

\$500,000 Bill to Tax Nixon Lifestyle

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A White House spokesman said last week that President Nixon's decision to pay almost a half million dollars in back taxes has "almost totally wiped out" Mr. Nixon financially.

If this is true the President may have to make some dramatic changes in his life style. These are the kind of stories we may be reading about Mr. Nixon in the next three years.

WASHINGTON — President Nixon gave a state dinner last night for Queen Elizabeth II at a McDonald's hamburger stand in Chevy Chase, Md. The President explained to the queen and Prince Phillip that the White House was being redecorated and McDonald's was the only place he could rent on such short notice.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Henry Mancini, Burt Bacharach, Peggy Lee, Glen Campbell and Johnny Cash records on a juke box which was loaned to the President for the evening.

Each guest was served one "Big Mac" and a bag of french fried potatoes. After dinner the President toasted the queen with Welch grape juice, and presented her with a yo-yo which was given to him by the Grand Old Opry in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Nixon said she was looking forward to the dinner the British ambassador was giving the Royal Family on the following evening at the British Embassy as she was still hungry.

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif.—President Nixon arrived here today on a Greyhound bus from Washington for the weekend. The trip took five days and the President looked a little tired as he got off at the bus station in Laguna Beach. A press spokesman angrily denied that Mr. Nixon tried to get his daughters Tricia and Julie on the bus for half fare.

The spokesman said:

"The President had been advised by his lawyers that if he traveled by bus he was entitled to a family plan discount. When he was informed that this did not apply on weekends, he asked a Joint Congressional Committee on bus travel to look into the matter. Mr. Nixon said if he was wrong he would pay Tricia and Julie's full fare."

WASHINGTON—The White House announced today that President Nixon would be going to Moscow next month for a summit meeting with Leonid Brezhnev. The President will be traveling on a charter flight with 175 barbers and their wives from Miami, Fla. The trip will cost \$325, which includes hotel accommodations in the Soviet Union as well as continental breakfast. Because the package insists on double accommodations, the President will share a room with Henry Kissinger.

Mr. Nixon has been personally assured by Mr. Brezhnev that all gratuities as well as transportation to and from the airport are included in the price of the package.

WASHINGTON — Ronald Ziegler, the President's press secretary, announced the Nixons would hold a garage sale at the White House next Sunday. Besides presidential papers and old tapes, the Nixons were offering other items of interest including a cloth coat, a 16-millimeter print of "Patton," an autographed football of the Miami Dolphins, three copies of "Six Crises," and several costumes left over from Tricia's masked ball.

The press secretary said that all items would be sold for cash, and all sales were final. Mr. Ziegler urged every American to attend this unique event, which he said may never be held by an American President again. There will be a \$1 parking charge on the mall.