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Ziegler Denies Dissent Curb

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. — White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler denied there is a policy of excluding dissenters from public rallies during President Nixon's re-election campaign.

"We welcome all views," Ziegler said yesterday. "When we have public rallies, the public is invited."

Ziegler reported Nixon was enthusiastic and "most satisfied" with the reception he received during a four-speech swing across the country Thursday — particularly "pleased" by the enthusiasm that was shown by the young people.

His disavowal of any bar to dissenters came up at a news briefing when asked if people carrying anti-war signs, or men with long hair or bare feet, were systematically excluded from the crowds that greeted Nixon.

Substantial Support

"Maybe the fact that there were not a lot of anti-administration signs was because there were not a lot of people motivated to participate in that type of activity," he said.

"I think what we found was that there was substantial support for the President's policy — for what he stood for."

Ziegler noted, however, that there are "security measures that must be followed" whenever the President or his Democratic challenger, Sen. George S. McGovern, and their running mates appear in public. "I am not prepared to discuss those in any detail," he added.

He would say only that if there are cases where "there appears to be disruption planned" at such sessions "the people who are in charge of that security will take steps to deal with it in the proper way."

But Ziegler emphasized that "there is no intent to exclude

points of view" from Nixon rallies.

He mentioned specifically that "the public was invited" to the "homecoming" rally for the President at the San Diego Airport Thursday night. But there was "some kind of crowd control" through requiring tickets for admission. He said, however, that the tickets "were handed out on buses which picked up the public at publicized bus stops."

Cost of Flying

Ziegler also told questioning newsmen that the Committee for the Re-election of the President was billed for all the transportation expense of Nixon's trip from Florida to California Thursday at the rate of \$1000 an hour of flying time for use of the big 707 Air Force presidential plane, and \$400 or \$500 an hour for the helicopters.

This would add up to something over \$3,000.

Ziegler said it was a "close call" whether the portion of the trip to Chicago, where Nixon addressed the American Legion, was political or presidential business, since it is traditional for presidents to address Legion conventions. But it was included in the bill to the committee.

Like most people flying from the East Coast to California, Nixon's "body clock" takes awhile to adjust to the three-hour time difference and was still functioning on Eastern time yesterday morning when he was up early and working in his Western White House office by 6:15 a.m., Ziegler said.

Preparing for Talks

Among other things, he is preparing for two days of talks with Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka in Hawaii next week. The President will fly to Honolulu sometime Wednesday for the Tanaka talks Thursday and Friday, return-

ing to San Clemente Friday evening.

The President plans a press conference before returning to Washington, for the discussion mainly of his campaign plans. Ziegler said he was not sure whether this session would occur before or after the Tanaka meeting.

Ziegler denied again a recurring report that some dairymen felt their political contributions to the Republican war chest helped influence a decision to raise the federal milk price support level last year. "They did not," he asserted. Reports have been published this week quoting letters from dairy leaders citing the dona-

tions as a key factor in establishing higher milk price levels.

The President and Mrs. Nixon have invited some 400 "friends in the entertainment field" to a reception at their ocean-front home, which they have named "La Casa Pacifica" (House of Peace) tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Constance Stuart, Mrs. Nixon's staff-director, says the guests will be escorted to the pool area and through the lush grounds. Around the pool, they will hear the music of the Freddy Martin orchestra. Cocktails featuring margaritas will be served along with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.