

'Trickster' Segretti Goes to Jail

Lompoc

Donald Segretti surrendered at the Federal prison yesterday to begin a six-month sentence for political sabotage.

Accompanied by his father, the 32-year-old attorney arrived at the secluded minimum security Lompoc prison camp driving a white Mercedes Benz coupe.

He told reporters he had "mixed reactions" to his sentence. Asked if he were feeling bitter, the slight lawyer said only, "I'm not saying I do and I'm not saying I don't. I'll have a better idea in four or five weeks."

Segretti was sentenced to six months in prison after pleading guilty in October to violating federal election laws during the 1972 Florida presidential primary. He could get out two months early with good behavior.

The camp, 150 miles north of Los Angeles, has about 350 inmates, most of them serving sentences for nonviolent crimes. The camp has no fences or locks and inmates are on an honor system, free to walk around the grounds.

Prison Warden Frank Kenton said Segretti "will be treated the same as any other prisoner, and he will be committed to our camp and go through the regular routine — physical examination, case work discussion and assignment to a job."

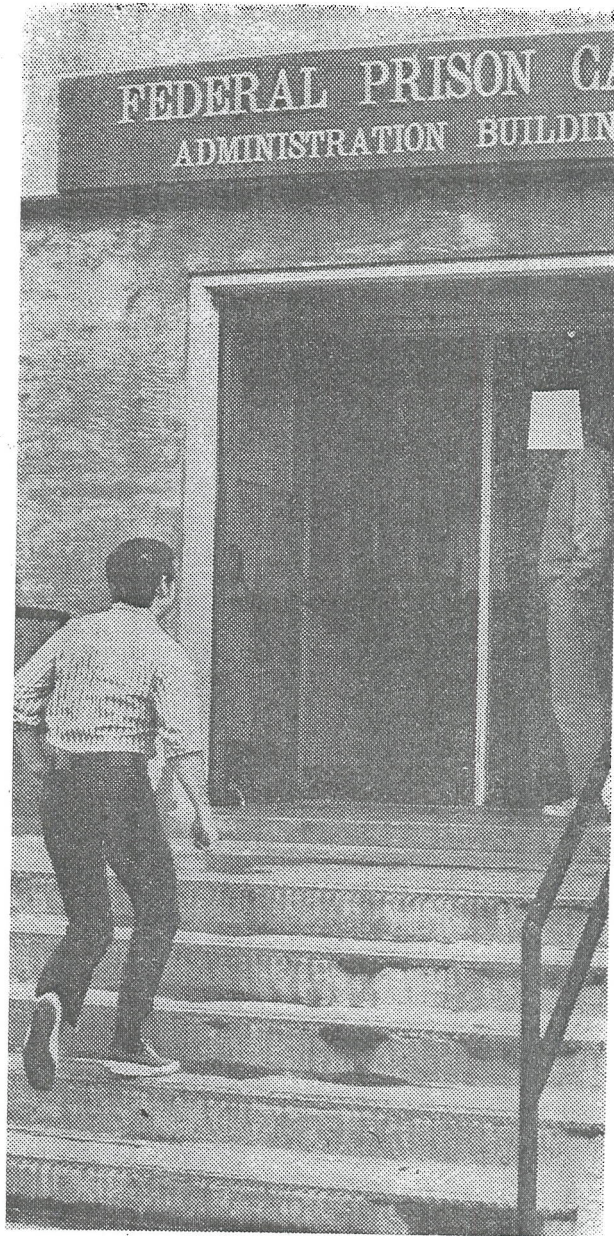
Segretti said earlier he has seen his life turn into an "absolute nightmare" in the 13 months since he was first implicated in the Watergate scandal. He said he has lost most of his friends and hasn't been able to get a job.

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"I have paid a terrible price for getting involved in this sort of thing. What semblance of order I have in life is shattered..."

"I got out of the Army and instead of stepping off on the right foot, I stepped off into a cesspool."

It was shortly before he got out of the service in 1971, Segretti said, that two old



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Donald Segretti as he entered Lompoc prison camp

friends and classmates from the University of Southern California got in touch with him. They were Gordon Strachan and Dwight L. Chapin, both White House aides at the time.

Segretti said he later met with Nixon's personal attorney, Herbert W. Kalmbach, who told him he would be paid \$16,000 a year plus expenses.

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