

A Round of Applause for Agnew

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[Story on Nixon dinner for New Zealand Prime Minister Norman E. Kirk; 110 dinner guests.]

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After dinner, described by the White House as a "working" dinner, there was no entertainment except music to dance by.

For the first time in public since daughter Tricia's wedding in June, 1971, the President took Mrs. Nixon in his arms and danced a slow foxtrot to the tune of "Sound of Music," played by Howard Devron and his band.

The Nixons had been on their way to the White House usher's office, after seeing Kirk out of the front door, when Mrs. Nixon said something to the President. They changed direction, walking over to Devron to shake his hand and thank members of his orchestra.

As they headed toward the usher's office, Mr. Nixon took Mrs. Nixon in his arms to foxtrot across the lobby and disappear through the office door.

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