

Nixon's Big Party— First in Four Years

San Clemente

Former President Richard Nixon will play host at his home Saturday to 273 former prisoners of war and their wives and girlfriends — his first big social event since going into seclusion after his resignation almost four years ago.

The cocktail party for the, estimated 550 guests will be held on the grounds and around the pool of Casa Pacifica, the Nixon's ocean-front home, starting around 5 p.m.

The former POWs will come in buses to San Clemente from Los Angeles where NAM-POW Inc., the Association of American Servicemen held Prisoner in North Viet-

nam, will be holding a weekend convention celebrating their release in 1973.

Colonel Jack Brennan, Nixon's aide, said he had talked with Navy Commander John S. McCain, himself a former POW and McCain suggested that a few of them would like to come to San Clemente to "pay their respects."

"It grew and grew and finally I told the President that it seemed everyone would like to come so he said, 'why not?'"

Brennan said the party would have a Mexican motif with a

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mariachi band, Mexican food and six bars.

He said it is hoped Pat Nixon will be feeling well enough to act as hostess. He said she plans to escort the ladies on a tour of the house. If she is not up to it, Tricia Nixon Cox will take her place.

The reception is scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m., Brennan said, but it may go on longer, because Nixon plans to give each of the men a copy of his recent memoirs and autograph

the book for those who desire it.

Nixon has been gradually emerging from virtual exile at San Clemente.

He attended Hubert Humphrey's funeral in Washington, spent a few days in New York and recently vacationed with Mrs. Nixon in the Bahamas.

Last week he played host to 37 guests, most from the publishing field, at a party given to toast the publication of his memoirs.

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