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**Nixon Plays Golf With Fitzsimmons
At Resort Built With Teamster Loans**

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CARLSBAD, Calif., Oct. 9—

In a rare public appearance, former President Richard M. Nixon emerged from his seclusion at San Clemente today to play golf in a tournament that has drawn the high command of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and some men identified by law enforcement sources as linked to organized crime.

"I'm just fine, and I'm going to play good golf today, too," Mr. Nixon said before climbing aboard a golf cart with Frank E. Fitzsimmons, president of the union, at the La Costa

Country Club, a resort complex here built largely with loans from the teamsters' pension funds.

Mr. Nixon looked gray and tired and older than his 62 years when he alighted from a limousine in which he had traveled from his home at San Clemente, 30 miles north of here, with Jack Brennan, a former military aide who resigned as a Marine Corps colonel to serve Mr. Nixon after he left the Presidency 14 months ago.

"I don't wear a hat," Mr. Nixon told an associate of Mr. Fitzsimmons who offered him a golf cap commemorating the sixth annual Frank E. Fitzsimmons Invitational Golf Tournament. Mr. Nixon and 173 other players paid \$650 each in entry fees to raise money for a home for retarded children in Palatine, Ill., to which Mr. Fitzsimmons has given support.

The former President, who also turned back a proffered gift set of golf balls, smilingly handed tournament officials a box with a dozen golf balls inscribed with his signature and the Presidential seal on it. "Here," he said, "give these to the poorest—give these to the poorest golfers in the tour-

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nament, somebody might want one."

When a reporter approached him and asked a question, Mr. Nixon looked stunned and moved back in what looked like a reflex action. Ignoring the reporter's questions, he walked away, for the first time showing some spring in his

step; until then, he seemed to walk very slowly and possibly with some effort.

When the reporter followed and asked Mr. Nixon how he felt these days, the former President continued walking, seemed to catch himself in thought for a moment, and turned back. "I'm just fine," he said, and he added that the tournament was raising money for a good cause.

At that moment, he was handed a small trophy commemorating his appearance in the tournament, and he joked to Mr. Fitzsimmons: "This is nice; where is the union bug on it?" There was no mark indicating a union job on the trophy, but Mr. Fitzsimmons assured him that it had been made by union workers.

Mr. Nixon wore slacks, a light blue short-sleeved jersey shirt without a tie, and a checked tweed sport jacket that he took off when he began playing under a gloomy, gray sky that later turned blue. A considerable amount of his hair appeared to have turned gray since he left the White House. The skin and muscles of his face seemed to have lost some tightness, and there was not much color in his face. There did not seem to be much sparkle in his eyes.

Three Practice Shots

Later, when Mr. Nixon went out to begin his round of golf, he was the first to tee off. "How many are you going to gimme?" he joked to the four other players in his group. He hit three shots, none of which apparently pleased him, and then Mr. Fitzsimmons tried two or three tee shots.

Mr. Nixon returned to the tee again and said: "Those others were for practice; this is for real." Then he made a shot that seemed to satisfy him.

The other members of the fivesome, besides Mr. Fitzsimmons, were Murray W. Miller, executive secretary of the teamsters' union; John W. Murphy, president of the Gateway Transportation Company, who is a trustee of the teamsters' pensions funds; and Joseph Terotola, an international vice president of the union and president of teamster's Joint Council 16 of New York.

The tournament is to last three days, but Mr. Nixon planned to play only today.

Most of the other participants are teamster officials or persons who have close associations with its rich pension fund across the country.

Among the participants were Anthony Provenzano, a Florida consultant and former ally of James R. Hoffa, the missing former teamster president; Jack A. Sheetz, a Chicago area busi-

nessman who was indicted but not convicted of misusing teamster pension funds; Allen Dorfman, of Chicago, another one-time Hoffa associate, who is a powerful figure in investing the teamsters' \$1.4-billion Central States Pension Fund, much of it in Las Vegas, and who was convicted in 1972 of taking kickbacks in the granting of loans; Allard Roen, one of the listed developers of La Costa, a former Cleveland teamster pension fund official, who was convicted in the United Chemical and Die Company stock fraud case in New York several years ago; and Jackie Presser, the son of a Cleveland mob figure, William Presser.

La Costa was developed by Mr. Roen; Morris B. Dalitz, a prominent figure in the Detroit and Cleveland underworld before World War II, and a major figure in Las Vegas gambling; Irwin Molasky and Merv Adelson.

Mr. Dalitz, his three partners and the five corporations they established to operate La Costa have sued Penthouse magazine, its editors and two authors of an article Penthouse printed last March about La Costa.

The complaint, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, said the magazine had falsely charged that La Costa was frequented by mobsters, that it had been founded by a syndicate, that it was controlled by the Mob or that it harbored a horde of underworld figures who were under surveillance by law enforcement officials.

It was not clear why Mr. Nixon opted to make one of his few public appearances by playing in the tournament. Robert Dachman, executive director of the Illinois school that is the beneficiary, said that he had merely written to Mr. Nixon inviting him to play and several days later he received a telephone call from Mr. Brennan, the Nixon aide, with an acceptance. Mr. Brennan also participated in the tournament.

"I thought for a while President Ford might come, too," Mr. Dachman said. "But he wrote us a nice letter saying he couldn't make it." Mr. Dachman said the tournament originated six years ago when he persuade Mr. Fitzsimmons to lend his name to the charity. He said it would raise about \$125,000 this year for the school, which an enrollment of 180 children.

The television cameras of CBS and NBC were allowed close enough to take informal shots of Mr. Nixon practicing his golf swing and chatting with Teamster acquaintances

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Former President Richard M. Nixon driving as he and Frank E. Fitzsimmons, right, head of the teamsters, began a round of golf at Carlsbad, Calif. Tee marker is at lower right.

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