

Nixon's Paying Tax Bill

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President Nixon is paying his half - million - dollar back - tax bill to the Internal Revenue Service on schedule, and is arranging to make the \$225,000 final mortgage payment on his San Clemente, Calif., estate, Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said yesterday.

Ziegler told reporters that

the delinquent part of Mr. Nixon's tax bill has been paid, and he is now completing future payments on schedule.

The IRS found that Mr. Nixon owed \$432,787, plus interest, for the years 1969 - 1972. Other White House officials said the President had already paid more than \$300,000 and only the taxes for 1969 remain.

The President also has until June 15 to pay his 1973 federal income taxes.

Asked if Mr. Nixon would meet the mortgage payment on his San Clemente property, Ziegler said the President is considering several proposals "on how to meet the payment."

White House officials have said Mr. Nixon would have to borrow to meet the major

portion of his back taxes.

The IRS disallowed a \$576,000 tax deduction which he had claimed for the gift of his vice presidential papers to the National Archives.

The IRS did not find any evidence of tax fraud in the preparation of the President's returns.

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