970.

Dr. Riland has treated President Nixon two to four times a month in the past and accompanied him to China last year, according to a White House spokesman, who said that the physician had been privately paid by the President.

Kissinger Also a Patient

Henry A. Kissinger, the President's special adviser on foreign affairs, has also been treated by Dr. Riland, according to the White House spokesman, who responded to inquiries.

Dr. Riland has not visited the White House in the last two weeks, the spokesman said, but he had no comment on whether the President would continue to use the physician for muscle-relaxing treatments.

President Nixon's personal physician, Dr. Walter R. Tkach, said last April that Dr. Riland flew to Washington regularly to provide treatments that manipulated the President's entire body to relax the muscles.

For many years, Dr. Riland has been the personal physician for Governor Rockefeller, who issued a statement in response to inquiries after the indictment was announced here.

"I have known Ken Riland for more than 30 years as a man of the highest integrity," the Governor stated. "He is my warm personal friend as well as my physician. He is one of the most generous and devoted human beings I know, and I have complete confidence in him."

A Rockefeller Appointee

Governor Rockefeller appointed Dr. Riland in the past to the state's Public Health Council and Mental Hygiene Council, both advisory groups.

When asked to comment on the tax indictment, Dr. Riland's office said yesterday that he was out of town.

Boris Kostelanetz, the physician's lawyer, said in reply to a telephone call that court rules precluded his making any comment on the case other than to say that Dr. Riland would plead not guilty at his arraignment on April 23.

In announcing the indictment, United States Attorney Whitney North Seymour Jr. identified Dr. Riland as a physician who lived at 2 Washington Square Village and maintained offices at 71 Broadway, where he is chief physician to the United States Steel Corporation.

David M. Brodsky, the prosecutor who presented the case to the grand jury, said that Dr. Riland could face a maximum penalty of five years in prison and \$10,000 in fines on each of five counts in the indictment if he were convicted.

'Wilfull Omission' Charged

The indictment alleged that Dr. Riland had filed Federal tax returns that reported a taxable income ranging from \$44,000 to \$56,000 a year from 1966 through 1970 and that he had "wilfully omitted" income of \$8,800 to \$22,900 for each of those years.

Dr. Riland has served as president of the Foundation for Research of the New York Academy of Osteopathy, which is a system of treatment that uses generally accepted methods and emphasizes the importance of normal body mechanics as well as manipulative methods of detecting and correcting structural faults in the body.