

Notes on People

Agnew: 'Never Close' to Nixon

Making the rounds to publicize his new book, Spiro T. Agnew said on a television show to be seen May 31 that his relationship with Richard M. Nixon "was never close." But Frank Sinatra, the former Vice President said, "has been tremendously supportive" and has lent him "a substantial amount of money" since Mr. Agnew resigned after pleading no contest to a felony charge. Asked on the Mike Douglas Show if it tortured him to have forfeited his chance to be President, he said, "I did for quite a while. I was full of self pity. But I got over it. I think it was my destiny not to be President." Noting that he now felt "very confident" of himself, Mr. Agnew said, "I look at myself as an average American with faults and strengths."

In Ruleville, Ala., Fannie Lou Hamer was home from the hospital yesterday after surgery for breast cancer April 27. The 56-year-old civil rights activist, who began in 1962 as a voter-registration organizer, is a board member of the Ruleville day-care center. Her husband, Perry, works with the Sunflower County Head Start program. Mrs. Hamer, founder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party that challenged the state's regular delegation at the 1964 convention, said in a telephone interview that she was "committed" to Sar-

gent Shriver while he was in the Presidential race. "Now I have no commitment," she said, "but I don't see anything wrong with Jimmy Carter."

The long-expected resignation of Ruth Farkas as Ambassador to Luxembourg has been accepted, President Ford announced yesterday. Mrs. Farkas is the wife of the founder and honorary chairman of Alexander's department store here, George Farkas. She was appointed in 1973 after donating \$300,000 to the Richard M. Nixon re-election campaign. Predictions concerning her replacement center on Rosemary Ginn, Republican National Committeewoman from Missouri since 1960.

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church holds their daughter in slavery, a Vermont couple have charged in a \$1.8-million damage suit. Eric and Elizabeth Schuppin, in a suit filed in Federal Court in Burlington Monday, say their 19-year-old daughter, Tamara, is being held in "compulsory service to others," with no freedom of action, since she was "enticed" from the University of Vermont in January 1975. A basic premise of the suit is that the Unification Church is not a religious group, as defined by the Constitution, but "a commercial enterprise" that has violated

Federal labor laws by not paying Miss Schuppin for work done.

Last fall she returned voluntarily to the church after she was the object of an unsuccessful "rescue" abduction in Connecticut, for which Mr. Schuppin, a lawyer, acknowledged responsibility. The couple say they have spent "tens of thousands" of dollars and "mortgaged our retirement away" in fighting the Moon group. The damage suit does not seek custody of Miss Schuppin for her parents.

A Unification Church spokesman here called the Schuppin charges "totally ridiculous" and said, "We attract members because of love."

Zoya Fyodorova, the Russian actress, and Jackson R. Tate, the retired American admiral living in Florida, became grandparents Monday night when the daughter of their World War II romance gave birth to a son in Greenwich, Conn. Their daughter, the former Viktorya Fyodorova is the wife of Frederick Pouy, an airline pilot. An actress, like her mother, she came to this country in 1975 to visit the father she had never seen. Her mother arrived last month and there had been speculation that she and Mr. Tate, who is married, might also have a reunion after the birth.

Yesterday, however, Mr.

Pouy announced that the grandparents had already seen each other. He said that a reporter for "a nationwide magazine," turned down by Zoya Fyodorova after offering "a substantial sum" for her story, had later invited her to New York City for lunch and sightseeing. Instead, Mr. Pouy said, the journalist produced plane tickets, told her Mr. Tate was ill in Florida and rushed her to the airport and aboard a plane. Mr. Pouy would not elaborate on the reunion except to say it was "pleasant."

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