

SFChronicle

Agnew's Unguarded

Palm Desert

Former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew spent his first day in several years yesterday without any security guards.

Agnew, on a golfing vacation here, resigned four months ago and pleaded no contest to a federal income tax evasion charge.

The Treasury Department removed Agnew's Secret

Service detail as of midnight Sunday, the deadline set by Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats, who had ruled last week that his continued protection was illegal.

"Mr. Agnew's Secret Service protection was terminated as of 12 midnight," Secret Service spokesman Jack Warner said. "This was a Treasury Department decision."

Staats said he would disallow any further federal spending for Agnew's protection after midnight Sunday.

Agnew is a guest of entertainer Frank Sinatra for an eight-day vacation. He could not be reached for comment, and it was not known what — if any — arrangements were being made for a new set of security guards.

Governor Marvin Mandel

FEB 19 1974

Moment

of Maryland, who succeeded Agnew as governor in 1969, offered Agnew state police protection shortly after Agnew resigned as vice president last October, but Agnew never accepted.

Staats' General Accounting Office estimated that Secret Service protection for Agnew cost about \$89,000 from October 10, when he resigned, until December 15.

Associated Press