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this. of the building and loan association, declined yesterday Howard I. Scaggs, president to either confirm or deny

they paid by \$4,000 to \$6,000.

Vice President and Mrs.

thereby reduced the price news' house purchase, and

estate firm of Burr, Morris grand jury investigating Sept. 25 by the Baltimore chase were subpoenaed on cords of the Agnews' purand Pardoe, said that his re-Burr, a partner in the real

American National Building

gage obtained from the help of a \$160,000 mort-Montgomery County with fieldstone house in the fash-ionable Kenwood area of Agnew bought the 12-room

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Agnews want to sell. the house at any time the

valued at \$25,000 that the a Baltimore County house tion to the Kenwood house, amounts to about 85 per cent of the house's \$190,000 pledged as security in addipurchase price. Scaggs said the loan, the Agnews also that because of the size of The Agnews' mortgage

> can National. any special favoritism on the mortgage. He said the tal of \$215,000 in real estate largest approved by Ameri-Agnews' mortgage is not the they did not benefit from they pledged as security and

to make monthly mortgage make payments of \$1,118.72. "They The Agnews are required monthly payments

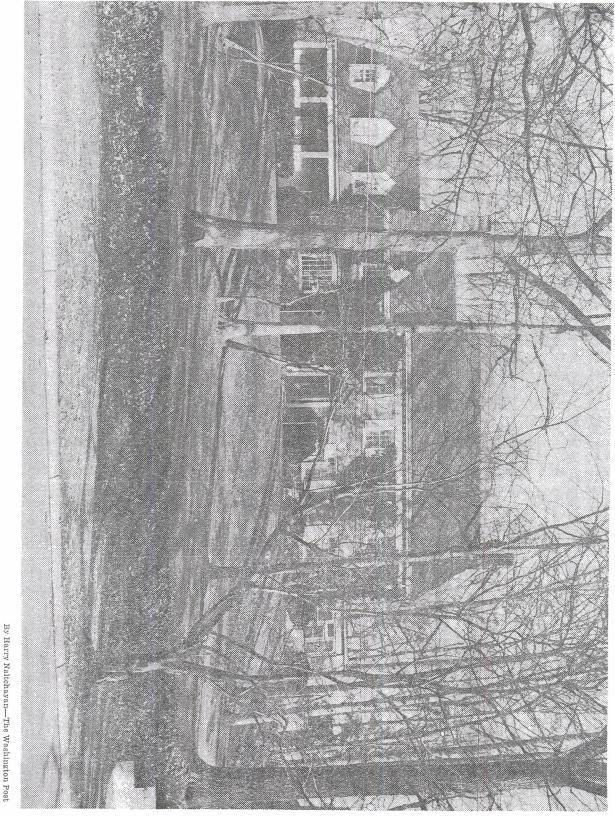
just like anyone else," said

on alleged bribery, extorconnection with its investigrand jury in Baltimore has tion, conspiracy and tax gation of the Vice President new's financial records in subpoenaed many of Ag-Since August, the federal

hearing. ble for him to obtain a fair contention that leaks to the vestigation on constitutional grounds and because of his to block the grand jury incharges. He recently moved clared his innocence of the press have made it impossi-Agnew has repeatedly de-

ing of the house-purchase yesterday on the subpoena-President declined comment A spokesman for the Vice

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The home of Vice President and Mrs. Agnew is in the fashionable Kenwood area of suburban Montgomery County, 6415 Shadow Rd. By Harry Naltchayan—The Washington Post

## Jury Is Probing Agnew Purchase of Md. Home

## HOME, From B1

records and confirmed that the purchase price was \$190,000. Asked the amount of the Agnews' down payment and mortgage, she said, "It was substantial and can be determined from the public records."

The purchase price was \$35,000 less than the original asking price of \$225,000 for the 33-year-old house, Burr

The previous owners of the Agnew house, Alfred V. J. Prather and Dorothy B. Prather, purchased it in 1966 for \$150,000, according to county land records. After the Prathers' subsequent divorce, Mrs. Prather became full owner, according to Prather, a Washington attorney.

Charles S. Bresler, a real estate developer and close friend of the Agnews, said yesterday that when the Agnews began house-hunting, he looked at a number of houses on their behalf.

Bresler said that when in December, 1972, the Agnews agreed to buy the Kénwood home, the house was purchased in the name of George W. White Jr., Agnew's personal attorney, to avoid publicity. Bresler said that for the same reason, he signed a \$5,000 promissory note as a deposit on the house to hold it until final settlement in April.

Bresler said, however, that the promissory note was never cashed and to the best of his knowledge, no one but the Agnews paid anything toward the purchase of the house.

Scaggs said that White negotiated with American National to obtain the mortgage loan for Agnew. In 1970 White got a \$160,000 loan for himself from the same building and loan association to buy property on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Agnew's spokesman said the Vice President was motivated "only by the same considerations" that motivate any loan-seeker in going to American National: Scaggs said he is not a close friend of Agnew, though he has met him several times....

Agnew's Kenwood house is assessed at \$76,100, considerably below the 60 per cent of value level at which all Maryland property is supposed to be assessed. George Filsinger, field supervisor of Montgomery County assessments, said this was bacause homes in the Agnew's neighborhood were last reassessed in 1971.

As Vice President, Agnew is paid a \$62,500 annual salary and \$10,000 for expenses. Burr said, "We have no reason to believe anything but that he could perfectly legitimately afford to buy that house."