Notes on People

Nixon Aide Cancels Speech at Wesleyan

Charles Alan Wright, a defense counsel whom former President Richard M. Nixon failed to inform about two missing White House tapes, was announced yesterday as June commencement speaker at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., but he withdrew about three hours later. Mr. Wright is a 1947 Wesleyan graduate and professor of constitutional law at the University of Texas.

In a telephone interview from Austin, he said he had withdrawn after "adverse student reaction" to his selection was reported to him by Colin G. Campbell, president of Wesleyan. Mr. Wright said that in January he had raised the question of "embarrassing" the university "because students would know me only in connection with Watergate" but, he said, "they told me my fears were groundless."

Visiting firemen from New York City got a special greeting in English yesterday from Pope Paul VI. At one point, in the course of addressing 40,000 Holy Year pilgrims at three masses, the Pope noted the presence of 250 members and relatives of the Columbia Association, the fraternal group of Italian firefighters here, and said, "Take our greetings back to your city, to your homes and to your fire stations." A second contingent, headed by Daniel R. Tina, president of the association, will leave Monday for a similar week's visit. For the two weeks the association has taken over the entire Holiday Inn not far from St. Peter's.

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Lady Bird Johnson and Judy Agnew, wife of the former Vice President, attended the annual spring luncheon of the Senate wives, which honored Betty Ford and Happy Rockefeller. Because of Mrs. Ford's interest in ballet, Violette Verdy and Edward Villella of the New York City Ballet performed.

The new president of the State University of New York at Albany will be Dr. Emmet B. Fields, now executive vice president and dean of faculties at the University of Houston. Dr. Fields, 51 years old, will assume the \$47,800-a-year post July 1, succeeding Dr. Lewis T. Benezet, who will go to S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook as professor of human development and educational policy.

John Daley, son of Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago, and Mary Lou Briatta have announced their engagement. The couple met during the Mayor's recent re-election campaign when his son was in charge of his headquarters and Miss Briatta was an aide. Both families have summer homes at Grand Beach, Mich.

Mamie Eisenhower, in her fifth week of hospitalization for "an intestinal obstruction," was described by a spokesman at the Walter Reed Medical Center as still in good condition and comfortable."

"I shall be very, very careful as to whose nose I rub—you never know whom I might see under the ice," Prince Charles told an Ottawa City Council luncheon yesterday, alluding to the tradition Eskimo greeting, as he described his plans for a 20-minute scuba dive beneath the 5-foot ice of Resolute Bay.

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