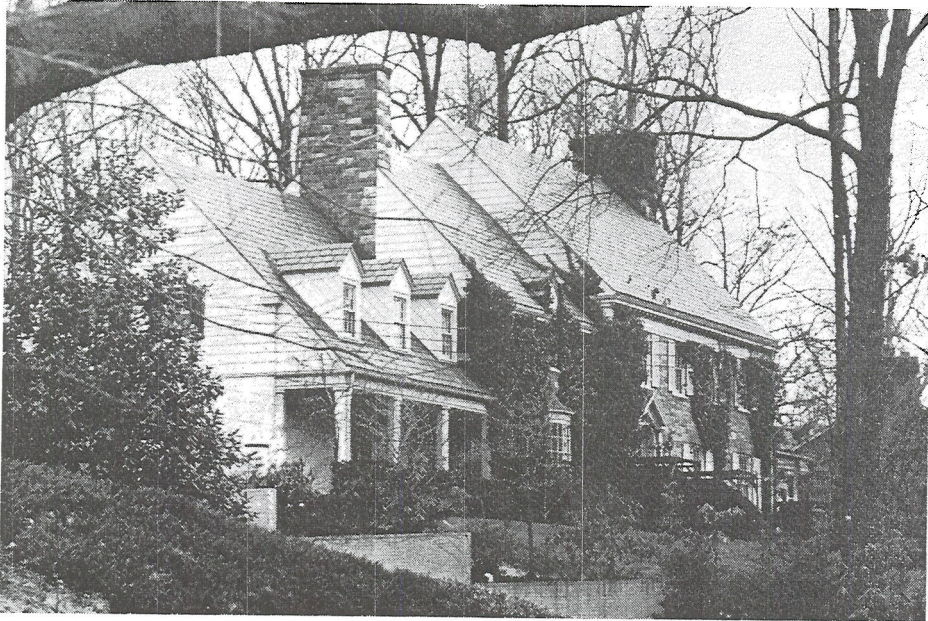


ten disbarments that the court has thus far ordered have all involved offenses far less serious than Agnew's. The case for Agnew's disbarment, moreover, has been pressed vigorously by the Maryland State Bar Association. "The man held the profession up to ridicule," declared one Maryland attorney coldly. "There is strong feeling that he has it coming."

Death Threats: Agnew—who got a call about the finding from one of his lawyers—had no comment on the recommendation. But for the time being it will not change his day-to-day routine. For the next three months, at least, the ex-Veep will probably continue to have the use of the three-story Washington town house that has served as his transitional office as well as a staff of six and a chauff-



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Agnew's house: For sale at a markup

In the Ruins

Spiro T. Agnew suffered another blow last week in his struggle to salvage some shred of respectability from the ruins of high office. In an extraordinarily blunt, fourteen-page report, a special three-judge panel in Annapolis, Md., unanimously recommended that Agnew be disbarred. His conviction for tax evasion, they declared, was "a crime involving moral turpitude"; his conduct was "deceitful and dishonest," and Agnew himself was "unfit" to continue the practice of law. Concluded the panel of jurists: "We see no extenuating circumstances allowing a lesser sanction."

The Maryland Court of Appeals must still approve the recommendation. Agnew's lawyers have announced that they intend to challenge it, and a full hearing will probably be set for late February. But there seems little chance that Agnew will keep his license to practice. In the three years that the court has had the authority to discipline the state's 5,500 practicing attorneys, it has never reversed the panel's findings—and the



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After the news: Unfit to practice?

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feured limousine. And Agnew may retain Secret Service protection indefinitely: since his disgrace, he has received a disturbing number of mail and phone threats on his life. But for all the strain he has plainly undergone, Agnew still manages to get in his weekly tennis match, to dine occasionally at his favorite Italian restaurant near the Baltimore waterfront and even—now and then—to get away from it all. A fortnight ago, Agnew and his wife, Judy, jetted off for a weekend respite at the Florida home of an old pal.

And his financial situation may not be as bleak as it once appeared. Agnew is still saddled with legal fees which may total \$200,000, the Internal Revenue Service may yet hit him with a whopping bill for back taxes, and Agnew's reported "consultant" job with a Los Angeles trading company looks increasingly iffy. But the ex-Veep has reclaimed all his contributions to the Federal retirement fund, and word has it that he is quietly negotiating a hefty publisher's advance for his memoirs. In addition, Agnew figures to make a tidy profit on the sale of his stately, Kenwood, Md., residence. Purchased just a year ago for \$190,000, the house is now on the market for \$325,000. The handsome \$135,000 appreciation includes a \$39,500 brick-and-redwood fence, a new \$12,000 driveway and \$9,000 worth of lighting, all ordered by the Secret Service as "security" measures—and paid for with public funds.