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Nixon (income tax) - Undated story says that last weekend (1-2 Dec) WH leaked to AP material on Nixon finances; included was the fect that he has not paid either California or District of Columbia income taxes since becoming President. NYT says that "even at the low rate that his \$200,000 salary was taxed for special reasons, Mr. Nixon may have avoided about \$20,000 in California taxes."

Both California senators and a partisan mixture of 23 of the 43 Californians in the House all say they paid state income taxes on their federal salaries.* All California congressmen are covered by the same federal law that governs Nixon's liability for state income taxes; see NYT for details.

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"Nixon May Ride Rails" instead of using helicopter to go to Camp David. Distance is about 65 miles from WX, 30 of which would still involve the use of a car to get from the station to Camp David.

SFC 8 Dec 73 [UPI]

Nixon (finances; resignation) - WH will make public tomorrow all of the "pertinent" information on Nixon's personal finances; Warren says, "The President wants to clear up any doubts." Also says Nixon is determined to serve out the ramainder of his term in spite of mounting pressure for impeachment or resignation.

- Ford, on first full day as Vice President, tells press conference that "I can assure you that the President has no intention whatever of resigning."

SFC 8 Dec 73 [UPI, WXPost, Rich]

White House (press) - The National News Council, having asked Ziegler for specifics regarding Nixon's reference at a recent press conference to "vicious, distorted reporting," is told that the White House is "unable to join in any cooperative research study" of the news media because "we simply don't have the staff or the time."

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Hunt (Sirhan?) - Jack Kimbrough, "a brewery worker and self-appointed investigator," tells press conference in Oakland that a San Quentin prisoner was office(325,000 by Hunt to kill Sirhan.* Unclear whether Kimbrough identified the man, but KPFA News gives his name as Vladimir Alexander Zadeko (phonetic), serving a five-to-life sentence for robbery. San Quentin records show that on 22 Sep, the date of "Zadeko's declaration," Kimbrough visited Zadeko, who claims to have letters from Hunt which he is willing to turn over to a Congressional committee, or on subpoena to a U.S. District Court. Zadeko also claims to have the \$25,000 in a branch of the Bank of California, but he refuses to say which one. KPFA News points out that Zadeko's story is very shaky.

KPFA News 7 Dec 73, transcript *(no date)

Vesco - Bahamian magistrate Emmanuel Osadebay refuses to order Vesco extradicted to the United States, saying that a federal wire fraud charge is not an extradictable offense under 1931 Bahamian American treaty; says that "even if the wire fraud were an extraditable offense under the treaty, the United States failed to produce evidence before this court sufficient to put ... Vesco to his trial . . . "

SFC 8 Dec 73 [AP] See entry 20 May 74, AIP-E.

Saxbe - House passes bill, without objection, lowering attorney general's salary by \$25,000, clearing the way for Saxbe's nomination.

SFC 8 Dec 73 [UPI]

Wallace received personal income tax deduction of about \$30,000 for donation of his 1968 presidential campaign papers to the state (no date), using the same law under which Nixon claimed deduction for hispapers.

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